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GCW Newsletter Brief:



For the June 2025 meeting we had a great turnout with 33 members plus 3 guests in attendance. The member count includes new member, Mr. David Browne. Welcome to the club David and we hope you enjoy being a member of the GCW club. Gail Cone showed a laser engraved plaque crated in memory of Jim Gott. Members were asked to sign the back of it during the meeting. The plaque will be presented to Jim's family at his celebration of life June 21. The Presidents Challenge for the June meeting was to create a spinning top or vase. Six members reponded to the challenge. For the Show-N-Tell there were 5 members that shared their latest projects. John Roberts was not able to give the night's planned presentation of an online graphics tool due to Covid. Rich Schwerin, again, had some cool raffle prizes lined up for this entertaining raffle. Thank you again to the many members that donate items to the raffle. As a side note, one of the guests was a drop in that asked for help in repairing the wood base on an antique lamp. Gail Cone offered to make the repairs.

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President's Message:



Dear fellow woodworkers:

Thanks to all who attended the June meeting. Another good meeting. Not a bad showing. Thanks to those who joined in with the show and tell and the President's Challenge. They were very good. I kind of thought there would be more participants. After all, it wasn't much of a challenge. Anyone can make a vase or a top. We would really like to see your work. One can learn a lot from doing something different. So come on everyone. Join the challenge and also bring something in so we can see what you do. Don't forget, talk into the mic and look at the audience when speaking. The next meeting is Monday 14

July. The Presidents Challenge for July is a mirror or a clock. Maybe you can make a mirror clock. If you're not making mistakes, you're not trying hard enough and you're not learning. Bring something to show. Thank you again for helping set out and returning the tables and chairs. Until next time, enjoy your Zen moment in your shop.

David White

GCW President

Messages For Our members:

- **2025 GCW Meeting Schedule:**

July 14th: President's Challenge, make a clock or mirror.

August 11th: President's Challenge, make a music box or jewelry box. New schedule for John Roberts to give a presentation on a new online tool for our members. Note, presentation rescheduled as John contracted Covid in June.

September 8: President's Challenge, make a band saw box or furniture piece.

October 13th: President's Challenge, make a cutting board, charcuterie board or rolling pin.

November 10th: President's Challenge, make something with a fall/winter/holiday theme.

December 8th: The December Holiday meeting will again be, a bring their Spouse/Plus-One, Pot Luck and gift exchange meeting. President's challenge is to make items for the gift exchange.

We are asking our members to think on what topics they would like to see covered at our meetings. This always is a challenge for the club's Executive Committee to come up with presenters and topics for our meetings. This is your club so your input matters. Please help us out. If you would like to give a presentation to share your woodworking expertise let us know. If you come across an outside topic/presenter let us know.

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- **August 11th meeting presentation by John Roberts**

Rescheduled from June 9th due to Covid. At the August 11th meeting member John Roberts will be giving a demonstration of a new online tool that can be used to design and print templates for shapes using a website he found. This will be a video presentation. So be sure to attend.

Example shapes that can be created: Full Scale Protractors, Circle Divider Templates, Compass Templates, Sundial Templates, Arc Templates, Adjustable Printable Scale Rulers, Adjustable Center Rulers, Diameter Tape Templates, Printable Spiral Templates, Adjustable Clock Face Template, Custom Gauge Face Templates. Formats - PDF – SVG

- **More wood available July (rescheduled from June):**

Another truck load of wood expected for June. Basil Borkert strikes again. So be ready.

Plaque for in Memory of Jim Gott:



At the June meeting, Gail Cone showed a plaque, laser engraved, to be presented to Jim Gott's family at the celebration of life Saturday, June 21. During the meeting, members present, signed the back of the plaque. The plaque reads: Gold Country Woodcrafters, Honors Jim Gott, For His Friendship, Craftsmanship, and Dedication, 2025.

On the right is the Plaque on display at the Celebration of Life for Jim Gott. There was a large turn out that included GCW members, Silicon Valley Woodturners members, friends and family. There were a number of speakers that had been associates, memorializing Jim. He had a rich life that included 30 plus years as a percussionist and Principal Timpanist (kettle drums) in the San Fransico Ballet Orchestra. He took up woodworking after he retired. He was a member of the Silicon Valley Woodturners Club before coming to our area and joining GCW in 2019.



