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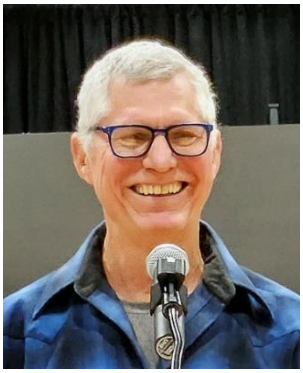


We had a good turnout for September with 29 attending including 2 guests. The President's Challenge was to make a box or something using 1 tool. We had 3 members in the challenge. For the Show-N-Tell, we had 9 presenting their projects including 1 guest. The break time and raffle plus silent auctions were, again rewarding for our members.

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President's Message:



Dear Fellow Woodworkers:

Thanks to all who attended the October meeting. There was pretty good attendance and it was an informative meeting. We had 2 guests that indicted they plan to join. The microphone was not avail so we had to improvise some. The President's Challenge was to Make a box, or create something using just one tool. The odds of winning the $30 was challenge prize is pretty high. So, join the Presidents challenge and maybe get paid for your talent. Again, there was some very nice work shown at this meeting's challenge and Show-N-Tell. Thanks for bringing all the projects in. For those that did not bring a project we would really like to see your work. The presentations generated some good conversations with some good questions being asked. Keep asking those questions. One can learn a lot from doing something different. The November challenge is to make something seasonal. So come on everyone join in and bring something in so we can see what you do. You also get a raffle ticket for your Show-N-Tell. The club, also, has quite a few tools for sale. A link to the GCW tools catalog is provided in this newsletter. If you have anything you would like to donate for the raffle, be sure to bring it to the meeting. Reminder, when presenting, talk into the mic and look at the audience. See you at the November meeting. Thanks to all that help set out and return the tables and chairs.

My motto: if you're not making mistakes, you're not trying hard enough and you're not learning.
Until next time, enjoy your Zen moment in your shop.
David White
GCW President

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Messages For Our Members:

- **December meeting information (reserve the date).**

  Meeting: The December meeting this year is on **Friday Dec. 11th** 6 to 9PM. **An RSVP is required** to attend this meeting. Like prior years, this meeting is a Bring Spouse/+1, Potluck, and Gift Exchange. The meeting starts at 6PM with social time, then potluck followed by gift exchange. Rich Schwerin has again volunteered to be our Host/Master of Ceremonies for the evening's festivities. The church will be setting up the tables and chairs for us.

  Gift Exchange: We encourage all, including guests, to participate in the gift exchange as it is a lot of fun. It is suggested (not mandatory) that members participate in the President's Challenge making an item for their gift. If buying a gift, the suggested value is $25. Each person bringing a gift will receive a ticket used to determine when they pick out their gift or steal one. A gift can be stolen up to 2 times (3rd owner keeps it). The first person to select a gift will be given the opportunity to steal an alternate gift. Each person stolen from hunts down an alternate. Let the games begin….

  RSVP information: RSVPs must be made by the end of November. John Guglielmino will again, be the RSVP contact. Please send a text message to John at 559-217-2892 and include: Name, number in your party, and what course selection you will be bringing for the potluck: Appetizer, Salad, Entrée, Side Dish, or Dessert.

- ***GCW 2026 Meeting Schedule:***
  - **November, Monday 9th:** President's Challenge, a seasonal item (fall/winter/holiday). Dave White will be giving a short presentation and demonstration on the process of "bleaching wood".
  - **December, Friday 11th**: Bring Spouse/+1, Pot Luck, Gift Exchange. President's Challenge is to make something for the holiday gift exchange.

Tools Available for Sale.

The Gold Country Woodcrafters club has been receiving generous woodworking tool donations. A number of items have now been sold. Items still available: Jet Dust Collector, 3 pneumatic nail guns, wet tile saw, Craftsman belt and disk sander, Grizzly 18" drum sander, Rocker clamp rack (clamps offered separately), HVLP sprayer, numerious clamps, shop supplies, Craftsman 14" Drill Press, and a power saw tenoning jig, etc. Some of the smaller items Rich Schwerin will be bringing to upcoming meetings. For details about the power tools please refer to the following link: GCW Tools Catalog. Note: items in the catalog may be marked as sold if not available. If you are interested in acquiring any of the available items, please contact David White at whited56@hotmail.com.

