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GCW Newsletter Brief:



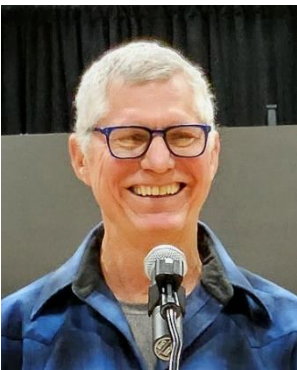
At the June meeting we had 31 members including one returning member, plus we had 1 guest. The returning member is Bob DeRoss. Welcome back Bob. We are averaging around 75% member attendance, which is very impressive

for a club our size. The President's Challenge for the night was for members to create a project using 3 or more woods. We had 11 members take the challenge and we had 10 members present projects for the Show-N-Tell. That makes a total of 21 project presentations given at this meeting. The members continue to show their talent and dedication to the club and woodworking. The club's fund-raising efforts continue being supported by members contributions and raffle participation, silent auctions. This is greatly appreciated.

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President's Message:



Dear Fellow Woodworkers:

Thanks to all who attended the June meeting. Another good meeting with a large turnout including a returning member and 1 guest. June's presidents challenge had 11 fine entries. Another challenge participant was the winner of the Amazon gift card. There was great participation in the challenge and the Show-N-Tell showing very nice work. A lot of good questions asked and good conversations occurred. Keep asking those questions. If you did not participate, we would really like to see your work. One can learn a lot from doing something different. The July challenge is repurposed wood or multimedia.

So come on everyone. Join the challenge and also bring something in so we can see what you do. You also get a raffle ticket for your show and tell. If you have anything you would like to donate for the raffle, bring that in also. Don't forget, talk into the mic and look at the audience when speaking.

Remember my motto, if you're not making mistakes, you're not trying hard enough and you're not learning.

Thank you for helping set out and returning the tables and chairs. See you at the July meeting. Until then, enjoy your Zen moment in your shop.

David White
GCW President

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Messages For Our Members:

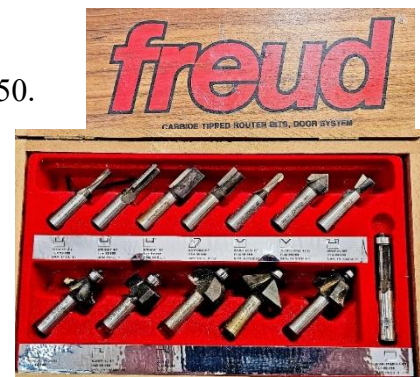
- **GCW 2026 Meeting Schedule:**

- **January 12th 2026:** President's Challenge, make whatever you can dream up using the material from one 8 foot construction grade 2x4. Pine, Redwood, Douglas Fir, etc.
- **February 9th:** President's Challenge, make anything incorporating a heart shape (Valentine's Day Theme).
- **March 9th:** President's Challenge, an accessory of some kind for your home.
- **April 13:** President's Challenge, a bird house or something with flowers.
- **May 11:** President's Challenge, 2 person team project (fellow member preferred). Can be any type of project.
- **June 8th:** President's Challenge, a project incorporating 3 or more woods.
- **July 13:** President's Challenge, something using repurposed wood or multimedia (wood, resin, clay, acrylic, glass, etc.).
- **August 10th:** President's Challenge, something with multiple colors or abstract art.
- **September 14:** President's Challenge, Project with carving or pieces of jewelry.
- **October 12:** President's Challenge, a box or something using 1 tool.
- **November 9th:** President's Challenge, a seasonal item (fall/winter/Holiday).
- **December 14th:** Challenge is to make something for the holiday gift exchange.

Tools Available at July 13th Meeting:

- 1) 13 (used) Freud router bits will be in a silent Auction starting at \$50.

- 2) Porter Cable 557 plate joiner Silent Auction will start at \$70. Bid increments \$5.



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President's Challenge:

The President's Challenge for June was for members to make a project using 3 or more woods. We had 11 members participating in this challenge. Casey Keller won the Amazon gift card. Photos by Rich Schwerin and Gail Cone.

Adam Fritz



Adam is not afraid to tackle a challenge. He brought in a hand make chair. It is all hand carved (spindles and

all). It has 3 woods: Ash, Oak and Beach. Glue used was hide. He attended a class hosted by Ted Willams a maser chair maker. There were no drawings involved. If you missed Adam's presentation you really missed out. Maybe a special article later...



Basil Borkert



Basil is on a role making fishnets it seems. Each one is a piece of art. He has become a master at bending and layering the woods in the net

frame. He includes, what is becoming a trademark, a fish encased in resin in the handle. Woods are Walnut, Maple and Lacewood. A grandson gets this one. Lucky him. Will it see water??



