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GCW Newsletter Brief:



For the October meeting we again had a moderate showing with 24 members and 1 guest in attendance. The October meeting featured our Fall Presidents Project Challenge. The challenge was to “make something for the kitchen”. 16 members responded to the challenge with an array of cool creations with a kitchen theme. In addition, we had 5 members share their latest craftsmanship in the evening’s

Show-N-Tell segment. That’s a total of 21 presentations, everyone! That has to be close to a record. The meeting break offered a time to catch up with fellow members and study the many projects presented. The night’s raffle offered a number of interesting prizes including various wood species for the taking, thanks to the efforts of Rich Schwerin. Again, review “Messages for Our Members” section for this month.

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 - **Exciting news, a GCW Treasurer has been found.**
 - **Boys-N-Girls** Club fund raiser.
 - **November** meeting presentation topic (Sharpening and using hand planes).
 - **December** meeting (Member Plus-One, Pot Luck, gift exchange, President’s Challenge).
- GCW Meeting topics (2025 is wide open).
- October Fall President’s Challenge Presenters.
- October Show-N-Tell Presenters.
- Meeting Break.
- Woodworking tools available: 6” Delta Joiner, 12” Delta Planer, 14” Drill press, Delta Wood Lathe

President’s Message:



Dear fellow woodworkers, I think the October meeting went well. For those who were there, thanks for coming, and for those who did not make it, you missed a good meeting. I would like to thank all who had something for the Show and Tell and the president’s challenge. A lot of nice projects were presented. I encourage more to join in. I’m sure all of us would like to see the work of others. Impressive work & great job. Thank you for helping with the setup and returning the tables and chairs. Remember, the next meeting is Nov. 11th. Jim Gott will be giving a presentation on hand planes. Also, if there is time, a bit of round table discussion. Give some thought to that. Our Christmas party is coming up so be thinking about maybe making something for the gift exchange. Remember, the boys and girls club needs donations for their auction.

I would like to thank Bob Brown for volunteering to be our treasure. We would possibly not be moving forward without him.

Until then, enjoy your Zen moment in your shop.

David White
GCW President

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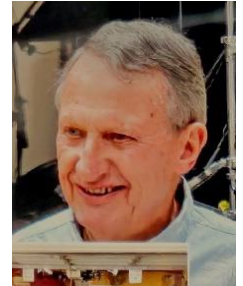
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Messages For Our members:

- ***Good news, New GCW Treasurer Found:***

One of our members, Bob Brown, has volunteered to serve as our new GCW Treasurer starting January 2025. Bob, in the meantime, will be working with our current treasurer, Steve Cabrol, to become familiar with the club's financial workings and needs. Bob has an extensive background that includes years as a CPA, plus he has been a treasurer for a nonprofit organization. This is truly a positive happening for our club. The Executive Committee was extremely concerned about our ability to continue club operations into 2025 without a treasurer. We are looking forward to having Bob on the GCW Executive Committee and with his help the club will continue to prosper and be part of the woodworking community. Please join me in offering a big thank you to Bob for volunteering to fill this very important position.



- ***November 11th Meeting Topic (hand planes):***

You will want to come to the November meeting. Member Jim Gott will be discussing and demonstrating the fine art of sharpening hand planes plus using hand planes. Jim's presentation is bound to help take the mystery out of using hand planes in our woodworking.

- ***December 9th Holiday Meeting:***

This is a bring your Spouse/Plus-One to celebrate the holiday season. The night will feature a pot-luck, Holiday Presidents Challenge and a Gift Exchange. Note, there will be no regular Show-N-Tell at this meeting.

- Members can bring their Spouse or Plus-One to enjoy this holiday meeting.
- Pot Luck Dinner: At the December holiday meeting we are having a pot luck dinner. At the November meeting Jim Gott will make available a signup sheet for members to RSVP for the December meeting, indicate number in party and list what they would like to bring for the pot luck. Categories are salad, main course, side dish, dessert. If you are unable to be at the November meeting but wish to come to the December meeting, contact information will be available in the November newsletter for your RSVP.
- Holiday President's Challenge: The Challenge is to make something with a holiday theme.
- The Gift Exchange: There will be a holiday gift exchange. To participate, please bring a wrapped anonymous gift for the exchange. If you have a plus-one and you want him/her to participate, you can bring two gifts. Each gift gets a ticket. Tickets will be drawn and the first person opens a gift they choose from the table and displays it for all to see. The next ticket holder has a choice of "stealing" any gift that has been already opened or opening a new gift from the table. If your gift is stolen, you can either steal someone else's that you had your eye on, or open another gift from the table. A gift can only be stolen twice, so the third owner is locked. After all the gifts have been opened/all tickets drawn, the holder of the FIRST ticket of the evening has one final option to steal any unlocked gift. Gifts can be woodworking related (maybe something you made) or just something nice you would be happy to receive. Suggested gift value is around \$30.

