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GCW Meeting Brief:

The October 14th GCW meeting lasted about 1 hour 45 min. We had 32 members and 3 guests present. We also have a new member, Mr. Tony Bartholomew. Welcome to the GCW club Tony.

October was our Fall GCW Project Challenge month. The challenge was to create a box project. 14 members brought entries making this a very successful Project Challenge. The show and tell table was loaded with box project entries. Warren Wyllie, Project Challenge chairman, presided over the Project Challenge box presentations and judging. This Project Challenge was a great success and made for a fun meeting.

We had one show and tell. Paul Velk brought in his revamped dove tail jig. Paul was a month early for showing his jig but that's OK as Paul is a jig master. Or is it master of jigs? He has to show it again in Nov. just because. Nov. will be JIG month. More detail and pictures included later in newsletter.

Meeting topic: GCW Project Challenge Month

This month's challenge was to create a box project. The box could be almost any shape, including round. The only requirement really was that it had to have the outer skin be made of wood. We announced the Project Challenge for Oct. at the July meeting giving potential entrants 90 days to create their entry. More time along with the box project theme were well received as we had a great turnout for entries in this event. There were 23 project boxes entered by 14 members. The variety and creativity shown in the box project entries was astounding. We have had some great Project Challenges in the past but this one will go down as one of the top events of our club. Each participating member showed off their project box or boxes and gave details on the construction and

materials used. The members present voted to see who would take home top honors for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places (plus bragging rights!). Prizes were \$25, \$15, \$10 respectively. In addition, all participating members were each awarded 3 extra raffle tickets.

Winners (right to left): Jim Hunt 1st, Harvey Myers 2nd, and Ron Sexton 3rd.



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More pictures of the entries are in the CONTEST PICTURES section at the end of the new letter.

Project Challenge entrants in order of their box presentations were Bill Stedeford, Jim Hunt, Paul Velk, Roy Carter, John Brideson, Dale Gamble, John Roberts, Joe Pacheco, Ron Sexton, Harvey Myers, Larry Pfost, Ed Woodards, Craig Milliron, and Homer Rail.

A big thank to all the above participants and to Warren Wyllie for making this one of our best Project Challenge events.

Announcements/news:

1) 2014- 2015 Dues

If you have not yet paid your GCW club dues, they are due. If you would prefer to send in your dues, the information for where to send a check is at the end of the news letter.

2) Woodworking Show November 7,8,9

Jim Hunt, our Woodworking Show chairman, gave information on the upcoming woodworking show. As we did last year, the GCW club will be co-hosting an information booth at the show with SAW (Sacramento Area Woodworkers). The show will be at the Cal. Expo in Sacramento on Nov. 7, 8, 9 (Fri. noon to 6PM, Sat. 10:00 to 6PM, Sun. 10:00 to 3PM). Jim asked for volunteers to help man the booth for 3 hour shifts. He passed around a sign up sheet at the meeting. General admittance is \$12 and is good for all 3 days. Parking is \$10. For those that volunteer to help out at the booth admission is FREE! Jim asked members to loan representative projects for display at the booth to help showcase our club. We will have flyers and business cards to hand out to interested attendees. Additional information is provided in an attachment to the email publishing this newsletter including where project donations can be dropped off. There is no need to worry about security for you projects. The show people have guards there patrolling.

Also, if you would like to enter the Woodworking Show's project competition there is a form online to do so. www.thewoodworkingshows.com

3) Toys for Tots project

Roy Carter, our Toys for Tots project chairman, made a request for volunteers to help out with making toys for this year's GCW Toys for Tots project. You can help by working in his shop or take material home. This is always a highlight in the GCW activities as this effort is for the community we live in. Last year we made at least 200 units. We all had fun doing it! Whether you just want to cut things out, or sand, or assemble or paint, all help is welcome. Call Roy at 530 622 5019 (his cell) to arrange a time to come by. His shop is open most days. Really, give Roy a call and help in this very worthwhile and fun GCW activity. He is easy to get to, as he lives just off of Missouri Flat Rd. in Placerville.