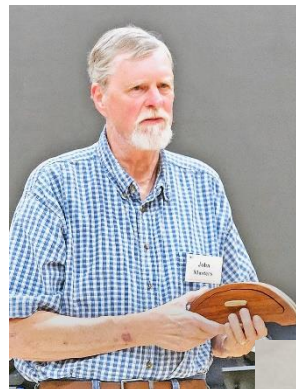
Darryl Chandler



One of our newest members, Darryl, showed his latest turning efforts, a chalice and a dish, These were turned from funiture grade MDF and Plywood respectively. The material were cutoff's from earlier ptojects.



John Masters



It appears that John had at least 3 objectives with this project. One, meet the June challenge. Two, make a place to store his phone, and maybe 3, keep it from being borrowed. Looks like all the objectives were addressed.



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Keven Kaser



Keven met the challenge by making a set of coasters using Madrone, Sapele, and Walnut. The frame is Walnut. The design is made by sandwiching Sapele strips in pattern with Madron. They are finished with Danish oil and

polyurethane.



Tiffany Vital



Tiffany met the challenge by making a bandsaw box. She used Maple, Walnut and Ebony.



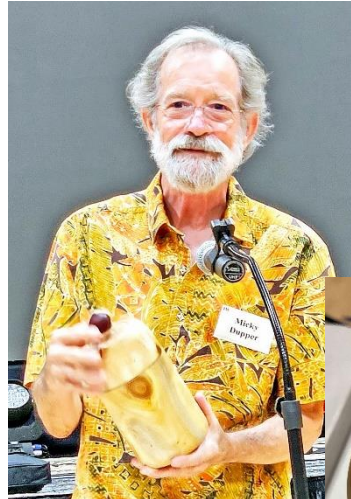
Marcel Vital



If you need a mallet, Marcel is your guy. If you have some leftover Walnut, Maple, and Oak it's a snap. This one definitely can carry a wallop! Will he use it to defend his shop or pound pegs?



Micky Dupper



Micky turned this box for his dog's treats. The primary box is turned from Birch wood. The finial is Walnut and Maple.



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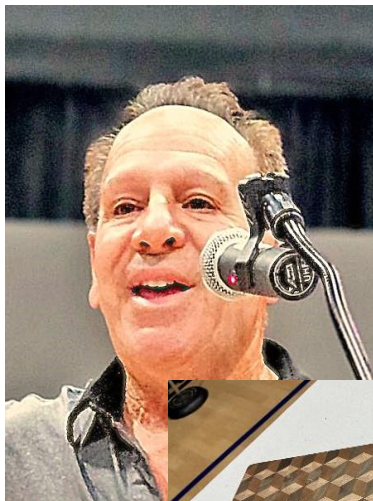
Mike entered 2 projects in the challenge, a cutting board and a keepsake box. The cutting board has Padauk, Walnut, Yellow Heart, Purple Heart and Cherry. He coated it

with “foods safe butcher block oil”. He commented that “it will sit in the cabinet with the other fancy cutting board while they wear out the plastic

IKEA plastic one”. The box has Walnut, Maple, and Cherry woods. It features “box joint” joinery. Editor: Thanks for sharing your notes, Mike.



Lou Rain



Lou made this 3D cutting board as a result of taking a class at Woodcraft Supply. The woods used are Walnut, Cherry and Maple. He finished it with

bees wax and mineral oil.



David White



Didn't know Dave was a golfer, but he must be as he has made a gold club. Believe they call this one a “wood”. What else would a woodworker make? The shaft was purchased but he made the

head. It is laminated wood soaked in epoxy and cured in a pressure chamber. Hasn't wacked a ball with it yet. That should be a story. Hope he doesn't lose his Head!



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Show-N-Tell (projects and presenters):

The June Show-N-Tell had 10 members showing their latest projects. Photos by Rich Schwerin and Gail Cone.

Show-N-Tell Projects. Presenter Photos Follow....

David Boutcher



Dave brought in what could be called a very unique display. Nobody guessed this one. He had back surgery to replace a surgical brace in his back. It had a broken titanium screw!

After signing many documents, they let him have the device. He just had to create a conversation piece with it.

Don Lawson



Don brought in, what could be called a recovered project. Don was dusting items on a high shelf when he knocked one off causing it to break. It was a Baltic Birch platter

turned from a plank. He glued it back together and "returned" and refinished it using several coats of wipe on polyurethane.

Casey Keller



Here is Kelly's Black Walnut bowl. It required some filling of cracks so he used black CA. He turned it on his lathe using a mortice mount in the

bottom.

Gary Baldock



We're guessing this is a sumo wrestler. Gary used 1/4 and 1/8 Basswood and scrolled the layers for this figurine.

