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GCW Newsletter Brief:



There must be something magic about this September. The member turnout for this meeting was the best we have seen in a while, with 36 members and 1 guest in attendance. The night's President's Challenge inspired 9 members to make either a furniture piece or bandsaw box. Tiffany Vital won the \$30 Amazon gift card. For the nights Show-N-Tell we had 9 members show their latest work. That's 18 presentations between the challenge and Show-N-Tell. Again, a very impressive night for presentations. Our members enjoyed the breaktime and raffle as well. Be sure to visit the member messages section (free wood, Joiner/Planer for sale and Joiner for sale). Rich Schwerin in his entertaining style, made the night's raffle a great success.

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President's Message:



Dear Fellow Woodworkers:

Thanks to all who attended the September meeting. Another good meeting and a pretty good showing this time with 37 in attendance. Must be the weather. Thanks to those who did come. It was a good participation in the President's Challenge and the Show-N-Tell. There was a lot of great work presented. Congratulations to Tiffany Vital for winning the \$30 Amazon gift card. If you participate in the president's challenge, you are automatically entered into a drawing for the Amazon gift card. So come on everyone join the challenge and bring something in so we can see what you do. We would really like to see your work. One can learn a lot from doing something different.

If you have anything you would like to donate for the meeting raffle, give it to Rich Schwerin at the next meeting. Reminder, when presenting, don't forget speak into the microphone and look at the audience. The next meeting is Monday, October 13th. The October President's Challenge is a cutting board, charcuterie board or rolling pin.

If you're not making mistakes, you're not trying hard enough and you're not learning. Thanks all 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:**

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, bring their Spouse/Plus-One, Pot Luck and gift exchange meeting. President's challenge is to make items for the gift exchange.

We ask our members to think on what topics they would like to see covered at our meetings. This is your club so your input matters. If you would like to give a presentation to share your woodworking expertise let us know. If you come across an outside topic/presenter please let us know.

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Member Messages:

Bruce Hall: Wood giveaway (Still lots left). Plus OneWay sharpening guides.

Bruce Hall was a member of GCW for many years. He has determined that now is the time to hang up his woodworking efforts. As a result, he is offering his wood stash free to those that will give it a good home. His large collection of wood includes turning blocks and precut rounds. Also available, is an 8" sharpening center with CBN wheels and Oneway Sharpening guides. The location is Bruce Hall's home 6190 Arcadia Ave, Loomis, CA. Call to make an appointment to pick up wood from his shop. Call 707-980-3366 or email woodworker7280@gmail.com.

John Guglielmino: Joiner For sale.



This Jet 8" jointer with helical head has not been used and still has some factory packaging on it. I purchased it from Sacramento State (they were dismantling their classroom shops). Once I got it into my shop, I realized it was too big. It comes with a lot of the assembly parts, including the belts. It's approximately 62" long and is very heavy. It came without the motor or stand. The approximate cost for both, from Jet, would be around \$1000. However, if you build your own base and get a third party motor the cost would be much less. Please contact me if you have any questions. Asking: \$300. If interested email me at jgugliel@gmail.com.



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Roy Carter: Joiner/Planer for sale.

Roy Carter is downsizing his shop. He has a Grizzly Joiner/Planer and the dust collector plus 2 sets of extra knives for sale. A new Grizzly Joiner/Planer would be around \$4,000.00. He is offering it to our club members or friends for \$800.00. He plans for the proceeds from the sale go to the GCW club. Anyone that is interested are welcome to take a look at it. The owner's manual will be available at the October meeting.



Susan Settle (Previous member):



It's been a few years since I've written in to the GCW club, and it's been a good year or so since I've received the newsletter, but I'm sure you're all still out there creating beautiful things, and passing along this most wonderful of art forms!

In the intervening time, I relocated to Vermont, then to an hour away from Minneapolis, MN! But I'm still woodworking through both moves, while planning yet another move to return to the west coast within the next couple years. One thing I haven't replaced, is as great of a woodworking club as Gold Country Woodcrafters! The only one I know of here is located in Minneapolis, an hour from my home, which is too far for me to go on a regular basis.

I made a serving tray for one of my kids, solely inspired by the striking laminated handle portions which were made by Basil Borkert! While I was with the club, members were kind enough to donate cutoffs and scraps for my crafts. So, thanks to everyone who gave me scraps while I was with your club. I'm still having a lot of fun with them!

I thought I would share my serving tray project with the GCW members. Pictures and project details are on page 7. Take good care, I'm thinking about you all,

Susan

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September President's Challenge:

We had 9 presenters for the September President's Challenge. The challenge was to make a piece of furniture or a bandsaw box. The bandsaw box was obviously the favorite theme in this challenge, with 10 shown. The President's Challenge \$30 Amazon card winner was Tiffany Vital. Photos by Rich Schwerin and Gail Cone.

Dean Marietta



Dean took the challenge seriously by making 3 bandsaw boxes. He finished all using Odie's oil and Bee's Wax. Wood used included Walnut, Poplar, Redwood and Pine.



Marcel Vital



The most intricate bandsaw box of the night was shown by Marcel. It was a leaf design that results in 5 drawers. He improved on the original design by making the front layer with no bandsaw entry cuts. Using the main box as a pattern he was able to scroll the front from a pattern. Woods



are Maple and Walnut.

