

Gold Country Woodcrafters

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GCW Meeting Brief:

The October 13th meeting lasted about an hour and a half. We had a great turn out for this special meeting with 40 members (includes 2 new members) present. The 2 new members are Clayton Nye and Richard Schwerin. Welcome to our GCW club Clayton and Richard. Boy was this meeting full of content. Jim Hunt presented service appreciation plaques to Gail Cone, John Brideson and Hank Wilson for their service as GCW presidents. This was a GCW Project Challenge month and the participation was excellent with 14 participants and 16 entries. The challenge was to create a clock project. See report below. We had a report from our Memory Box SIG chairman, Ron Sexton that included the showing of 5 of the finished boxes. In addition we had 3 Show and Tells plus a great raffle. There are 3 items listed in the Exchange Corner.

Oct. 2015 Project Challenge:



Warren Wyllie stands proudly beside the clock project entries for the Oct. 2015 GCW Project Challenge. There were 14 participants with 16 entries. The clock theme was his idea and it turned out to be a big hit. The winners of the nights Project Challenge: the 1st place winner was Robert Garlick, there was a tie with Paul Velk and Steve Patterson taking 2nd place. Thanks for doing such a great job Warren. Each clock entry will be presented in the special Clock Project section later in the newsletter. This was the last Project Challenge Warren will preside over. The new

GCW Project Challenge Chairman is Harvey Myers. Can't wait to see what he comes up with for our April 2016 challenge.

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GCW at the Car club show Oct 3:



The GCW booth with Ron Sexton, Jim Hunt, Harvey Myers.



Ken Welsh with his model A Ford pickup.

GCW had a booth at the Oct. 3 vintage car show at the Park Community Church. A number of our members participated and brought projects to show off. Jim Hunt organized our participation in the event. Manning the booth throughout the day were Jim Hunt, Gail Cone, Ron Sexton, Harvey Myers, Ken Welsh, James Terrill, Homer Rail, Paul Velk, Steve Cabrol, Warren Wyllie, and Dave Boucher. Ken brought his model A Ford pickup (pictured above with Ken) to showoff which drew a lot of attention. It was a great day and we enjoyed the company of our fellow woodworkers and the viewing of all the really great vintage cars.

Presidents Message:

I would like to thank all our members that participated in the Oct. GCW Project Challenge. What a great turnout and amazing projects!

I would like to offer a special thank you to Ron Sexton, Steve Cabrol, Harvey Myers, Paul Velk, Bill Meronek and Homer Rail for their work on the Memory Boxes for the Raphael Keeton foundation. This is such an important and worthy cause.

Congratulations again to Steve Cabrol and Harvey Myers for accepting Executive Committee positions and of course thanks to Dave Boucher for taking over leadership of the toy drive, another important and worthy cause.

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In the spirit of continually improving the club's benefit to our club members, we always appreciate feedback on things you like about the program, things you would like to see changed or improved and your thoughts on presentations, and topics for discussion. Please contact me or any member of the Executive Committee (Jim Hunt, Homer Rail, Harvey Myers, Bill Hatwig, Ron Sexton, Steve Cabrol, or Roy Carter) with your comments/feedback.

Happy and safe woodworking!

Jim Hunt



Announcements/news:

1. Executive Committee Service Awards.



Plaque presentation to Gail Cone



Plaque presentation to John Brideson.

To start off the meeting Jim Hunt presented GCW service award plaques to Gail Cone, John Brideson and Hank Wilson to acknowledge their individual service as a GCW president. John was our GCW club founder and then president from 2007 to 2009, Hank was president from 2009 to 2011, and Gail served as president from 2011 through 2015. Hank was not present at the meeting so Jim will see that he gets the award plaque. Jim your next!

2. We have a new treasurer. Steve Cabrol has joined the GCW Executive Committee and has volunteered to be our new GCW treasurer. Welcome aboard Steve. Steve is already up and

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running and he covered Tuesday's meeting. Burt Stride was our first GCW treasurer and did the job for 8 years. Our members gave Burt a big round of applause thanking him for his service. Note, if you send in your GCW dues by mail, the **address has changed**. Address information is located at the end of the newsletter.