Pen or pencil holder?

Rob Scharf



This was definitely a multimedia project. It has Oak Burl, blue/green resin, and a gold glass Mermaid. He used shallow pour resin for this one. It is quite heavy. It took a lot of resin. No cracks, wow.

Harvey Myers



Harvey is a master carver of kitchen utensils amongst other things. This is a ladle he carved from Apple Wood. He coated it with a healthy amount of mineral oil.

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Micky Dupper



Micky turned a small vase from a block of Zebra wood. Bet he used Yorkshire Grit to give it that fine luster.

Brian Schatzman



Brian is just getting started in the fine art of turning. For now, he is using carbide cutters only. Here are 2 bowls he recently completed. He asked the members about the

advantages/disadvantages of using carbide vs traditional HSS tools. This prompted members to offer opinions. Basically, each has its uses and is mainly a matter of preference, experience and project objectives.

David White



Here is Dave's latest wood and resin project. The photos just don't do it justice. The lid is a translucent blue resin with a finial. The bottom is a Eucalyptus Burl

with resin. When the light hits this piece it's magic.



Gail Cone



This vase is Black Walnut Burl (from a walnut root) and resin. The resin is somewhat translucent. The shell is a

uniform 1/4" thickness. The colors in the resin are gold, black and red. Let there be light.



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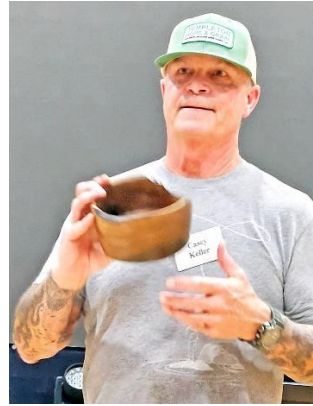
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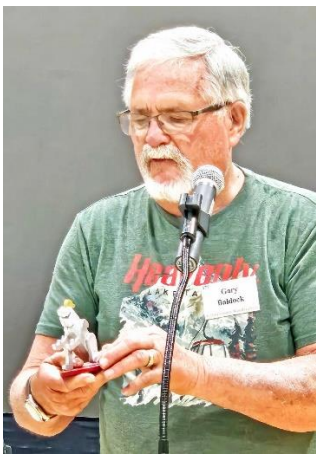
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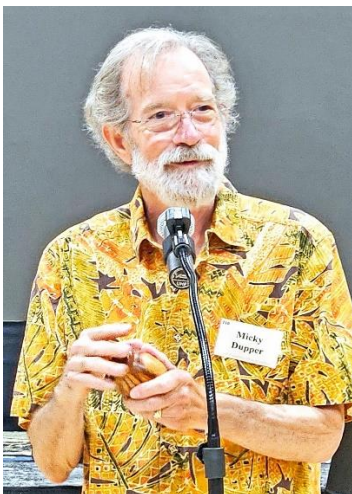
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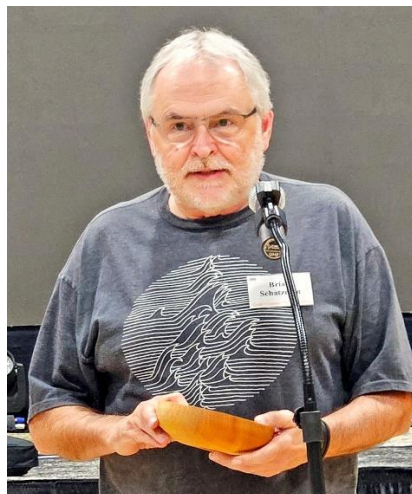
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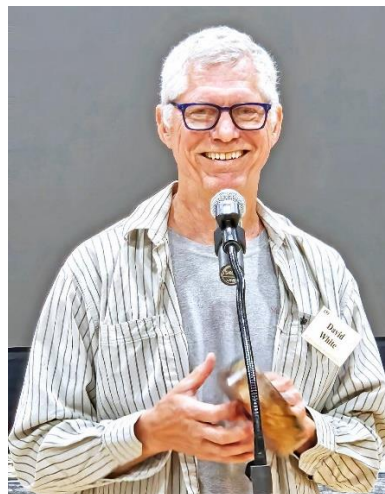
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David White (El Presidente)

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Break Time:



Our break time continues to be a favorite time at our meetings. The time offers us a period to relax and catch and up with our fellow woodworking friends. It also allows us to ask details relating to the many projects brought to share at the meeting. Oh, and we are able to buy raffle tickets to win that special item donated by our generous members or tracked down by Rich Schwerein. Be sure to give Rich a big thank you for his hard work making the raffle a success.

Smile everyone! Candid photos, by Rich Schwerin.



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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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