Tiffany Vital



Tiffany made her first bandsaw box. Looks like it turned out great. The woods used were Poplar and Walnut. She finished it with Odie's Oil.

John Roberts



John brought his 2 drawer bandsaw box made using, what looks like, a solid block of wood. It is finished with an oil.



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Dave White



Dave made a box in a box bandsaw box. The main outer box cutout was again made into a box. The wood is Olive. He used WaterLox as a finish.

Kevin Kaser



Kevin created this yard chair using Cedar from his backyard. He used stainless steel hardware and plans to use an outdoor oil finish from General Finishes.

Kristina Creel



Now here's a clever design for a band saw box. It's a key hide away. Looks just like a log that missed going to the fireplace to me. Members promised not to tell anyone Kristina's true use for this cedar log that

may be lying next to her front door.

Micky Dupper



Micky's bandsaw box is a Tortoise using a solid block of Myrtle Wood. The tortoise's head is the drawer pull. The box was finished using Tung oil.

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Gail Brooks



For the challenge Gail brought in a Walnut slab table. The Walnut had several cracks so she reinforced the piece with butterfly inlays on the underside. On the topside she used black epoxy filler for the cracks. The table has a WaterLox finish. The Walnut is from recovered wood obtained through her work with the NorCal Turners club.

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The photo on the left shows the handles Basil gave me. Basil created them, but they became scraps that he passed along to me before I moved! There was a lovely groove along the inside bottoms of each of them. One handle had about a 3rd of it missing, which is why I imagine it needed to be scrapped. The grooves in the handles added enormously to the strength of the tray. The bottom pieces are pretty thin, so I reinforced them with runners along the sides. (Middle pic). The woods were Maple, Cherry, Walnut, and Purpleheart. The scrap pieces making up the bottom of the tray were picked up from a wood store nearby. There were a few divots in the bottom of the Purple Heart pieces which I filled with a Black Diamond blue and glue mixture.

Susan

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September Show-N-Tell:

For the September Show-N-Tell we had 9 presenters. Photos by Rich Schwerin and Gail Cone.

Richard Nielson



In July, Richard showed a scale 3D picture of his favorite restaurant in Carmel. This time he shared a scale rendition of a diner inspired by typical architecture in Old Town Placerville. How the heck did he make so many shingles in such a short amount of time?? Great detail capturing the character of the buildings on main street.

Gail Cone



Last Month Gail brought in an unturned block of resin right out of the 4 liter bucket he used as a mold. This time he showed the finished turning. Approx. 7" x 7". Required 3 liters of resin. Coloring produced by using pearl mica powders. Finish inside and out is shallow pour resin applied with the lathe turning at about 50rpm.

Mike Mideiros



Mike brought in a jig he created to help speed up the making of pen blanks. I believe he said it helps in cutting brass tubes as well as pen blanks.

Tiffany Vital



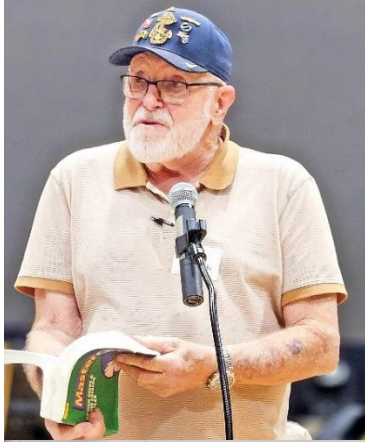
Tiffany showed off a charcuterie board where she added an ocean beach image using epoxy resin. To show wave action, she used a heat gun to force the epoxy to flow. Note, this the back side of the board. Cheese etc. is served from the other side.

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Ed Woodards



Ed shared a number of small carvings he has crafted. He described that he gets both inspiration and image form from a number of books that include tons of pictures. He



brought a book along to share and illustrate.

Bail Brooks



Gail finds the most interesting items on the beach. Some she has no clue as to what they are. In this case, she showed something that could be a sea root of some kind. She dried and colored it. Now she is asking what she should use it for.... Knowing



her, she will incorporate it into one of her fine wood art pieces.

Casey Keller



Casey brought a large Redwood bowl he recently turned. He was surprised with the resulting texture of the bowl after sanding. It was the result of the Redwood ring structure having varying densities. He used polyurethane as a finish. Turns out he likes the feel of the texture.

Don Lawson



Don brought in 2 Oak Burl bowls he turned. With both he had to deal with imperfections. In both cases he filled the voids with malachite and CA.



Both have his maker's mark and signature on the bottom.

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John Roberts



OK, John is now the club's puzzle king. He brought in 9 puzzles of various types. Most, he said were made using scrap wood. One of the websites he uses helps in creating puzzle boards. [Puzzles Link.](#)



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Break Time Everyone!



During the evening's break time the members were able to catch up and study the projects brought in for the night's President's Challenge and the Show-N-Tell sessions. We had a great turnout with 80% of our membership present. This resulted in a number of gatherings of folks exchanging woodworking (well mostly) information. Rich Schwerin, as usual, entertained the members with his humor filled raffle session.

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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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