

# Gold Country Woodcrafters

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## GCW Meeting Brief:

The November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting lasted about an hour and 45 minutes. We had a great turn out with 41 members (includes 4 new members) present plus 2 guests. The 4 new members are Chuck Harris, Mark Butzler, Micky Dupper, and Max Lee. Welcome to the club Chuck, Mark, Mick, and Max. The focus of this meeting was sharpening demonstrations put on by Jim Hunt and Gail Cone. Members had been encouraged to bring in items to be sharpened. And we did our best! In addition we had 9 Show and Tells. There are no items listed in the Exchange Corner this month.

## Sharpening demonstrations:



Jim Hunt and Gail Cone brought in their respective sharpening systems to demonstrate. Each gave a brief introduction to their sharpening systems and how they use them. Jim has a Sorby ProEdge that uses abrasive belts. He explained that this system is extremely easy to use but does come with a respectable price tag. However it does come with jigs that are integral to the system to facilitate sharpening lathe and flat blades. Gail's system is anchored by an 8 inch Porter Cable bench grinder along with separate jigs to support sharpening lathe tools and blades. The club members were invited to gather around to observe, learn and participate in the use of the respective sharpening systems. Many members took the opportunity to participate and the time went by too fast. We would like to thank those members that brought in tools to be used in the demonstrations. Be sure to consult the mentor list available on our website if you would like individual help with sharpening. For those that are interested, the Sorby ProEdge system can be seen at Woodcraft Supply.

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## Presidents Message:

The Holiday season is upon us again and what a great start the club is having to holiday season. The toy drive is shaping up to be possibly the largest ever! You won't want to miss the display and distribution of toys at the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We have been averaging 2-3 new members per month in the club. New members are largely friends/acquaintances and neighbors of existing members. Good job promoting our club! Please keep up the great effort and please make a point to introduce yourselves to our new members and make them feel at home.

We are looking for a GCW Communication Committee chairman to head up club advertising and communications. This involves coordinating newspaper releases, outside event planning, distributing flyers and of course, attendance at quarterly GCW Executive Committee Meetings. If interested in this exciting position, please contact me at [jimh@goldcountrywoodcrafters.com](mailto:jimh@goldcountrywoodcrafters.com).

The GCW Executive Committee is meeting in December to discuss the club calendar for 2016 as well as potential special events like a spring shop tour, improving the monthly raffle, meeting topics, challenge projects and much more. We're looking forward to sharing results at the December's meeting.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we all have so much to be thankful for. One thing I am thankful for is the opportunity to be involved with so many talented and capable people. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you better in the coming year!

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

Happy and safe woodworking!

Jim Hunt



## Announcements/news:

- 1. Need for GCW Communication Chairman:** Jim Hunt is looking for a volunteer to take over the GCW Communication Chairman task. Generally the task is to spread the word about our fabulous club. It can include contacting local publications, businesses, etc. Anyone interested please contact Jim at [jimh@goldcountrywoodcrafters.com](mailto:jimh@goldcountrywoodcrafters.com).
- 2. GCW Toys for Tots:** GCW members were encouraged to bring all their completed toys for the Toys for Tots effort to the December meeting. It looks like this may be a banner year for GCW

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Toys for Tots. The number of toys are really adding up for this very important effort. Anyone needing wheels, etc to complete their units or if they have any questions regarding the GCW program you can contact Dave Boucher at 530 677 9542 or email: [we3wheelers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:we3wheelers@sbcglobal.net).

3. **Memory Box program:** Ron Sexton the memory box SIG leader reported that he had received a thank you letter from the Keaton Raphael Memorial group. He read it to the club members. Also, if you missed the presentation by Ron at the Oct. meeting showing the Memory Boxes that were to be presented to the Memorial please refer to the Oct. newsletter. If you lost it in your email you can still access it along with other newsletters from the information page on the [goldcountrywoodcrafters.com](http://goldcountrywoodcrafters.com) website. Letter:



4. **Brass Screws:** Jim brought in a box (big) of ¾ inch #8 round head brass screws. There are plenty to go around for everyone. We will have them available at the next meetings also so everyone can get their fill.

