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GCW Newsletter Brief:



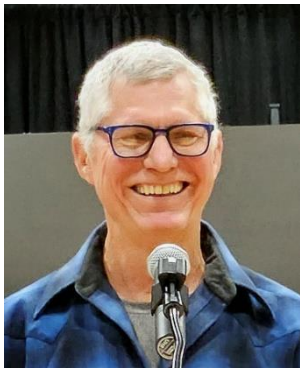
The July heat and vacations took its toll on this meeting. We had 18 members and 3 guests attend. The President's Challenge for July was to make something using repurposed wood or multimedia. We had 5 members step up to the challenge. For the Show-N-Tell, 3 members presented their projects. Rich Schwerin had a large array of items

available for our members through, raffle prizes, donations, and free stuff. How does he do it?

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President's Message:



Dear Fellow Woodworkers:

Thanks to all who attended the July meeting. It was a little light on attendance, but still a good meeting. We did have 3 guests join us. The President's Challenge was "recycled wood and/or multimedia". Micky Dupper won the \$30 President's Challenge drawing. The President's Challenge drawing will now be \$30 cash for the foreseeable future. Join the Presidents challenge and maybe get paid for your talent. There was some very nice pieces shown at this meeting. Thanks for bringing it in. We would really like to see your work. Some good conversations with some good questions were asked. Keep asking those questions. One can learn a lot from doing something different. So come on everyone join the challenge and or bring something to the Show-

N-Tell. You also get a raffle ticket when you have a Show-N-Tell.

We have had a number of woodworking tools donated to the club recently. Check out what's available in the "Tools available for sale" section. If you have anything you would like to donate for the raffle, bring that in. When presenting your projects don't forget to talk into the mic and look at the audience when speaking.

Thank you for helping set out and returning the tables and chairs. We hope to see you at the August 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 for sale.

The Gold Country Woodcrafters club has received a generous anonymous donation consisting of a number of large power tools, supporting tools, shop items. Basically, a shop. These include a Jet Dust Collector, 3 pneumatic nail guns, wet tile saw, 20" free standing drill press, Craftsman belt and disk sander, Delta chisel morticer, Grizzly 18" drum sander, Grizzly 17" band saw, Rocker router table w/router, bench top 6" jointer, Rocker clamp rack (clamps offered separately), HVLP sprayer, numerous clamps, shop supplies, etc. Some of the smaller items Rich Schwerin will be bringing to upcoming meetings. For details about the power tools please refer to following link: [GCW Tools Catalog](#). If you are interested in acquiring any of the available items, please contact David White at whited56@hotmail.com.

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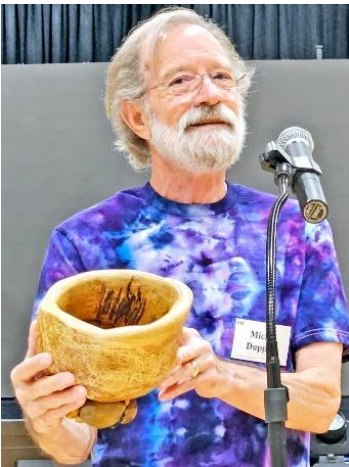
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President's Challenge:

The President's Challenge for July was for members to make a project using reclaimed/repurposed wood or contain multimedia. We had 5 members participating in this challenge. Micky Dupper won the \$30 challenge prize. Note, the challenge prize will be \$30 cash prize each month for the foreseeable future. Photos by Rich Schwerin and Gail Cone.

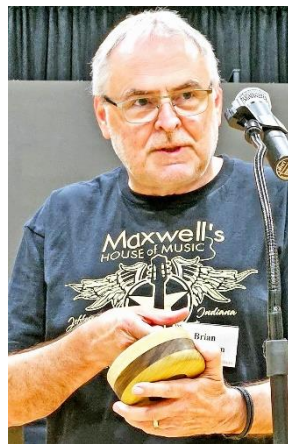
Micky Dupper



Micky responded by creating a multimedia theme project. He presented an Oak Burl bowl with a rock/stone base. The Oak Burl is actually a limb healing. The bowl was carved out using power carvers.