3. **New GCW year.** Our GCW 2015-2016 fiscal year has begun so if you have not yet paid your dues please send yours in. The dues are still \$20 and can be paid at a meeting or can be sent to Steve Cabrol our new treasurer. Address information is provided at the end of the newsletter.
4. **GCW Toys for Tots: Dave Boutcher has volunteered to take over the Toy for Tots Chairman task.** For those who wish to participate in our annual wooden toy making effort, be sure to contact Dave at **530 677 9542** or email: we3wheelers@sbcglobal.net. Don't miss out on participating in this very worthwhile GCW club effort. We're getting a bit of a late start so be sure to jump in and lend a hand. It is always a lot of fun and gives you a chance to work with other members of the club. Last year we made more than 200 toys that helped make the Christmas a bit more joyful for kids in need.
5. **Roy Carter:** We were glad to see that Roy is back with us. He is looking good and is eager to get back to his woodworking hobby.
6. **Memory Box SIG report:** Ron Sexton gave a report on the progress of the Memory Box SIG



team. The objective was to create Memory Boxes for the Keaton Raphael Memorial foundation. The foundation gives Memory Boxes containing grief support material to families that have lost a child to cancer. Ron brought in 5 of the boxes and reported that the team has made 16. It is planned to give Aura Hardwoods one of the boxes in appreciation for their generous donation of wood to the program. The primary wood in the boxes is walnut. Each box has a unique lid that features a different inlay pattern. The inlay patterns were implemented using a CNC machine. What a way to advertize the

craftsmanship that is resident in our club and give back to the community. The SIG was manned by Ron Sexton (team lead), Steve Cabrol, Harvey Myers, Paul Velk, Bill Meronek and Homer Rail. Thanks guys for your hard work on this very special program. Pictures of each of the 5 boxes presented at the meeting are included later in this newsletter. At the end of Ron's presentation John Cassidy was asked to give a brief description of the Memory Box program for our new members. John was responsible for introducing GCW to the Keaton Raphael Memorial foundation

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need for Memory Boxes. In addition during Show and Tell Dale Gamble and Homer Rail showed memory boxes that they crafted for the program (see show and tell section for pictures).

The Paint Spot, Churchill Hardware, Woodcraft Supply, Pro Builders, and Aura Hardwoods (GCW discounts). Be sure to visit these establishments for your supplies and services and be sure to thank them for supporting the Gold Country Woodworkers club.

Upcoming Meetings:

November 10th Jim Hunt and Gail Cone plan to give demonstrations in sharpening. Gail will focus on lathe turning knives. Jim is open to attempting to sharpen a wide range of items. Members are encouraged to bring tools to be sharpened. Just remember that Gail and Jim are not professional sharpeners. Like a lot of our members they developed their sharpening abilities to the level required to support their woodworking hobbies.

Clock Projects (Oct. 13th Project Challenge)

Harvey Myers



Again Harvey shows off his talent for creating something quite unique. What do you do with an old tree stump. Well you drill a hole in it and insert a clock mechanism.

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Gail Cone



Gail shows his entry, a turned vase with a clock insert and an inlayed dragon fly. To create this piece the liquid amber wood blank required turning in 2 planes. The first turning created the bottom and top (including the hole) of the vase. The second turning shaped the front and back. The dragon fly was created using a high speed rotary tool and crushed stone. Lacquer finish.

Jim Hunt



Jim created his entry using walnut and zebra wood. Jim really has an artistic ability and proved it in the creation of this wall clock. Jim explained the challenge of re-sawing on a bandsaw the round base to reduce the thickness. Think JIGs.

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Bruce Wood



Bruce shows off his entry, an arts and crafts mantle clock. The face is made from redwood burl.

Robert Garlick



OK, and the winner, **FIRST PRIZE**, is our youngest GCW member. Way to go Robert. Robert's clock is made of walnut and has a drawer. He did a great job describing his entry and said his challenge was to get the walnut block edges square. Watch out guys Robert's skills are gaining on us.

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John Cassidy



John created his early American wall clock using clear pine. He used an Early American stain to create a very warm feeling about this entry.

Steve Cabrol (our new treasurer)



Here Steve shows off his entry, a whimsical wall clock for his shop. It is made from curly maple. The numbers and lettering were done using his CNC unit. I dare you to figure out what time it is by the numbers. Then "who cares" when you're in the shop.

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Ron Sexton



Ron spent a ton of time at the scroll saw creating his entry. He described it as his “grandma clock”. The primary wood is walnut and the time piece is a wind up pocket watch. He used several coats of shellac rubbed out and then sprayed with, guess what, lacquer.



