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GCW Meeting Brief:

The August GCW meeting lasted about 1 hour 45 min. We had 30 members present and 1 guest, Kenneth Jones, the night's presenter in attendance. A report was given on the results of the GCW Exec. Committee meeting that was held just prior to the night's regular club meeting. Details are in the Announcement/News section. We had a presentation by Mr. Kenneth Jones an accomplished segmented woodturner and artist. We had one Show and Tell, Ron Sexton gave an update on the caboose completion and transition to museum status. The details are given in the Show and Tell section. Be sure to read the entire newsletter as it includes important new information to pass to on to our members.

Presentation by Kenneth (Ken) Jones.



Ken showing one of his pieces.

We would like to thank Ken for agreeing to come by and share his knowledge and love for segmented turning with our GCW members. Ken designs and creates all his own pieces and displays them for sale. His work is on display at the Gold Country Artists Gallery in old town Placerville on Main Street next to the Coffee House Centro. Next time you are in the area be sure to drop in and view his work. He brought in a few pieces to show (pictures below) that his wife keeps in their home. I think he borrowed them, so to speak.

Ken retired from construction work a number of years ago and needed something to keep himself busy. So he bought a lathe (a jet 1442) and started experimenting with turning. You would not know it seeing his work but he defines himself as being self-taught. He studied a number of books in his progression to being a proficient turner and designer/artist. Ken

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referenced one specific book: Woodturning with Ray Allen as being a good one. [Ray Allen's Book Link](#) There are a number of other books relating to this subject listed on this site.

Ken spends a good deal of time in the planning and design drawing stage paying special attention to angles and alignment before attempting any cutting. He said it requires using a lot of math to make sure all the angles are correct for a particular design. He mentioned that he really enjoys his acquired math skills.

The members were very interested and asked a number of questions. Ken uses tungoil to finish most of his pieces. The glue of choice is Titebond 3 but uses CA when required depending on the material in the project. For mounting his work on the lathe he will use hot glue to secure a piece to a faceplate. Just a few of the wood species he uses in his creations for contrast are black maple, orange agate, lignum vitae, palm, and maple. He saturates the palm wood with CA cut with CA solvent to stabilize it.



Some of the pieces Ken brought to show his work. Wow!

Announcements/news:

1) GCW Executive Committee meeting report.

The GCE Executive Committee met just prior to Tues. night's meeting.

- **Woodworking Show**

The committee discussed possible participation in the upcoming Woodworking Show Nov. 7, 8, 9 at the Sacramento Cal. Expo. SAW plans to participate and has, again, invited GCW to co-host a booth at the show. The GCW committee members all agreed that we should participate. I've been informed that the booth placement will be the same as last year.

Last year I coordinated the GCW participation in hosting the booth. I suggested that this year we need a new volunteer to be this year's GCW booth coordinator chairman. Jim Hunt volunteered to take on the task and Homer Rail volunteered to aid Jim in this endeavor. Jim will be contacting a number of our members in the next few weeks to enlist their help setting up and manning the booth. Note Jim is also our communication chairman, taking over that duty from John Brideson.

- **Christmas Toys For Tots budget.**

The committee voted to make the Toys For Tots budget the same as last year. The maximum budget is \$200.

- **Annual Church Donation**

Every year GCW gives a donation to the Shepherd of The Hills church in appreciation for allowing the GCW club to use their recreation room. The committee voted to make the donation the same amount as last year. The donation amount approved is \$350 and will be paid in November.

- **Need for club computer**

The committee decided that GCW needs to purchase a computer to facilitate our video presentations and store club records. We will research and watch for deals on a laptop to fit our needs. Prices are really dropping and it was decided to hold the purchase off until December when the price wars are on.

- **GCW Website expenses**

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The GCW website expenses for keeping our domain address and security service are currently \$55 for years 2013 and 2014. The website chairman (myself) presented the bill to Burt Stride (treasurer). In addition the website chairman informed the committee that the website rental fees are due come next July. We have a 3 year plan in place. Yes, the GCW site has been up for 3 years come July. The fee to keep our site active for the next 3 years is approx. \$350.

There have been almost 1400 hits on the GCW website to date.