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President's Challenge:

The President's Challenge for October was for members to make a box or a project using just one tool. We had 3 members participate in this challenge. Don Lawson won the $30 challenge prize. Photos by Rich Schwerin. Apologies for the lack of project information. This reporter was missing in action. The photos say it all….

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Dean Merrietta



Don Lawson

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Dave White



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Show-N-Tell:

The October Show-N-Tell had 8 members and 1 guest showing their latest projects. Photos by Rich Schwerin. Again, my apologies for the lack of project information. This reporter was missing in action. The photos speak for themselves….

Gail Brooks







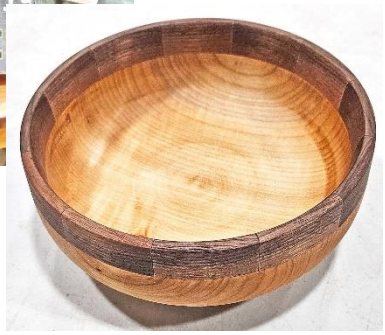
Don Lawson





Brian Schatzman





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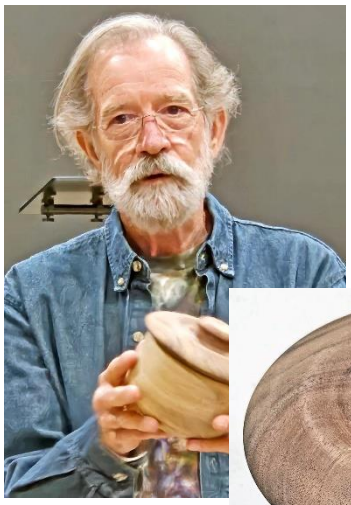


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Show-N-Tell Continued

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Tom Braithwaite



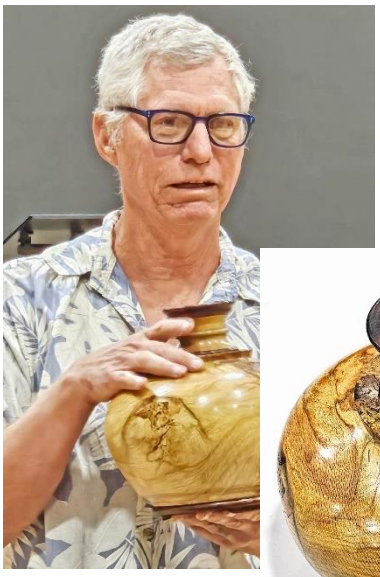


Basil Borkert





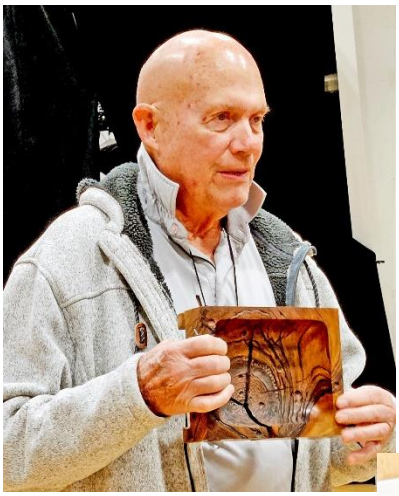
Dave White





Show-N-Tell Continued

Stan Josselyn (Guest)



Stan found out about our club through Gail Brooks at the art show in Cameron Park. Gail encouraged him to come to our October meeting and see what our club is all about. He expressed and interest in joining at the meeting. In the Show-N-Tell Stan showed some of his work, 3 pieces. At top is a box carved using rotary carving. Then there are 2 unique turned bowls with carved accents. We look forward to seeing Stan at upcoming meetings and seeing more of his work.





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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 Schwerin. 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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