

Gold Country Woodcrafters

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GCW Meeting Brief:

The January 13th GCW meeting lasted about 1 hour and 40 mins. We had 31 current members, 1 new member and 4 guests, present. Our newest member is Kurt Perkins. Welcome Kurt to the Gold Country Woodcrafters. This was a special meeting with the focus being a visit from the local news paper, the Mountain Democrat. Many members responded to the request to bring examples of their craftsmanship past and present to show. After the Mountain Democrat left we had a number of show and tells. I counted 15. I was not able to get individual pictures of all that participated in the show and tell. I included a few pictures to show the response received.

After the show and tells Ron Sexton and John Brideson each gave demonstrations on how to fold band saw blades. A video clip of the demo is attached to the newsletter email. I gave it a try after the demo. Obviously I need to practice more as it just turned into entertainment for the members.

Also, Homer Rail brought in evidence that his scraper blade sharpening demo last month works well. He had a carton of shavings obtained when he used the scraper on some highly figured maple. In addition Homer described a cabinet built under his lathe to hold various attachments.

Presentation:

Jim Hunt (our publicity chairman) introduced reporter Pat Lakey and her photographer Krysten Kellum from the Mountain Democrat. He described the purpose for their visit and asked members to participate by providing information on how the club has benefited them. Pat and Krysten then went about observing our meeting, taking pictures and interviewing our members. We are hoping to have our club be featured in an article in the Mountain Democrat in the near future.

The objective is to let the world know about our club and to let woodworking enthusiasts in the area know there is a place to learn/share skills and show off their work. Our members really responded to the request to bring examples of their work to the meeting. I'm guessing we had at least 35 items. I think our members showed the diversity and excellent craftsmanship we have within our membership. Unfortunately Pat had to leave early to cover an armed holdup in Cameron Park. Priorities? As a result, they were only able to interview 3 or 4 of our members. Those I can remember were John Brideson, Ron Sexton, Bruce Wood, and Warren Wyllie. They did take numerous pictures and there were follow up questions by the photographer via email.

We owe Jim a big thank you for organizing this effort. Great job Jim. Next time no robberies!

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Announcements/news:

1. We welcomed our newest members to the Gold country Woodcrafters club. Members recently joining the club are Gene Nelson, Jim Higbee, and Gary Gerve. Our intent is to make this a regular part of our meeting announcements.
2. Homer Rail announced that he would be contacting members to see interested in being included on the Expert Resource List. If you are interested in participating please contact Homer.
Email: railart16@yahoo.com
3. We are still looking for topics for our February and March meetings. I suggested that it would interesting to have someone discuss veneering. I asked if anyone would be interested in covering this topic. John Brideson volunteered to contact an instructor at woodcraft to see if he would be interested.
4. We received a thank you letter from the church for our \$350 contribution and the way the GCW club leaves the meeting room in such great condition.
5. Warren Wyllie (our Project Challenge chairman) presented the theme for the April Project Challenge. Your entry can be either a decorative or a functional item to hang, display, or decorate. Several suggestions from the Executive Committee are a wine rack, a spoon rack, a book shelf/display, a towel rack/hanger, a fret work art/shelf, a parquet art/shelf, a curio display, etc. Let your imagination soar. We encourage all to participate regardless of skill level. Full description and rules are attached to the newsletter email.
6. Ron Sexton showed the plaque presented to the club by the El Dorado County Historical Society at a luncheon Dec. 20th. The plaque honors our club and the members that worked on the caboose project. Pictures of the plaque and participating GCW members are included below.

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Upcoming Meetings:

January 13th 2015

To be announced

February 10th

To be announced

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Show and tell:

Because of the sheer number of presentations I will list the names and item then show pictures. Not all project brought to the meeting were given a show and tell as it was optional.

John Brideson	Stake Truck
Ron Sexton	Keep sake box. Primary wood is acacia. Ribbon box red cedar
Jim Hunt	Gear Movement display
Hank Wilson	White Rocking Horse
Gail Cone	Maple jewelry chest
Ken Merrill	Turned aspen bowl
John Roberts	Childs board game, connect four
James Terrill	2 Lidded Bowls with snug fitting tops. 4 turned pens.
Ed Woodards	Mirror with redwood burl leafs on edge.
Basil Borkert	redwood "cathouse".. Really is a birdhouse.
Bill Meronek	gameboard, "aggravation "
Homer Rail	walnut jewelry box with hidden drawer.
Paul Velk	show rocking horse primary wood being basswood. Mane and tail are real horse hair.

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Hank gave the ball in a box toy to reporter Pat Lakey as a remembrance..

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In mirror Roy thinking!!??

Credits

Thanks to Bill Hatwig for taking such good notes. I depend on them to a very large extent and without these the newsletter would be much briefer.

Treasures Report:

Our treasure Burt Stride reported club balance of \$739. Includes 1 new member dues, raffle income and expenses. Expenses: gift cards \$50, \$200 to Roy Carter (toys for tots material), \$160 to Gail Cone (Lap top software, name tag holders).

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Raffle Winners:

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| 1. Lowes \$25 Gift Card. | Ed Woodards |
| 2. Woodcraft Supply \$25 Gift Cert. | John Cassidy Donated by Woodcraft Supply |
| 3. Home Depot \$25 Gift Card | Basil Borkert |

The next time you visit Woodcraft Supply please let them know how much Gold Country Woodcrafters appreciates their support.

Next meeting:

Tuesday Feb 10th 2015 7PM

Membership Dues:

For those members wishing to renew their membership for the 2014-2015 club year dues by check, here is the information you need. Make out a \$20 check payable to Gold Country Woodcrafters. Send to: Burt Stride, 2391 Talon Dr., Shingle Springs, 95682. Please note on the envelope ATT: Gold Country Woodcrafters.

The GCW Exchange Corner: No items this month.

Regards and happy woodcrafting.
Gail Cone
GCW Pres. and Newsletter editor



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