**The Paint Spot, Churchill Hardware, Woodcraft Supply, Pro Builders, and Aura Hardwoods** (they offer 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.

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## Upcoming Meeting(s):

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** Ron Sexton is planning to give a presentation on pyrography (woodburning) techniques. It will include a 20 minute video and on site examples. Ron, our finishing guy/expert, is quite accomplished in this discipline and we're looking forward to this one.

## Special Guest:



This is Tequila.. She is a frequent attendee at our club meetings. She likes to accompany her daddy Ken Welsh to see all.. the goings on. She is by far our smallest and quietest attendee. Oh and also easily the cutest.

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## Show and tell

### Roy Carter



Roy's back in the shop. Yey!!!! Here, he shows one of his pencil boxes he made for the Toys for Tots program. He made 10 in all. Way to go Roy.... I would not have thought of that....

### Paul Velk



Paul shows off a few of the tic tac toe puzzle boxes he has created for the Toys for Tots program. He made 8 in all. 4 of them are walnut and 4 are cherry.

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## Bill Meronek



Bill shows the clock he entered in the Oct. project challenge now in its completed state. It is an arts and crafts design made of white oak. The tile inset was custom made by his wife. Used polyurethane for the finish. Turned out quite nice don't you think? As it was entered in the Oct. challenge is shown in the center picture.

## Harvey Myers



Harvey continues to bring in unique pieces. This is a carved bowl made from a piece of birch. He used blue milk paint to give it that early American antique look. Again, Harvey sees something in a piece of wood most of us would or could never find!

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Ken Merrill



Ken shows off his cutting board made from cutoffs from other projects. Note the unique wine glass shaped inclusion in this 17 piece project. The question now is who would dare cut anything on this project and put the first mark on it?

Jim Hunt



Here Jim shows the Hunt's latest work of art, a pepper grinder. Jim did the turning and Debi, his wife, did the artwork. Collaboration is good for the soul, right Jim? It won't be long and we will be asking Debi to give a presentation on ways to give our projects that extra eye appeal.

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## Hank Wilson



Hank brought in his shop dust collector that he modified to improve its dust collection efficiency. He started with a Harbor Freight 70 gal. 2 hp unit. With his modifications the larger particles separate and fall into the blue barrel pictured. To facilitate the separation the intake air enters into a circular chamber and circulates at a high speed forcing out the larger particles before

exhausting into the dust collection filter bags. You can see what he started with from the inset picture to the left. To round out his improvements Hank added a remote wireless power on/off control module.

Hank would be more than happy to help any member wishing to upgrade their unit.



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## Homer Rail



Here Homer loves jigs as we have seen, here he shows a jig he created for cutting parts from dowels for the toys he is making for the Toys for Tots program (Taxies I think). He demonstrated how difficult it was to adjust the dowel by hand in the jig due to how tight the dowel fits. His solution was to use a non slip mat to allow him to get a firm grip on the dowel for adjustment.

## Warren Wyllie



Warren brought in his chisel sharpening guide tool. This one is by Irwin (the clamp people). He explained how inexpensive it was, kit below \$20, and how easy it is to set the correct sharpening angle for use with a stone.

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## Treasures Report:

Our treasurer Steve Cabrol reported a club balance of \*\$1230. Includes bank balance, membership dues (3 new members and numerous renewals), plus total expenses.

\* Includes some adjustment due to post meeting receipts.

## Raffle Results:

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| -- Woodcraft \$25 Gift Cert.   | Paulette Mulligan |
| -- Home Depot \$25 Gift Card   | Ken Welsh         |
| -- Lowes \$25 Gift Card.       | John Cassidy      |
| -- Churchill Hardware Grab Box | Gail Cone         |

**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.*

**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: No listings

Regards and happy woodcrafting.  
Gail Cone  
GCW Newsletter editor



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