

GOLD COUNTRY WOODCRAFTERS

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GCW Newsletter Brief:



Merry Christmas from your Gold Country Woodcrafters Executive Committee. We had a great 2025 with many enjoyable and information filled meetings. We capped off the year with the December holiday meeting. For this meeting we had a great crowd with 36 (20 members, 18 Guests) in attendance. The festivities included a Pot-Luck and a gift exchange (steal). Our host and master of ceremonies for the evening was Rich Schwerin. Rich managed the gift exchange that included lots of great gifts. All enjoyed the entertaining style Rich presents. A number of members included items they had made, in the exchange. All went well with lots of stealing going on. There were a few, owe-darns, but all seemed to take it in stride. The most popular items changing hands were the items members made. We didn't have to do much setup as the church took care of setting up the tables and tear down. We did use our own microphone. We can thank those that helped with making this a successful and festive event: Rich Schwerin, Basil Borkert, John Guflielmino, Casey Keller and Adam Fritz. Plus, a great thank you goes out to those who brought the tasty food for the Pot-Luck.

We look forward to 2026 as we are approaching 20 years as a woodworking club. We hope the club continues to provide a venue for our members to develop and share their interest in woodworking and in addition make new friends. May the new year bring you happiness and joy for you and yours.

Happy New Year!

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President's Message:



Dear Fellow Woodworkers:

To everyone who did not come to the December gathering, you missed a really good time. To everyone who did come, thank you, it was a wonderful event. The food was wonderful, especially the brisket. Special thanks to those who made a gift. I noticed that some who got their gift stolen, were a little upset. Totally understandable. There were some mighty fine gifts. I thank you for your sense of humor. That's what made it so fun. Next year, more people plus more handmade gifts will equal more fun. (and more stealing). Best wishes for the holidays and for the new year.

David White
GCW President

Messages For Our Members:

- **GCW 2026 Dues reminder:**
Dues are due in January. They are \$25 (Best deal in town). Pay at any meeting or send check to our treasurer, Bob Brown. Address at end of newsletter.
- **GCW Meeting Schedule:**
January 12th 2026: President's Challenge, make whatever you can dream up using the material from one 8foot construction grade 2x4. Pine, Redwood, Douglas Fir, etc. Yes, there can be hardware, etc.
February 9th 2026: President's Challenge, make anything incorporating a heart shape (Valentines Day Theme).
March – December TBD

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Holiday Pot-Luck:

There was a wide array of tasty dishes donated by our members for the holiday Pot-Luck. Members Casey Keller and Adam Fritz supplied the drinks. The food was very good and the dessert was very popular. We would like to thank all those that contributed to the Pot-Luck. Everyone enjoyed the food and company of fellow members and guests. There was a good turnout with a total of 36, including guests in attendance. The church had 5 tables set up for us, which turned out to be just right. The church also did the teardown. This was greatly appreciated. Thanks to Rich Schwerin we have photos of each of the 5 tables. It is obvious that the attendees were having a good time. That is what it is all about.



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Gift Exchange:

Here are a few photos of those who opened gifts. That does not, at all, imply they were able to keep them. There were several that had to go steal another gift or select a new gift from the table. The challenge is to not get too attached to item you unwrapped or stole. Yes, there were a few owe-darns but most took the challenge to find a new gift, fun. As expected, the most popular were those items made by our members. Most of those were stolen the maximum 2 times. The last 2 photos show the hunt for or the steal exchange. Names omitted to protect the innocent 🐱 or guilty.



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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 still \$25 for 2026 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 our 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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