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GCW Meeting Brief:

The June 9th GCW meeting lasted about 1 hour and 45 min. We had 35 members and 2 guests, present. This was the first meeting in our new meeting place. For the foreseeable future we will be meeting at the park Community Church meeting hall. It is located at 3901 Wild Chaparral Dr. in Shingle Springs. It is almost directly across highway 50 on the north side frontage road. A map to the new location is on the GCW website homepage. We had a presentation by Mr. Manny Lavrador from Aura hardwoods. Manny is a senior buyer for Aura hardwoods and travels widely in search of lumber products for Aura. We had 4 show and tell projects presented. Also, the project challenge theme for next October's GCW Project Challenge was announced.

Presidents Note:

Included in later in this newsletter is a special report covering GCW's participation in the El Dorado County fair (June 18-21).

Presentation by Mr. Manny Lavrador of Aura Hardwoods.



Mr. Manny Lavrado is a senior lumber buyer for Aura Hardwoods. He travels widely in his search for lumber requested by commercial customers for larger projects. He indicated that Aura is currently working to address the needs of hobbyist woodworkers as well as the commercial. Aura has 5 Locations, the 2 major stores being in Ranch Cordova and in San Jose.

Manny has been in the business for many years and obviously enjoys his job. He got started in the business by working for his father. He is well versed on the lumber industry and gave a very interesting and

informative talk on the sources, selecting, grading and machining of lumber and its effect on pricing. He brought in several pieces to help show the characteristics that affect pricing. He pointed out that grading, #1, 2, etc, is determined by the lumber quality, and knot spacing. He was asked numerous questions by our members. One was what the most popular hardwood being sold at this time.

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Currently alder is the #1 seller, # 2 is poplar. There was a discussion on mahogany, where grown, its characteristics and definition of “genuine”. Genuine mahogany is sourced from Honduras. Regardless of the source a significant effort is put into the selection for a customer based on the grain and color. Manny also talked about plywood types, its construction, and grading.

This summary can’t come close to presenting all the information given in the presentation. Our members obtained a wealth of information to help them in selecting lumber products for their projects and saving money in the process. Note, GCW members get a discount on wood at Aura hardwoods. Be sure to mention you are a GCW member.

Manny was kind enough to donate the lumber he brought for the presentation to the GCW memory box and Toys for Tots programs.

We would like to thank Charles Linn, SAW president and a GCW member, for referring Manny to us. Charles works at Woodcraft Supply so be sure to say hi when you are in the store.

Announcements/news:

1. GCW June Executive meeting brief.

- a. Warren Wyllie proposed a theme for the October GCW Project Challenge. He proposed that the theme be to make a clock. Only rules are that it must be a clock and it be made of wood. The proposal was discussed and was unanimously approved by the members of the committee. Warren later presented the project challenge theme to our members. Warren wanted to announce the clock theme early (120 days notice) so members could have time to plan and acquire clock workings. Sources for mechanisms mentioned were Klockit and Woodcraft Supply, however there are many sources for mechanisms and very reasonable prices.
- b. Ways to improve our raffle prizes were discussed. Suggestions included adding restaurant gift cards and additional hardware related stores. Jim Hunt volunteered to chair a small committee, himself and 2 others, to work on this effort. His 2 “volunteer” helpers are Homer Rail and David Boutcher. Jim noted that his has several goody bags donated by John at Churchill hardware. This will cover several of our upcoming meetings.
- c. We discussed the need for new club business cards as our meeting place has changed and the old cards are no longer correct. We voted a budget of \$50 for new cards. Homer Rail will see that we get updated cards.

2. Jim Hunt publicity chairman

- a. Jim talked about GCW participation in the El Dorado County fair. He said he would deliver any projects brought in to the meeting for display at the fair. Gail was the only one that brought one. All projects must be picked up at the fairgrounds

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Monday the 22nd. A show of hands indicated we had maybe 6 or so members participating.

- b. Churchill hardware. John at Churchill hardware wants to have GCW members brings in projects for display. His plan is to have customers vote for the best item. The winner at the end of the month would receive a significant prize.