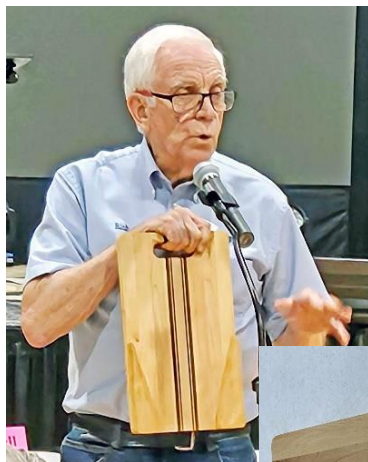


Brian Schatzman



One of our newest members, Brian, showed a bowl made using 3 woods, Polplar, Maple and Walnut. This is Brian's first bowl turning. He used recessed (morticed) chuck mounting. Believe the Polplar was the repurposed wood.

Rich Schwerin

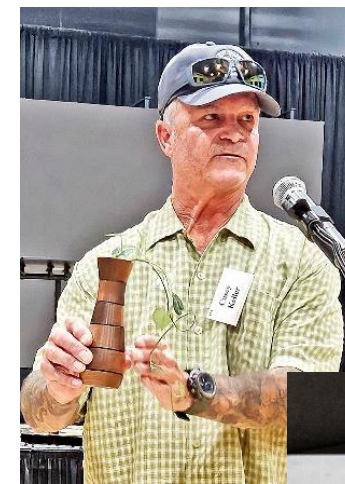


It's rare that we get a photo of Rich presenting a project as he is the one normally taking photos. Could take selfies?? Rich made a cutting board using reclaimed shipping crate wood



(Maple) as the primary wood. This is to be a replacement for a plastic one that has seen better days.

Casey Keller



Casey used repurposed Teak to make this unique bud vase. He glued blocks of Teak with rotated end and side grain. It appears to create a cool iridescent reflection. Dark lines are wire burned. It was finished using

Danish oil and wax.



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Challenge continued:

David White



David made another golf putter. The shaft (unknown wood) had a vine growing around it. He did add some color to the vine to make it stand out. The club head meets the multimedia challenge and is made up of

Manzanita, resin and lead. He needed to add more lead to obtain the required weight needed. And yes, he has used it on the golf course. The handle portion is wrapped with rubber.



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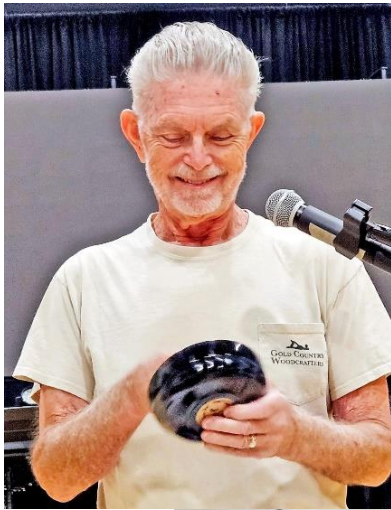
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Show-N-Tell:

The July Show-N-Tell had just 3 members showing their latest projects. Photos by Rich Schwerin and Gail Cone.

Gail Cone



Gail showed 2 turnings, a low-profile vase and a tall vase. The first is Silver Maple with a dyed base and Redwood Burl top accent. The vase is Mimosa Wood. Yes, there is a Mimosa

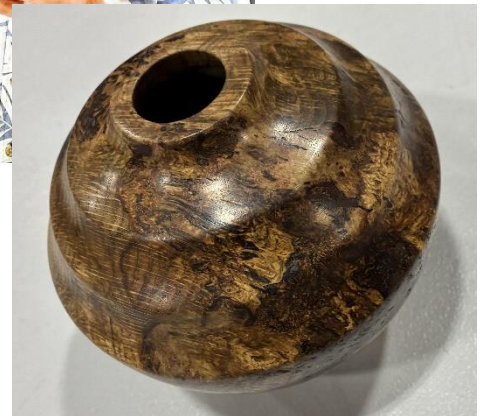
ornamental Tree. The Top accent wood unknown. Finish is Yorkshire grit and wax.



David White



David showed an Oak Burl vase. He plans to add a finial top when time allows.



Micky Dupper



For Show-N-Tell Micky showed a rustic Oak Burl bowl. Believe he carved this one as well as the one for



President's Challenge

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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 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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