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4) Club Need for a laptop

Thank you John Roberts. We put out a request a couple of meetings ago for anyone that would have a laptop that could be donated to the club to support club presentations and hold important club data. We are happy to announce that one of our members, Mr. John Roberts, has donated a very usable unit with Windows7 to the club. It has plenty of storage and has the display support features needed. This is a great help to our club as it not only saves the club from the expense of purchasing a laptop but now I won't have to keep dragging mine to the meetings.

Upcoming Meetings:

November 11th

November is JIG month. Bring in you special or favorite woodworking jig to describe and show off your creativity. Also, there will be a presentation by Mr. Gene Nelson on "Grain Reading". You will remember Gene from, I think, this last July's meeting. Gene is a piano refinisher and he gave a presentation on "fine finishing". Gene was referred to us by Ron Sexton.

December 9th

There no topic for this month, as yet. We may just have all bring in their Christmas gift projects.

Show and tell:



Paul Velk brought in his remade/revamped dovetail jig. This is a great example of taking something that just did not live up to expectations and making it a useful shop tool. He took an inexpensive dovetail jig, I believe he said it was a Craftsman, and transformed it into an accurate and useful tool. The original was difficult to set up and maintain references when in use. By replacing the guts with a hardwood structure he was able to transform the unit and save it from the trash can.

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Treasures Report:

Our treasure Burt Stride reported club balance of \$1199. Includes membership dues, raffle income and expenses.

Raffle:

- Woodcraft \$25 Gift Cert. Richard Grant
- Home Depot \$25 Gift Card Joe Pacheco
- Lowes \$25 Gift Card. Larry Pfof
- Set of spade bits Jim Hunt Donated by ProBuilders on Placerville Dr.
and brought in by Roy Carter.
- Drill press dust collection hose Ed Woodards Donated by Gail Cone
- Craftsman router John Brideson Donated by Gail Cone

Next meeting:

Tuesday November 11th. Bring a JIG.

Membership Dues:

For those members wishing to renew their membership for the 2014-2015 club year dues by check, here is the information you need. Make out a \$20 check payable to Gold Country Woodcrafters. Send to: Burt Stride, 2391 Talon Dr., Shingle Springs, 95682. Please note on the envelope ATT: Gold Country Woodcrafters.

The GCW Exchange Corner: No items this month.

Regards and happy woodcrafting;
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GCW Pres. and Newsletter editor

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Contest Pictures:



Bill Stedeford with his 72 note music box.



Jim Hunt with his "Winner". This jewelry box features 3 dimensional leaves and inlays.

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Paul Velk showing off his box. Described it as a "Dragon Tooth Puzzle Box"



Roy Carter with his bird box..... Says he has a bigger bird (Mama bird). Entered 2 boxes.

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John Brideson with his jewelry box. It's zebra. Also, showed off his "Secret Box" with hidden key.



Dale Gamble with keepsake/jewelry box fabricated using KOA wood.

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John Roberts with his walnut band sawed jewelry box. He also, showed off his jewelry box made from 100 year old clear pine salvaged from the old Masonic Hall in Old Town Placerville (Robbing Room).



Joe Pacheo showed his solid oak drawer box for storing printer paper.

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Ron Sexton with one of his 5 boxes. Won 3rd place with this one. Inlay is Black Acacia wood from his firewood pile.



Harvey Myers with his 2nd place winning post keepsake box. Yep I said post. Old redwood post w/nails and all.

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Homer Rail showing his walnut jewelry box.



Larry Pfost showing his "Wife's" recipe box. Believe he barrowed it.

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Ed Woodards showing what was to be a parquet clock. Ended up as a Kleenex box it looks like.



Craig Milliron showing his turned walnut box featuring a really nice finial on lid.

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