Paul Velk



Paul took a 2nd place with his entry. It features a walnut case, German mechanism with calendar dial, lower storage area, and the storage area door panel is stained glass (his own design). He used polyurethane as the finish.

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John Roberts



John had 2 entries, the left one being an arts and crafts design. The one on the right is a mantle clock and is fabricated using black walnut. Both have a polyurethane finish.

Rich Nielson



Rich shows his entry, a whimsical clock. He used poplar for construction. After painting Rich gave his clock a coat of polyurethane for added durability.

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Bill Meronek



Bill's entry is an arts and crafts design made of white oak. The tile was custom made by his wife. He is still working to finish his clock.

John Brideson



John brought in 2 desk clock entries. The left is made from black locust. The one on the right is made of Maple burl. He used the Beal Buffing System to apply the finish to both clocks.

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Steve Peterson



Steve took a 2nd place with his entry. This is a wall clock fabricated from pine (his own design). He made all the gears. He described his clock in detail including the geometry and how to calculate the gear ratios. There were lots of blurry eyes in the crowd. Nice going Steve.

SIG Team Memory Boxes

The 5 Memory Boxes created by the Memory Box SIG shown by Ron Sexton at Tuesday night's meeting.



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Show and tell

Dale Gamble



Here Dale shows off the memory box he created for the memory box effort.

Homer Rail



Here Homer shows off the memory box he created for the memory box effort. He used the CNC machine to do the inlay work.

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Bruce Hall



Bruce loves to make toys and here he is showing some to the members. I suspect he will be involved in the Toys for Tots effort.

Treasures Report:

Our treasurer Steve Cabrol reported club balance of \$1024. Includes membership dues (2 new members and numerous renewals), total expenses (raffle, award plaques, and challenge prizes).

Raffle:

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| -- Woodcraft \$25 Gift Cert. | Jim Higbee |
| -- Home Depot \$25 Gift Card | Rich Nielson |
| -- Lowes \$25 Gift Card. | Bill Hatwig |
| -- Churchill Hardware Box | Roy Carter |
| -- Paint Spot | John Brideson |
| -- Walnut (Woodcraft Donated) | John Roberts |
| -- Walnut (Woodcraft Donated) | James Terrill |
| -- Chisel set (Gail Cone donated) | Clayton Nye (new new member) |

Businesses that support GCW: *Be sure to stop by Pro Builders, The Paint Spot, Churchill Hardware or Woodcraft Supply, Tortilla Flats Restaurant and please let them know how much Gold Country Woodcrafters appreciate their support.*

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Membership Dues:

For those members wishing to renew their membership for the 2015-2016 year by mail here is the information you need. Make out a \$20 check payable to Gold Country Woodcrafters. Send to: Steve Cabrol 3000 Builders Place, Rescue, CA, 95672. **Please note on the envelope ATT: Gold Country Woodcrafters.**

The GCW Exchange Corner:

1. From Jim Higbee I have a Dewalt model 7739 radial arm saw, working, with manual and wrenches, that is free to a good home. Maybe someone in the club would be interested. Contact me at 530 676 0737
2. From Dusty Deryck I have some tools I am trying to sell at bargain prices. Item 1. First I have a Shopsmith Mark V with many extras in perfect condition. It would make a great machine for some woodworker who doesn't have a lot of shop room. It has only been used about 20 hours and is virtually new. Has some dust on it from sitting unused for a while. I am asking \$1250.00. It would be a terrific Christmas gift for somebody. Includes a still in the box new planer. Item



2. In addition I have a floor stand horizontal doweling machine. Old, but works great. \$250.00. Item 3. An old Rockwell radial arm saw, 12-inch. Needs a renewed table. But works great. \$150.00. I need to clear out these machines to make room for a new sander I plan to buy. I can negotiate a little. But, my asking prices are steals as they are. Contact me at 530 621-1222

3. Mr. Thomas Zane Mullins is selling this Conover Lathe. The lathe has never been used so someone will be getting a vintage (NOS) rare Conover lathe. For questions feel free to contact Mr. Mullins for more information or you can just come up and see the lathe. Thanks again, Thomas Zane Mullins (530) 677-7955



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Regards and happy woodcrafting.
Gail Cone
GCW Newsletter editor



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