

Gold Country Woodcrafters

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GCW Meeting Brief:

The May 12th GCW meeting lasted about 1 hour 45 min. We had 28 members, plus 1 new member present. Our newest member is Mr. Chuck Warfield. Welcome Chuck, we hope you enjoy being a GCW member. This was video night. We showed a video on "Mastering Your Bandsaw". It was a little long, about 55 minutes, but the members found it worth watching. We had 5 Show & Tells.

Presentation:

Video brief: Mastering Your Bandsaw. The objective of this DVD was to show how to precisely tune and accurately use your bandsaw to achieve optimum performance. Topics included band saw blade types and usage, bandsaw setup, re-sawing boards, cutting veneers, cut dovetails using a bandsaw, circle jigs, creating bandsaw boxes, and cutting perfect cones (yes on a bandsaw). Thanks to David Boucher for supplying the DVD. If you have access to a woodworking related video you believe would be of interest to our membership please let me know.

Special announcement!

We are losing our meeting place. John Brideson has informed us that the Shepherd Of the Hills Church is sadly closing its doors. The June 9th meeting will be the last time we meet at the Durock location. Your GCW Executive Committee is actively searching for a new meeting site for our July meeting and beyond. The Durock meeting place was great because it was fairly convenient for those GCW members up and down the hill. In looking for a new venue we are considering the convenience to our members and the expense(s) of securing a new meeting place. We will keep you informed and we hope to have an announcement by the June meeting.

Announcements/news:

1. **No GCW TV show.** Because of the TV station's concepts for a GCW segment did not match up with what our club could provide we decided not to pursue this activity.
2. **Memory Boxes.** John Cassidy talked briefly about the Memory Box effort. The KEATON-RAPHAEL-MEMORIAL foundation distributes the Memory Boxes containing grief support material to families who have lost a child due to cancer. He thanked those who had already made boxes and encouraged members to help out in this worthwhile effort. If you would like

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to get more information on this worthwhile effort or have a box to donate you can email John at johnny601@netzero.com.

3. **GCW at the ED County fair.** Jim Hunt reported that a number of GCW members have volunteered to have their projects displayed at the ED County Fair (14 so far). Applications needed to be in by May 20th. Jim supplied project entry applications at the meeting. We have enough entries to allow us to have our GCW Banner displayed with our projects. Projects must be at the fairgrounds by the 10th of June 9day after our June meeting). Jim is willing to take your project to the fairgrounds if needed. You can contact Jim by email or phone (jimh@srcoco.com 530 677 5740). Thanks Jim for managing this effort to promote our club.
4. **New Raffle Contributor.** Jim Hunt reported that Churchill Hardware in Cameron Park has committed to donating to our club raffle. Jim brought in 4 surprise goody bags of hardware items for our night's raffle. Churchill hardware is now in their much larger new store located across from the Arco Gas station on Cameo Drive. This is the street just behind their old store on Cambridge Rd. They are excited that this GCW support could bring our members into the store. Be sure to drop in and be sure to tell them you are a Gold Country Woodcrafters member to the owners (Mike or John) or to the cashier.

Churchill Hardware

- a) Brand new store, expanded products, lots of room and lots of very friendly help.
- b) Currently they have a \$1000 shopping giveaway promotion. Enter at the store by the 31st and get a chance to select \$1000 worth of items from their Spring Catalog.
- c) Churchill Hardware is a repair drop of point for the following tools manufactures:
DeWalt, Black & Decker, Porter Cable
- d) In addition to repairs, you can get credit for your existing tool toward an upgraded model.
- e) The hardware store also accepts paint for disposal.
- f) Speak to Mike or John regarding larger tools that you are interested in for special club pricing.
- g) They have used shelving, pegboard and pegs available at large discount.

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5. Ron Sexton came upon a couple of really interesting video clips he thought the membership would be interested in. He gives them a 10 WOW factor. Here are the links.

<http://digg.com/video/guy-makes-a-cube-inside-a-cube-inside-a-cube-out-of-one-single-block-of-metal>

<http://digg.com/video/guy-figures-out-a-brilliant-new-way-to-make-drawers>

Upcoming Meetings:

June 9th 2015

Manuel (Manny) Lavrador from Aura Hardwoods will give a presentation on selecting woods for your project. It will include how to interpret the many aspects of lumber grading. Come prepared to ask all those questions you ask yourself when staring at the lumber racks.

July 14th

Meeting will be in our new location. Do not go to the Durock location. Meeting location and Topic to be announced.

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Show and tell:

John Brideson



John brought in a 1869 picture frame he is restoring. He asked the members what the best way to clean the finish so as not to damage the patina. Ron Sexton offered some advice to just use a light cleaning solution. No the picture is not of John. Did I say it was an 1869 picture?

Harvey Myers



Harvey likes to turn very unique items. Here he shows his latest, a turned growth on an apple tree branch. You can always count on Harvey to bring something different.

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Basil Borkert



Basil shows off this bandsaw project, a fish shape (with grape and leaf reliefs) using maple, purple heart, walnut and paduak woods. He gave a brief description of how he made the curved leaves for this project. He consulted with Jim Hunt on the technique he used in making leaves. He can get 2 or maybe 3 leaves from each block if he's careful.

John Cassidy



Here John shows a child's rocking chair. A single pin located in the back holds it all together. He will secure the pin with a screw before letting it go. Gee that takes the fun out of it. It's more fun to take things apart for a kid.

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Gail Cone



I brought in 2 boxes made for the Memory Boxes program. The primary wood is soft maple. One box has a cherry lid and cherry corner reinforcement splines/accents. The second box features a Koa top and splines.

Treasures Report:

Our treasure Burt Stride reported club balance of \$767. Includes 1 new member dues, raffle income and expenses. Expenses: gift cards \$50, goodies, etc.

Raffle Winners:

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| 1. Lowes \$25 Gift Card. | Dale Gamble |
| 2. Woodcraft Supply \$25 Gift Cert. | Ron Sexton Donated by Woodcraft Supply |
| 3. Home Depot \$25 Gift Card | Richard Grant |
| 4. Large Block of Purple Heart | Kurt Perkins Donated by Roy Carter |
| 5. Churchill Hardware goody bag | Jim Hunt |
| 6. Churchill Hardware goody bag | Roy Carter |
| 7. Churchill Hardware goody bag | Basil Borkert |

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8. Churchill Hardware goody bag Steven Cabrol

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

Next meeting:

June 9th 2015 7PM at Durock location

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.
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GCW Pres. and Newsletter editor



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