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June President's Challenge:

We had 6 presenters for the June President's Challenge. The challenge was to make a spinning top or vase. Photos by Rich Schwerin, Gail Cone.

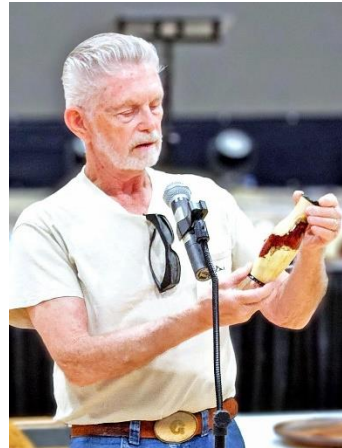
David Browne (new member)



This was David's first meeting and already is participating in our Show-N-Tell. Here he shows a turned vase.



Gail Cone



Gail showed a bud vase he created some time ago. Not getting in the shop much this time around. This vase is made from live edge Box Elder



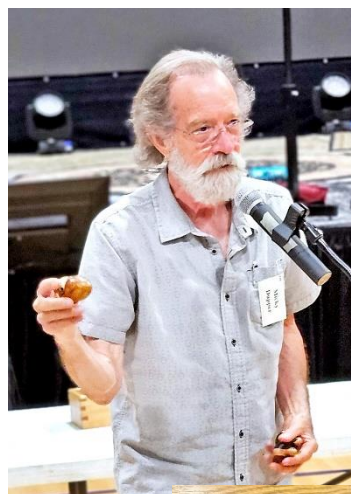
and resin. The resin was colored using pearl mica powders. It has a glass tube insert for live flowers.

Gail Brooks



Gail always goes for the unique. At this challenge she showed off 2 "unique" vases. On the left is a Redwood vase in the "barely wood" form. On the right is a burl vase with a glass tube insert, "wood unknown".

Micky Dupper



Micky took the challenge to make tops. "Tiny tops". Believe it, he has Acorns that spin. He demonstrated that on a mirror he brought. There were 5 tops in all. They are "tiny tops" made using some wood from the

February wood dive.



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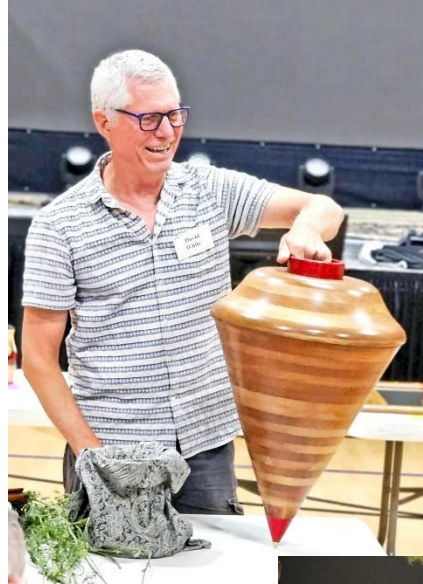
Marcel Vital



Marcel brought one of the interesting pieces of the night. A stem cup with a top. Well, you think that would be a lidded cup. Not so, the lid “is actually the top”. What a “spin on a top”.



Dave White



Well last week it was, make something using 2 board feet of wood. After some effort Dave cut a number of rings to make a vase using the 2 board feet. See last month’s

newsletter. This month here comes the vase. Big vase! In the shape of what else, a TOP! This one, due to the weight, wears out the point. So, he made one out of brass. Made a stand so he could put fake flowers in his “Vase Top”.



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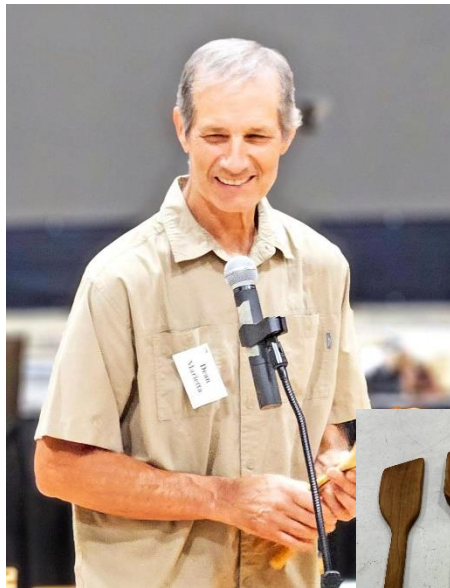
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June Show-N-Tell:

For the June Show-N-Tell we had 4 presenters. Photos by Rich Schwerin and Gail Cone.

