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GCW Newsletter Brief:

For the May 2025 meeting we had a good showing as there were a total of 25 in attendance including one new member. Our newest member is Rob Scharf. You may remember Rob from the February meeting. He was the one that brought the “truckload of wood to share”. Welcome to the GCW club Rob. The Presidents Challenge for this meeting was to make something using 2 board feet of wood. Four members attempted to meet the challenge. For the Show-N-Tell there were 6 members that shared their latest efforts. As usual, Rich Schwerin had some cool raffle prizes lined up for our raffle. Again, a special thank you to all those who continue to donate items for the raffle and purchase tickets.

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President’s Message:



Dear fellow woodworkers:

Thanks to all who attended the May meeting. It was another good meeting. The Show-N-Tell and the Presidents Challenge turned out very good with some impressive work. The exception was my project failure. But, hey, I turned it into a learning-aid. It became a great opportunity for me to do a presentation on lessons learned, why jigs are useful and how important it is to do the challenge. This is especially true when it is outside our normal talents. It’s a chance to learn something you had never thought about. Be sure to visit the Challenge section covering my 2 Board Foot project effort.

So come on everyone and join the monthly challenge and or bring something in so we can see what you do. Please, when presenting, don’t forget to face the audience and talk into the mic. The next meeting is Monday June 9th. The June Presidents challenge is to make a spinning top or a flower vase.

Until next time, enjoy your Zen moment in your shop.

David White

GCW President

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Messages For Our members:

- ***2025 Meeting Schedule:***

June 9th: President's Challenge, make a spinning top or flower vase.

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

August 11th: President's Challenge, make a music box or jewelry box.

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.

- ***June 9th meeting presentation by John Roberts***

At the June 9th 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 June:***

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

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May Show-N-Tell:

We had 6 members presenting their fine craftsmanship at the May meeting. Again, numerous discussions were triggered by these presentations. That made for an interesting meeting. Photos by Rich Schwerin.

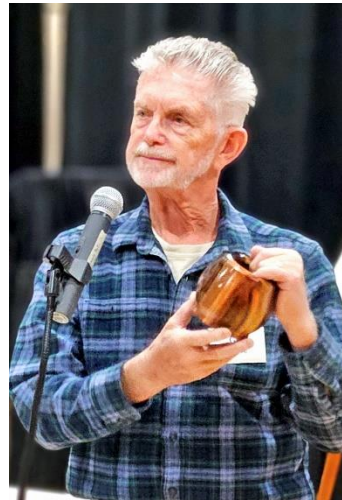
Dean Marietta



Dean brought in a Redwood kitchen knife holder. Epoxy embedded magnets hold the knives in place. Dean described the challenges he had in planing

it with the magnets so close to the surface.

Gail Cone



Here I'm showing off a small vase, about 4"H x 4.5" Dia. It was turned from a small Cherry Crotch that was filled in with epoxy resin. The resin was colored using black, white, and magenta pearl mica powder pigments.

John Roberts



John is showing 1 of the 2 cutting boards he brought. He described how he went about rounding the corners using a special jig that allowed him to accurately cut the corners. He used mineral oil plus bee's wax for the finish.

Dave White



Dave showed an 8" lidded bowl turned from Spalted Maple. The lid was made using Manzanita with a dyed kelp accent. Looks like he's being influenced by Gail Brooks's artistic free form styles.

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Show-N-Tell Continues

Micky Dupper



Micky continues to hone his turning expertise by turning this large Poplar platter. His next step is to add the finish.

Steve Cabrol



Steve modified an old trunk for his wife to store material and finished product for her rug weaving hobby. It features Maple shelving and dowel hangers. The table that the trunk is setting on, he made using Live Edge Maple.



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May President's Challenge

For the may President's Challenge members were to make something using 2 board feet of wood. Four members responded to the challenge. Photos by Rich Schwerin. Sorry, there are no project closeups this time around.

John Roberts



John brought in 2 lanterns he created using CNC. He explained that the blank wood sheets used are 12" square and it requires several sheets to make these lanterns thus approximating the

2 board feet for the challenge.

Tim Shanahan



One of our newest members, Tim Shanahan, brought in this octagon table with heart shaped legs he made. There are definitely 2 board feet and a lot of skill in this project.

Bill Maronek



Bill brought 2 projects to meet the 2 board feet total. The lamp is Redwood. The clock is Oak. Both are finished using polyurethane.

Dave White



Dave definitely went all in on attempting to meet the 2 Board Foot challenge. His objective was to make a large vase using the stacked ring method. This is accomplished by band sawing consecutive rings from a large blank with the saw blade tilted at an angle. Then stacking and gluing them together. Lots more!! See the next page.

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Dave White “The trial and error process”.



Try #1. First he tried cutting the rings without the aid of a circle jig. That he skipped because he did not want to make a jig just for one project. So, he drew the ring circles and proceeded to cut free hand. The band saw blade was tilted at 45deg. That resulted in rings that would never overlap well enough for a glue up. Besides the cuts were all wavy. So, he tossed the first try. Actually he brought it in to show the results, photo above.

Try #2. This time he took more time to study what was really needed to get the results he was after. He determined that the 45deg. band saw setting would not provide enough of an overlap of the rings for gluing. With a bit of empirical

work and drawing out his design he determined that 25deg. would provide a better ring overlap.

Now he made the “needed” jig (a circle jig) with graduated radius’s for the number of rings he needed. Oh, and lets glue up another 2 board foot blank. This time after cutting the rings they actually stacked (see photo previous page). Is this one going to glue up and be turned to a usable vase? We’ll find out next month.

Lessons learned (Dave White):

1. If you think you’ll use junk wood, spend little effort and rush through it. You get out what you put in.
2. It took me twice as much time, twice as much work and four times as much wood than if I had done it right the first time.
3. Maybe you will only use that jig one time, but it sure makes things work better.
4. If you’re going to do segmented or laminated work you must do a proper glue up.
5. Even a small epoxy job is a total mess if you rush it and don’t take the time to do it right.
5. Finally, don’t give up. Your best talent is figuring out how to fix your mistakes.

In my book, if you’re not making mistakes, you’re not trying hard enough and you’re not learning. Well, I met my objective.

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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? Oh, and let's not forget the refreshments and treats that John Roberts had set up. Rich Schwerin's wife sent some tasty cookies that were gone in a flash. Our members were getting to know our new member, Rob Scharf, second from left center picture. Again, the time went by fast. Now let's raffle!

Roy Carter Birthday. 98 years young May 21.



One of our original, Long Time members, Roy Carter celebrated his 98th birthday this month, May 21.



Happy
Birthday
my
friend.

This is an ad from the fifties when Roy was in the cabinet business. He is the one on the left in the ad photo.

For a fantastic background on Roy, visit the January 2017 GCW newsletter [Member Focus: Roy Carter](#)

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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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