- 3. **Mentor list.** I polled the members to see who had taken advantage of the mentor list so far. I think only 2 indicated they had taken advantage of this resource. This was a member requested feature for our club. Don't be afraid to contact the volunteers on this list to solicit help or ideas.
- 4. **Memory boxes.** John Cassidy brought in flyers giving parameters for the memory box program. Many members have been asking questions relating to the specifications so they could make a box. I think there have been 6 or 8 boxes contributed so far. General specs are that they can be as simple or complex as you want. General dimensions are 13.5"x11"x3.5". Hinges are optional. If you have questions you can call John at 916-757-6134.
- 5. **Memory Box SIG.** Ron Sexton is heading up a special interest group to make memory boxes. He asked Manny Lavrador if Aura Hardwoods, the nights presenter, if Aura would be interested in donating material for their effort. Manny indicated he would look into this possibility. Manny did donate the example lumber he brought with him to the effort.
- 6. **Sheppard of the Hills Church.** A special thanks/applause was given to John Brideson for sponsoring our usage of the Sheppard of The Hills church for the last 8 years. Recognition was also given to the members of the GCW Executive committee for their search efforts to locate a new meeting venue.

Upcoming Meetings:

July 14th

Tentatively we plan to have a representative from Dewalt tools to come and show their latest in power hand tools.

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Show and tell:

Ron Sexton



Ron brought in some of his black acacia “fire wood showing examples of some of the fine grain patterns. There were several slabs re-sawed from the same log. He pointed out 2 slabs that were a great example of a book matched set. The wood is brought from San Francisco by a fireman friend of his. Ron has brought in several projects now made using his fire wood.

Steve Cabrol



Steve showed off a device he built to measure the thrust of electric motors used in model airplanes. He operates it by remote control and he demonstrated the test platform for the members. Note the digital weight scale at the end of the lower arm. Electric motors for model airplanes? Shows just how far electric motor and battery technology has advanced.

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David Boutcher



David showed this game caddy he made to store one of his favorite card games. It holds 7 decks of cards and a cube used to show current bid.

John Brideson



John noticed late in the meeting that an item he had made was standing in a corner. It turns out that the pastor of the Park Community Church had purchased this music stand John had made for the Sheppard of the Hills church. Note the ability to adjust the height and the music symbol embellishment.

Roy Carter

Roy brought in a table leg he re-fabricated using the old broken one in as a template. He used mahogany and required laminating and significant shaping to reproduce the leg. Sorry I wasn't fast enough to get a picture before it traveled off into the crowd.

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Special report : GCW at the Eldorado County fair.



In our effort to spread the word about our club GCW members were encouraged to participate in this year's El Dorado fair by submitting projects for display. Members participating with project entries were Jim Hunt (2 entries), Ron Sexton (2 entries), Roy Carter (1 entry), Paul Velk (1 entry), Homer Rail (1 entry) and Gail Cone (1 entry). There were a total of eight entries in all being awarded five 1st place ribbons, one 2nd place, one 3rd place and 1 *Best In Show*.

I and my wife, Karen, visited the fair Thursday afternoon. We found the GCW club entries being displayed inside the Corker Building. We found it by pure accident. Our projects were presented throughout the Corker Building room among the other group's entries. Some were from the local high schools. Our GCW banner was displayed proudly showing the world that there is a woodworking club for them. Here are the pictures I took showing the displays and prizes awarded.

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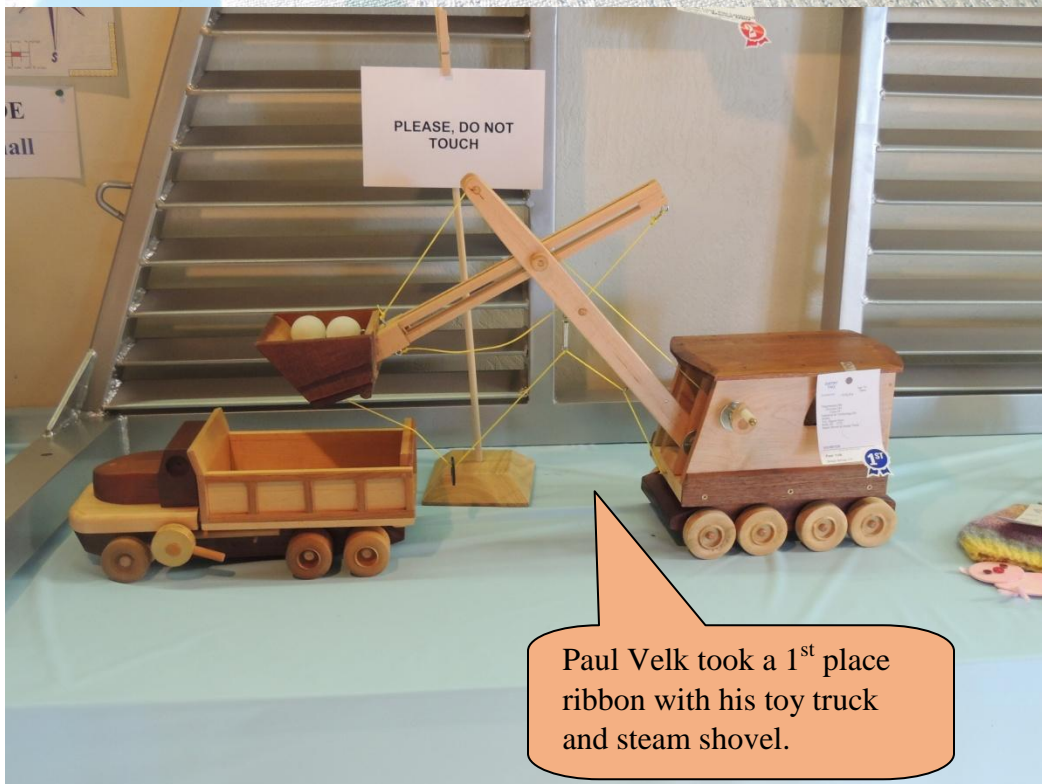
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Homer Rail took a 2nd place ribbon with his cherry side table.