- **Bill Hatwig officially joined GCW Exec. Committee**

The committee members welcomed Bill Hatwig to the committee. Bill is filling in the vacancy left when John Brideson's retirement from the committee. In addition Bill agreed to accept the title of club secretary. He gave a brief summary of the duties he is taking over from John, besides attending Exec. Committee meetings. These include, making meeting coffee, acquiring raffle prizes, providing refreshments for meetings, and helping Burt at the door when needed.

2) October is Project Challenge month

As announced at the July GCW meeting the GCW Project Challenge project for the Oct. meeting is to "**BUILD A BOX**". We asked for a show of hands to get a feel for how many members planned to participate in the project challenge. It looks like we should have good participation as there were 10-12 counted.

The project guidelines are very simple and we encourage all skill levels to participate.

"The box" can be anything, jewelry box, router bit box, tool box, treasure box and so on. Shape can be rectangular, square, octagonal, round, etc. General size guide is a maximum 12x8x6. But, make it whatever size you wish. It can be of any wood species you like. Outside skin must be wood. Inside is up to you (felt, plastic, etc). Can be lidded but a lid/cover is not required. You have until Oct. 14th to build your box so let's go do it.

Each project entrant will be given and 3 additional tickets for the regular raffle. Prize schedule for the 3 judged projects will be 1st = \$25, 2nd = \$15, 3rd = \$10.

General project rules are given at the end of the newsletter.

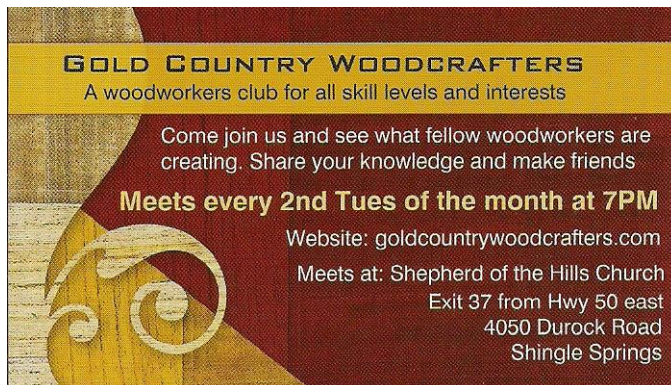
3) GCW Business Cards

The long awaited Gold Country Woodcrafters business cards are here. A big thank you goes out to Homer Rail for taking on the task of designing and acquiring the cards. Homer handed out cards at the meeting. Anybody wishing to cards they will be available at any of the GCW meetings. Be sure to have them on hand and give them to woodcrafters interested in finding a club. Here's what the card looks like. Great job Homer.

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4) GCW beginning GCW fiscal year 2014-2015. Dues due.

September is the beginning of the GCW fiscal year. The dues are still just \$20 for the 2014-2015 year. Please pay your dues as early as possible. You can pay dues at the door on meeting night or, if preferred, you can pay by mail. You can mail dues to Burt Stride. The address is given at the end of the newsletter.

5) GCW Toys for Tots project

Don't forget to volunteer to participate in the GCW Toys for Tots club project. Roy Carter, the project chairman is looking for volunteers and toy making materials. If you have time to allocate to this effort please contact Roy. The project is officially underway. Roy's number is Home 530-622-5019, Cell 530-919-5019.

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6) We have sad news



Jack Van Keuren

Dear GCW members we are saddened to report the passing of Jack Van Keuren one of our Gold Country Woodcrafters. Jack was a great friend and a long time member of both SAW and GCW. He was a member of the SAW Library staff for many years and was one of the first members of the GCW. He was instrumental in helping make GCW a viable and successful club from its inception. He served on the GCW Executive Committee from the clubs beginning until March of 2014 and was chairman of the GCW Toys for Tots effort through 2012. The joy he received from participating in the Toys for Tots program was very evident. The time we spent with Jack in his shop making toys is a very fond memory. Jack was one who was willing to help in any way he could and always had a smile to share. He has been and will be missed by all that knew him. Jack's legacy will live on through his contributions to the GCW club and to the community. Jack wished that his woodworking tools be donated to the Cedar Springs Waldorf School in Placerville.

The Gold Country Woodcrafters membership wishes to extend their sincere condolences to Jack's wife Linda, family and friends.

Rest in peace dear friend.

