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## GCW Meeting Brief:

The April 14th GCW meeting lasted about 1 hour 45 mins. We had 32 members and 2 guests present. Both guests became members before the night was out. Mr. Tim Bynon and Mr. Gary Catrone are our newest members. Welcome to the Gold Country Woodcrafters gentlemen. This meeting featured our April Project Challenge and is always a popular event. We also had 3 show and tells.

## Meeting topic:

The main event at this meeting was our April GCW Project Challenge competition. The theme for this competition was to make a “decorative or a functional item to hang, display, or decorate”. We had 12 fabulous entries. Warren Wyllie ran the proceedings and all went like clock-work. Each entry was numbered 1-12. In turn each participant came forward and showed off their project. Participants were



(1) Paul Velk., (2) Bill Meronek, (3) Ron Sexton, (4) Gail Cone, (5) Warren Wyllie, (6) John Brideson, (7) Roy Carter, (8) Jim Hunt, (9) Bill Stedford, (10) Steve Peterson, (11) John Roberts, and (12) Dennis Manner. Pictures of each participant with their respective entry are included later in this newsletter. After each participant presented their project the competition began. The members were asked to vote for their favorite entry. Members, in small groups, came forward and studied each of the entries. The one with the highest total votes received first place, the second highest received second and the third highest received third. Well as is happened we had 2 third place winners.



### The Winners

Ron Sexton took 1<sup>st</sup> (\$25) with his Victorian Nick Nack Shelf, Roy Carter took 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$15) with his Big Bird Coat Rack, Paul Velk took 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$10) with his Cherry Display Case (sail boat inside), and Bill Stedford also took a 3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$10) with his Cherry Corner Cabinet.

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## President's Interest item

I am including this item just to show what a special club this is. This picture shows one of our members giving special instruction to a new member. The new member, Gary Cattrone asked if there was anyone that could give him some guidance on how to get started in the use and care of some old carving tools he had acquired. So while members were inspecting the competition projects and voting, Ed Woodards stepped up and gave a one on one introduction on the type and usage of Gary's carving tools. This is why we woodcrafters come together every month to share and learn not to mention make great friends.



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## Announcements/news:

- 1) **GCW Mentor List now available** The GCW Mentor List has been added to the GCW website. It can be accessed by going to the **Woodworking Links** page, scroll to **Club Sponsored/Associated Activities** and click on **Mentor List**. Or click here [Mentors List](#). You will need to know the MENTOR KEY to open and view the document as it is key protected. The key was announced to the members present at the April meeting. Members can obtain the MENTOR KEY by requesting it from any GCW Executive Committee member. It will only be given to members in good standing. Please note: The contact information in this document is meant to be used purely for the purpose of consulting on woodworking topics. The contact information and MENTOR KEY are NOT to be published or shared. The GCW mentors on this list have volunteered to be available to help fellow members with woodworking questions and advice. Please respect their privacy by not using the contact information for any other purpose.
- 2) **Folsom Telegraph Article** We announced that the Gold Country Woodcrafters have been published again. Jim Hunt (our publicity chairman) has been working overtime. The article was published in the Folsom Telegraph and features our very own John Brideson. The publicity is really getting the word out on our club. We are well ahead of last year's membership total at this time. You can view the article from our website or click here [Telegraph Article](#). Good work Jim.
- 3) **Woodheads Foundation report** I gave a report on a Woodheads Foundation fundraiser event that David Boutcher, myself and our wives attended in old-town Placerville. There is a great write on the Woodheads Foundation and its founder Mr. Jim Jon Tellrop on their efforts to promote and support woodworking programs in our local schools in the April 8<sup>th</sup> Mountain Democrat. The event was at Powell's Steamer in old-town Placerville Monday the 13th. There was a raffle to raise funds to support local school woodworking programs. Jim Tellrop's (Hardwood broker) and the foundations efforts over the last 11 years have benefited El Dorado, Golden Sierra, Union Mines, and Ponderosa high schools. The programs have provided some new and better equipment and woodworking supplies (lumber). For more information or contribute you can call Jim at 530-409-4070. As a note, Mr. Tellrop attended one of our meetings a couple of years ago and gave us a presentation on his foundations efforts. GCW gave a donation at that time.
- 4) **Jim Hunt publicity report "The Fair"** Jim suggested that GCW members could have a presents at the upcoming El Dorado County fair June 18-21<sup>st</sup>. If we get enough members that are interested in displaying their woodworking crafts we need to make our entry by May

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20. We need to deliver our projects to the fair by June 10<sup>th</sup> and pick them up from the fair on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Each entry has a \$3 fee. If we have enough entries it may possible to have our banner displayed. Participants can submit their projects or Jim has volunteered to do the handling. In any case if interested please contact Jim directly by email [jhunt@srco.com](mailto:jhunt@srco.com) or 530-409-4070. BTW the fair will be judging the entries. Additional information is tabulated in the March newsletter.