Roy Carter took a 1st place ribbon with his cherry bird hat&coat rack.

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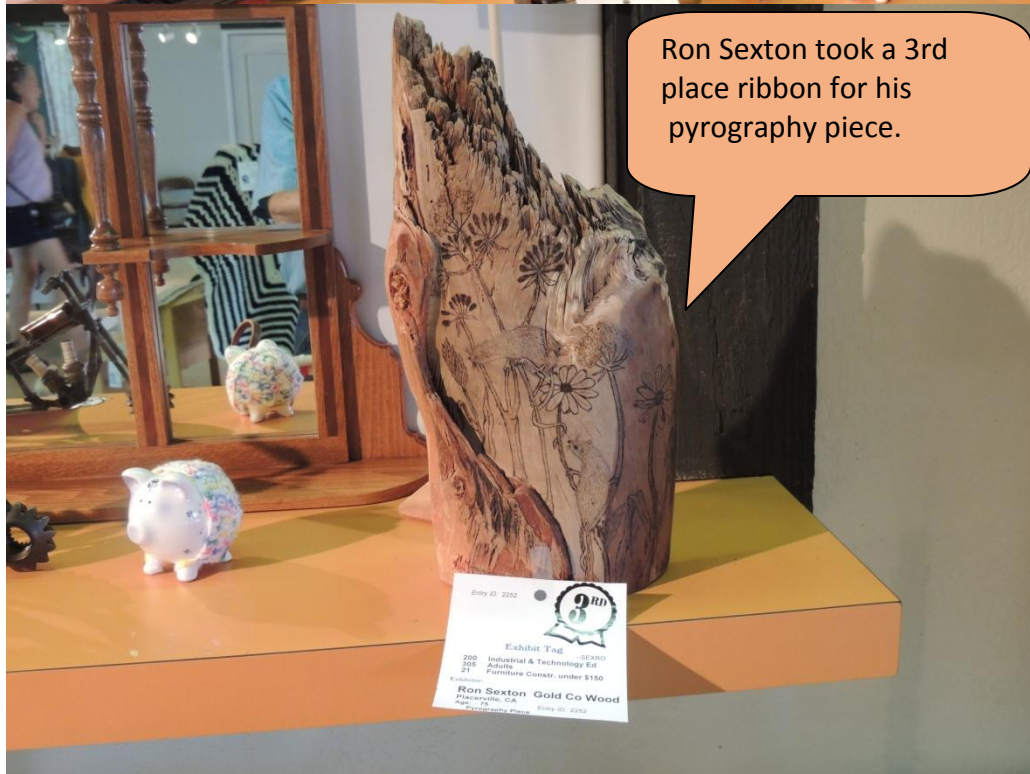
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Ron Sexton took a 1st place ribbon with his Victorian Nick Knack Shelf.



Ron Sexton took a 3rd place ribbon for his pyrography piece.



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Treasures Report:

Our treasure Burt Stride reported club balance of \$624. Includes membership dues, raffle income and hall expenses. Expenses: gift cards \$50, \$120 for to cover hall rent through Sept 2015.

Raffle:

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| -- Woodcraft \$25 Gift Cert. | James Terrill |
| -- Goody bag from Churchill hardware | Gail Cone |
| -- Home Depot \$25 Gift Card | Dave Boutcher |
| -- Lowes \$25 Gift Card. | John Roberts |
| -- Goody bag from Churchill hardware | John Cassidy |

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-- Goody bag from Churchill hardware Bill Meronek

-- Set of hinges from Churchill hardware Paul Velk

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

Next meeting:

Tuesday 14th of July.

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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