Dean Marietta

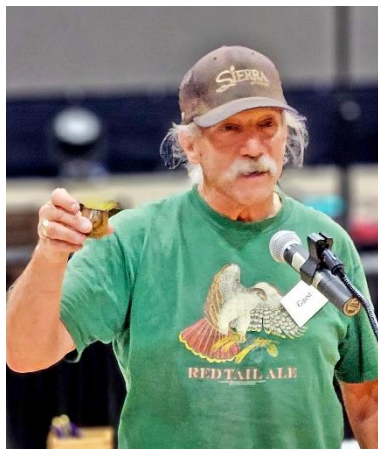


Dean brought 4 carved kitchen utensils, 2 paddles and 2 spoons. Cherry was the wood of choice. We

all remember the “PADDLES”! Grandma knew how to use them!



Ron Scharf

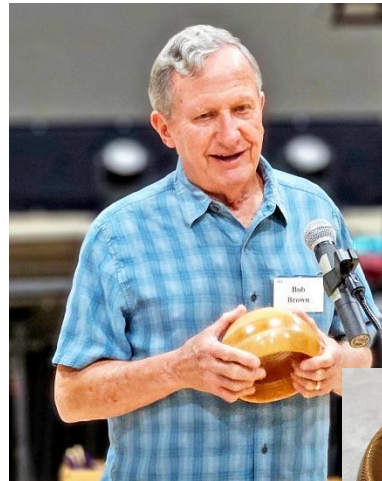


Rob turned 4 miniature pots at the request of his wife. His version was a bit smaller

than she expected. The plants are “air plants”. Woods are Bacote and Spalted Maple. Large pot, the inspiration!



Bob Brown



Bob has been honing his turning skills and progressing nicely. His latest turning is a bowl incorporating Baltic Birch and Douglas fir.



Gail Brooks



Gail has become the “Wood Art” inspiration leader in our club. The wood is mostly drift wood generally unknown type. She showed 2 pieces. Many hours of carving and adornments later. Don’t ask where she finds her wood! She keeps that a secret.



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Break Time Everyone!



Breaktime was the time to study and discuss projects presented at the night's Show-N-Tell and President's Challenge? We had 36 members plus guests present so there was a lot of activity during our meeting break period in between the Challenge and Show-N-Tell sessions. Covid kept John Robers from the meeting so David White and Gail Cone brought in refreshments and goodies that were pretty much gone by the time the break was over... There was some top spinning going on we see. Ok, it's Show-N-Tell time.

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Businesses that support GCW: Be sure to stop by Woodcraft Supply Sacramento*, Pro Builder Placerville, The Paint Spot Shingle Springs and Placerville*, or the Rockler Woodworking* store in Rocklin. Be sure to let them know how much Gold Country Woodcrafters appreciates their support. * **Businesses offering GCW member discounts.** **Don't forget to ask for your Gold Country Woodcrafters discount at the checkout counter.**

Membership Dues: Our GCW club dues are \$25 and are due in January. Dues for new members joining throughout the year are prorated based on the month they join. You can pay at any club meeting or send a check to our treasurer. Make the check payable to Gold Country Woodcrafters. Send check to:

Bob Brown

8256 Mercer Way, Fair Oaks, Ca. 95628

Please note on the envelope ATT: Gold Country Woodcrafters.

Notice to members: If your contact information has changed since joining, please let the club know. Just send any changes you may have to the email address used to send out the newsletter. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Gold Country Woodcrafters Meeting Place:

GCW meetings are held the second Monday of each month unless otherwise notified and are held at the Foothills Church Auditorium. Address is 2380 Merrychase Dr. in Cameron Park, Ca. off exit 34 on Highway 50. A map is provided on the home page of the GCW website. No endorsement by Foothills Church is implied.

Regards and happy woodcrafting.

Gail Cone

GCW Newsletter Editor



I would like to acknowledge my wife, Karen, for taking the time and effort to proof read the newsletter each and every month. Believe me it makes a real difference and makes me look good.

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