- 5) **More publicity, TV this time** We have been contacted by channel 13 (CBS) Sacramento to do a short program (live) featuring our club. We have a tentative date of May 15<sup>th</sup>. We have a few members that have “volunteered” to participate. We are still working out a number of details so stay tuned so to speak. Jim Hunt and “his staff” is coordinating this effort.
- 6) **May Meeting Topic** The topic for the May meeting is suggested to be to show woodworking related short videos. If you have a topic you would like covered please let me know. If you have a woodworking DVD or a UTube video you think would be of interest please let me know. Help me out please!
- 7) **Memorial Boxes** In our last newsletter we suggested that those members interested in creating memorial boxes for the KEATON-RAPHAEL-MEMORIAL foundation to please do so. The boxes received so far have been greatly appreciated and have been used to help families heal in their time of loss. This program was brought to us by one of our members, John Cassidy. For more information you can contact John at [johnny601@netzero.com](mailto:johnny601@netzero.com) or call 916 983 4160. If you make a memory box you can contact John for delivery or bring it to one of our regular meetings and we will see that he gets it. This is another example of how GCW can give back to the community.

## Upcoming Meetings:

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** I suggested that we have a video meeting. We will show some “short” woodworking related videos. Submissions and suggestions are welcome.



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## Show and tell:

*Paul Velk*



Paul shows his latest jig for making box (or finger) joints on his table saw. He found the plans in a recent copy of Woodworking. With this jig he can create  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{8}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch finger layouts. It features a micro adjustment for accuracy.

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## *Bill Meronek*



Here Bill shows off his latest work, 2 cutting boards. With one he used maple with cherry for contrast in the checkered pattern. The other is made using oak. He finished both using mineral oil.

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## *Ralph Berry*



Ralph showed us a Memory Box he created to donate to the KEATON-RAPHAEL-MEMORIAL group. It is fabricated using mahogany and features box joint corners. We are sure this piece will be cherished by the recipients. Thank you Ralph for your very fine contribution. The memory box was given to John Cassidy to pass on.

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## Project Challenge Pictures:

*Paul Velk (1)*



This is Paul's entry a cherry display case or is that a display case made of cherry. Won 3<sup>rd</sup> place!! Missed getting a picture of Paul and his project together.

*Bill Meronek (2)*





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Bill displays his entry a very fine knife rack made for a friend in the restaurant business. It is made of red oak and mounts to the wall using 2 large screws.

## ***Ron Sexton (3)***



Here Ron displays his latest master piece. This is a Victorian nick knack shelf 1836-1900. Primary wood is beach-wood with walnut reliefs. Ron had to dust off his lathe to make the finials and spindles. He made several trial elements before committing to fabricating the final pieces of this project. You can see why Ron won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the contest.

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## *Gail Cone (4)*



OK, my entry satisfies my wife's request for a corner shelf unit to put up more grandkid pictures. Features 6 shelves of graduated sizes from 12" to 7" and 9" separation. Shelves are soft maple with a tiger grain pattern. Stain is provincial maple and finish is sprayed oil based poly. At least 75% of the time was in the finishing. One more speck of dust in my finish and I was going to teach this project how to fly.

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## Warren Wyllie(5)



Warren had to “borrow back” his entry from his son so he could share it with us. This is entertainment equipment center cabinet he made for his son. Constructed of red oak it has 6 shelves and has a stile and rail frame glassed door. Lucky son.....

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## *John Brideson(6)*



John shows off his wine rack. It is constructed using cherry and features areas for storing bottle stoppers and wine glasses. It is finished using poly and has a coat of wax for extra protection.



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## *Roy Carter(7)*



Roy likes big birds so he used this theme to make the coat/hat rack (3 birds!). He used alder wood and shaped the bodies using a spoke shave. He found the eyes at a craft shop and inset by drilling recesses and gluing. Roy took home 2<sup>nd</sup> place for his birds.

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*Jim Hunt(8)*



Another fine piece by Jim. This is a recipe book stand made of walnut and paduak. Again, a real eye catcher.

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*Bill Stedeford(9)*



Bill won 3<sup>rd</sup> place for his corner cabinet made of cherry. The cherry came from his in-laws farm. OK, where's that farm!? Would like to get my hands on cherry with that kind of grain pattern. Wow!

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*Steve Peterson (10)*



Steve brought in this project born from necessity. This is a joint project he did with his daughter. She needed a place to hang here school back pack and coat so they attacked it together. The primary wood is pine and the pegs are turned from hard maple. Bet she learned a lot.



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## *John Roberts (11)*



John showed off this fine wall hanging, coat rack and mirror. John fabricated this piece using walnut recovered from an old desk he acquired from a garage sale. The mirror is smoked glass. The cost of the desk was that he would haul it away for them! At the end of the day nobody wanted it. So he turned it into a work of art.

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## *Dennis Manner(12)*



Dennis shows off the produce display cart he made. He and his wife sell tomatoes locally and needed a means of transport and display. The cart is made of oak, finished using spar varnish and feature wheels made by Ralph Berry. Ralph makes the wheels for cannoneers. All spokes are handmade.

## Treasures Report:

Our treasure Burt Stride reported club balance of \$727. Includes membership dues \$30 (2 new members), raffle income and expenses. Expenses: gift cards \$50, \$60 given out for competition prizes.

## Raffle:

- Woodcraft \$25 Gift Cert.                      Jim Hunt
- Home Depot \$25 Gift Card                      Paul Velk

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-- Lowes      \$25 Gift Card.      Jim Higbee

-- Walnut cutoffs      Gary Cattrone (new member) Walnut donated by Charles Linn  
(SAW pres and GCW member) from Woodcraft Supplies Sacramento.

## Next meeting:

Tuesday may 12th

## 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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