Gail Cone, Gold country Woodcrafters Pres.

From John Brideson

Jack Van Keuren was a "plank owner" for our club. We were concerned that SAW would view us as competition for membership eight years ago, but Jack and Neil Knutsen led the way with dual membership. Huge supporters of both clubs and his knowledge and love of woodworking was evident to all. I can't say enough about his character and dedication. Vaya con dios, Jack.
John Brideson, past pres. and founder of Gold Country Woodcrafters.

Notice from SAW newsletter.

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It is with great sadness that we inform you that long-time member Jack Van Keuren has passed away. Jack was one of the Librarians that provided books to club members in most meetings. In reviewing the last 11 or so years of newsletters, it was clear that Jack had diverse skills as a woodworker. He showed many items at the club meeting that he had done on scroll saw, lathe and other tools. He hosted several Scroll Saw SIGs (one of which featured a brat BBQ) and at least one Novice SIG. He participated in many other SIGs, including making memory boxes for ill children in the hospital. He also made many toys for the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Giveaway. Jack took over running the Library when Bob Beckert was unable to do so. Jack stepped down from his Library post in June this year, when his health would not allow him to continue.

Andrew Volk, SAW Editor

Upcoming Meetings:

October 14th

GCW Project Challenge Month. Project is to BUILD A BOX. Refer to the project guidelines given earlier.

November 11th. November is “bring in your favorite jig” month. So hunt through your shop and locate you’re your favorite woodworking jig to bring for the show and tell.

Also planned, Gene Nelson will give a short presentation on how to read wood grain. Anyone that has experienced chip out on the planer or jointer should be interested in this topic.

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Show and tell:

Report on the Caboose project by Ron Sexton.

Ron gave an update on the caboose restoration effort. He told the members that the caboose woodworking effort “is complete”. The next stage will involve the railroad guys installing the couplers. The following picture from the Mountain Democrat shows Ron proudly handing over the caboose keys to the Historical Museum Administrator, Mary Cory. The woodworking team members from Gold Country Woodcrafters were Ron Sexton, Homer Rail, Bill Meronek, Harvey Myers, and Steve Cabrol. There are hints of spin off projects on the wind! Wives will appreciate that!

The caboose project was featured in each of the Sept. 1 and 8th Mountain Democrat and Aug. 28th Village Life mag. The Gold Country Woodcrafters club was mentioned in all. Great publicity!!!!



PROJECT MANAGER Ron Sexton, top left, hands the keys to the caboose over to Mary Cory, El Dorado County Historical Museum Administrator during a ceremony Friday September 5 at the Shingle Springs Depot. Standing front left to right are Homer Rail, Bill Meronek, Harvey Myers, Larry Howe, Steve Cabrol, Dennis Webster, Keith Berry and Bill Rodgers.

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Treasures Report:

Our treasure Burt Stride reported club balance of \$1206. Includes membership dues (29 renewals), raffle income and expenses. Expenses: gift cards \$50, \$55 for web site fees.

Raffle:

- Woodcraft \$25 Gift Cert. Nathan Hinkle
- Home Depot \$25 Gift Card Ed Woodward
- Lowes \$25 Gift Card. Homer Rail



- Pigeon hole cabinet (donated by Jim Terrill) Richard Grant

Next meeting:

Tuesday Oct. 14th so mark your calendar. PROJECT CHALLENGE so don't miss it!

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.

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GCW Project Challenge General Rules:

1. GCW Project challenge will occur semi-annually, normally in Oct. and April.
2. On Project Challenge night we will not normally have invited presenters.
3. Project theme will be announced at least 90 days ahead of the scheduled GCW project night meeting.
4. Members may enter as many projects as desired for the GCW project challenge.
5. Entries are to comply with published guidelines for size, materials, purpose, etc.
6. Entries will be displayed in the front of the meeting room.
7. Participating members will show and describe each of their entries.
8. 3 projects will be judged by the members presents on Project Challenge night.
9. 3 additional raffle tickets for the night's regular raffle will be given to each member entering a project(s).
10. Prize schedule for the 3 judged projects will be: First Place \$25, Second place \$15, Third place \$10.

Regards and happy woodcrafting.

Gail Cone

GCW Pres. and Newsletter editor

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