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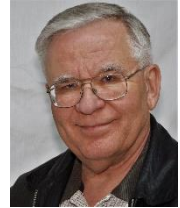
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- ***Boys and Girls club March 2025 fund raiser:***

It's not too early to start thinking about project contributions to the Boys-N-Girls club fund raiser in March of 2025. I know that is 6 months from now. It does take time to do our creating so the sooner the better. This is a very worthwhile event. It's our club's chance to give back to the community.

GCW 2025 meeting topics:

Help us get the topics for the 2025 meetings. Suggestions for topics for meetings are encouraged and are welcome. The 2025 calendar is wide open so suggestions are encouraged. Please contact Jim Gott if you have a topic in mind.



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October Fall President's Challenge Presentations:

There was a fantastic turn out for the Fall president's Challenge with 16 members presenting their challenge projects. There was a wide range of projects to address the "for the kitchen theme". These included but were not limited to knife holders, salt and pepper shakers, cheese cutter boards, trivets, rolling pins, cutting boards, wooden kitchen utensils, napkin holder, platters, bowls, and even a spaghetti gauge. Several members brought more than one item bringing the total to around 30. Participants were, in order, Dean Marietta (Knife Holder), Oscar Wittrock (Salt & Pepper Shaker), Jim Higbee -Missing Photo- (Salad Server), Dale Gamble (Spaghetti Gauge), Bill Meronek (Carved Kitchen Utensils), Lou Rain (Cutting Board), Jim Gott (Rolling Pin), John Roberts (Trivet, Cheese Slicer, Cutting Board, Kit. Utensils), Adam Fritz (Cutting Board), Gail Cone (2 Cheese Cutting Boards, Napkin Holder), David Harrison (Avocado Mixing Paddle), John Masters (Knife Holder), Basil Borkert (Trivet), David White (Platter, Cake Stand, 2 Wine Cups, Bowl, and more), Micky Dupper (Resting Serving Spoon, Wooden Fruit with Bowl), and Gail Brooks (Acorn Shaped Storage Containers). Rich Schwerin caught most everyone with a smile.



(Sorry, Jim Higbee, no photo)



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October Show-N-Tell:

In addition to the exceptional project challenge turnout, we had 5 members showing recent project creations. Photos by Rich Schwerin.



Gail Brooks with Dried Sea Urchin. She also showed a carved Chinese Seed Pod shown below.



Oscar Wittrock showing a small turned goblet. He must ration his wine?



Gail Cone Spalted Maple Bowl dyed green with black resin rims. Also shown was another Spalted Maple bowl and a Siberian Elm vase.



Dave White showing his spalted vase with carved leaves at the base. Carving the leaves is a new venture for Dave.



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Show-N-Tell Continued....



Basil Borkert showed his first try at creating a compass rose incorporating resin. He is not totally satisfied with this one so he plans to make another! We all thought it looked

great.



October Meeting Break:



Break time allowing members to see and talk about the many projects presented at this meeting. Making friends and collaborating is what this club is about. This is always a welcome moment for our members. Candid photos by Rich Schwerin.

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Woodworking Items available:

Donated Tools Available: Here are 3 woodworking related tools that were donated to the club and are being offered at low donation prices to our members. All proceeds will go to the GCW club.

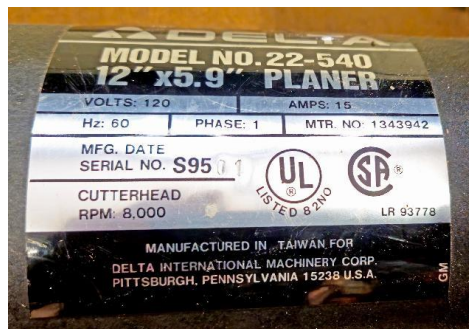
Item 1: 6" Delta Joiner (Donated by Ron Sexton)

This is a Delta 6" Jointer (Model 37-190) mounted on a Delta stand. Great Condition. The joiner bed is 46" by 6 3/4" and is powered by a 3/4 hp motor currently wired for 110v, but can be rewired to 220 volts. This would be a great starting joiner. Most of the units on-line are in the \$150--200 range. Suggested member donation is \$100. Contact Rich Schwerin to arrange time and place for pickup. Email: rwmtzca@comcast.net



Item 2: 12 Inch Planer

12inch Delta Planer, great condition. Suggested donation is \$50.



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Item 3: Delta 12" Variable speed lathe (Donated by Micky Dupper)

Delta 12" Variable speed lathe Model 46-700. It has a 3/4 HP 120V RPM 50-2000. Comes with face plate, wrenches, drive center and tail center and knock out rod. This is a great starter lathe for someone wanting to explore lathe woodworking. Suggested donation is \$200. Text Micky Dupper at 530-409-8845 to see lathe/donate and pickup.



Tools For Sale by Owner:

Basil Borkert has a Delta 14inch drill press with lamp and table for sale. Asking \$650. If interested contact Basil at an upcoming meeting or email him at helenabasil@aol.com.



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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 January. Dues for new members joining throughout the year are prorated based on the month they join. You can pay the dues at any club meeting or send a check to our treasurer. Make the check payable to Gold Country Woodcrafters. Send to: Steve Cabrol 3000 Builders Place, Rescue, CA. 95672. 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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