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GCW Newsletter Brief:



At the May meeting we had 34 members and one guest in attendance. The President's Challenge for the night was for members to team up to build a project. We had seven, 2 member teams show their President's Challenge project. For the night's Show-N-Tell we had 6 members bring in their latest work.

Rich Schwerin again had a wide array of items for the raffle plus items available for a club donation and a number of FREE items.

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President's Message:



Dear Fellow Woodworkers:

Thanks to all who attended the May meeting. Another good meeting. Again, we had another guest who might join. I thought the presidents challenge worked out as some of our members did seem to enjoy working with someone they had not worked with before in creating a project. Next month's challenge is to use 3 or more woods in a project. There was some very nice work shown at this meeting. Great participation. We would really like to see your work. Keep asking those questions. One can learn a lot from doing something different. So come on everyone join the challenge and also bring something for the Show-N-Tell so we can see what you do. You also get a raffle ticket if you bring a project to show. If you have anything you would like to donate for the raffle, bring that in also. When presenting don't forget to talk into the mic and look at the audience when speaking.

My motto is, 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 June 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 recycled 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.

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Items For Sale:

Tools

Donated Tools offered for GCW donation:

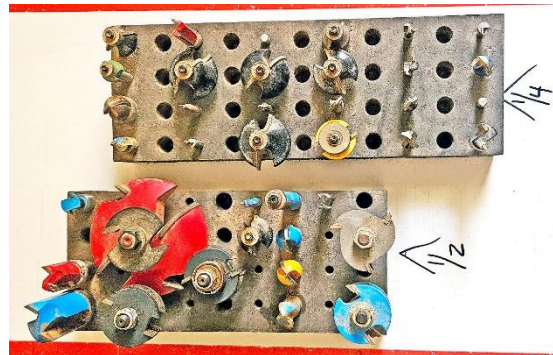
If interested in any of the following items contact Rich Schwerin at a meeting or email Rich at rwmtzca@comcast.net.

1. The following items will be available at the June 8th meeting.

- a. INCRA BOX Jig with storage unit.
Bidding starts at \$80 (\$150-200 value).



- b. Used router bits, very low prices.



2. Craftsman Dust Collector. 3/4HP. Starting bid \$50.



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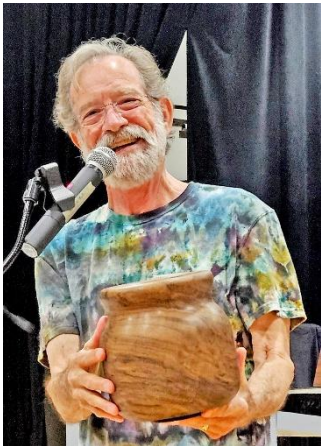
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President's Challenge:

The President's Challenge for May was for members to team up to make a project. We had seven, 2 member teams step up to the challenge. The Tom Baithwaite, Don Lawson team won the challenge gift cards. We are sure this initial collaboration trial will encourage more members to participate in a future collaboration challenge. Photos by Rich Schwerin and Gail Cone.

Micky Dupper and Gail Cone



Micky brought a Black Walnut vase that he consulted with Gail on. The Walnut was still quite wet for this turning but Micky had a blast turning it as the shavings just stream off. He spent time in Gail's shop picking up tips on how to proceed with this

challenge. He knew it was going to change shape as he worked on it. He left the vase a bit heavy as that was a request from his wife.



Adam Fritz and David White



Adam showed a cutting board that he called on Dave to consult on. The woods are Maple and Sapele.



Gail Brooks and David White



Gail brought a resin challenge that she incorporated Dave's expertise to help implement. The wood is Eucalyptus Burl. This project requires a multi level mold to obtain the basic shape. Then finished by sanding and

coats of WaterLox. We all know how much Gail loves to sand...



David Harrison and Dean Marietta



Dean and David collaborated on creating this cutting board. The primary wood is Pine and the boarder is Walnut. There were some challenges as Pine is

really soft. It also had some defects that were repaired using resin. The finish is also resin.



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Michael Jay Bush and Mike Mideiros



Michael needed a storage box for his shooting stand. He collaborated with Mike Mideiros to make one. The work was done in Mike's shop. The joinery

uses butt joints. The bottom is $\frac{3}{4}$ " ply and the sides are $\frac{1}{2}$ " ply.



Tom Braithwaite and Don Larson



Tom and Don collaborated on making a walking cane. They used Cherry, Walnut, Ash, and Hickory. The tip of the cane is brass.

Sorry missed getting separate photo of the cane.

Kristina Creel and Ron Scharf



This team split the task of making a lamp. Rob made the base/stand and Kristina made the lamp shade. The base is a segmented turning using wine barrel OAK. The lamp shade panels are

$\frac{1}{8}$ " Walnut with the angled profile cut using CNC. The images were scrolled. The image back covering is paper coated with shellac. The lamp lights are LED.



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Show-N-Tell:

For the May Show-N-Tell we had 6 members showing their latest projects. Photos Gail Cone.

Don Lawson



Don showed an Osage Orange wood 4 corner candy dish. Finish is Danish Oil. It was noted that the Osage tree wood is commonly used for fence posts in the south as it

resists rot, lasting up to 100 yrs. Cool Wood!

Kevin Kaser



Kevin is trying his hand at turning. He turned 2 small bowls and a vase. He should know, if he gets hooked on turning, the tool quest will never end, beginning with a "larger lathe".

Dennis Barber



A little late for Mother's Day but we're sure this project will melt Mom's heart just the same. Denis used his CNC to cut the successive hearts. He then pinned them together using pin nails. Finish is shellac.

Gail Brooks



You never know what may follow you home from the beach. In this case, it was a wooden fish. In Gail's eye anyway. In the wild it was driftwood. Now a fish in everyone else's eyes. Scales are carved by knife. Flap sanded and garnished using liquid gold

Gary Baldock



Gary is at the scroll-saw again. He was in a puzzling mood. So now there is a bear puzzling why he is locked inside a frame trying

to "Hold Himself Together". Please don't pick me up, I'll go all to pieces. Almost did happen at the night's meeting.

David White



It's a magnolia flower. Dave used alcohol dyes to bring this carving to life. Its stem is dried kelp. Amazing how strong the kelp is. The base is manzanita.

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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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