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GCW Meeting Brief:

The July 14th GCW meeting was a full one and lasted about 2 hours. We had 28 members (includes 3 new members) and 2 guests present. The 3 new members are Mr. Phil Johnson, Rich Neilson and Mr. Bruce Hall. Welcome to our GCW club Phil, Rich and Bruce. We had a presentation by Mr. John Hobbs who is the service operations manager for the area's DeWALT factory service center. He gave a very informative presentation on the company and the tool names now under their umbrella. In addition he described some of the newest products in their lineup and the services available through the service center. We also had a good night for Show and Tells as there were 8 projects presented. 2 members, Dale Gamble and Bruce Hill, brought in significant supplies of wood to share with our members. A new GCW club sponsor was announced (the list is growing).

Presidents Notes:

See the tool exchange section. It has lot of cool tool items listed this time around.

Presentation by Mr. John Hobbs DeWALT factory service center manager.

Mr. John Hobbs is the DeWALT Service Center Operations Manager and was kind enough to drop by to give us a great presentation covering the DeWALT company and their latest product offerings. He covered, in detail, the DeWALT factory service programs and benefits. He also brought in a number of new tools offerings to show our members. John was referred to Jim Hunt by Churchill Hardware.

John gave a brief history of the DeWALT company and its success in acquiring several prominent tool companies. Companies currently under the DeWALT label now include DeWALT, Black and Decker, Stanley, Porter Cable, Bostitch, and Powers Fastening Innovations.

There was a slide show shown that described the DeWALT extensive factory service programs. The emphasis was obviously directed at making it as convenient as possible for customers to get their tools repaired and back online as quickly as possible in like new. They warranty all repairs and have a guaranteed repair cost program. Repairs include full cleaning, re-lubrication, replacement of worn/damaged parts testing and a full 90 day warranty on repairs. The slides showed a comparison for repairing or replacing a DeWALT DW735 13" planer. The saving for a typical planer repair could be as much as \$400 over purchasing a new one. He also described the DeWALT Trade-Up-Tool conversion program where they will accept almost any manufacture's tool as a trade-in to upgrade to one of theirs with significant savings. This can be done directly or through Churchill hardware.

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Additional information on the DeWALT factory service programs can be found on the DeWALT service centers website: <http://servicenet.DeWALT.com/Home/> Also you can call John and his staff at 916 419 7259 to have you questions.

John brought several tools to show from their latest new product offerings including those in their new 20V cordless lineup. These included the Bostitch Smart Point nailers (these were passed around to our members), Cordless DeWALT 20V 7 1/4 " Miter Saw, Cordless Multi-Tool Kit, and DeWALT's latest the DWS520K track-saw.

Tools needing service can be taken to Churchill Hardware in Cameron Park for repair. Be sure to mention you are a GCW member. They will see that it gets to the service center for repair and returned for your pickup. John indicated that the turn-around is generally very prompt "5 days or less" as they have a well stocked inventory of replacement parts and very qualified technicians.

The DeWALT factory center is located at 1015 N. Market Blvd #2 Sacramento, Ca. Tools can be dropped off there or at one of several convenient locations in the area, including Churchill hardware, Pro Builders, and Woodcraft Supplies.

Announcements/news:

1. **Churchill Hardware GCW project display.** Churchill Hardware of Cameron Park would like to have our members display some of their work in the store. The plan is to have customers vote on the projects on display. The project with the most votes at the end of the month will receive a really nice prize. So don't forget to drop by and take a project in.
2. **Memory Box SIG formed.** Ron Sexton chairman, is heading up a special interest group to make memory boxes. He reported that Aura Hardwoods has donated a pallet of walnut 140 ft plus some maple and pine (a total of approx. 200 feet) for this effort. The SIG (Special Interest Group) team is currently made up of GCW members Steve Cabrol, Harvey Myers, Paul Velk and Ron Sexton. The current plan is to make 16 boxes and they are working in Steve Cabrol's shop. Ron plans to give a report at our next meeting in August. Don't forget that if any GCW member wishes to make and donate a memory box independently your donation will be welcomed. Contact John Cassidy to donate your memory box. Phone: 916-757-6134.
3. **Oct. project challenge.** Warren Wyllie reminded the members that Oct. is project challenge month and the theme is clocks. They can be as simple or as complex as desired but must incorporate wood. There are a number of online sources for clock mechanisms. Just Google it. Woodcraft and Michaels also carry clock mechanisms.

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4. **Another GCW sponsor found.** Dave Boutcher, a member of the sponsor search team, reported that The Paint Spot has agreed to donate prizes for our raffles. They started by giving us 4 gift certificates, each for a quart of stain. They have stores located on Broadway in Placerville and Durock in Shingle Springs. We used 2 certificates in the night's raffle. The other 2 will be raffled in at a later meeting. They are willing to continue the raffle support depending on GCW member patronage. So be sure to stop by either of the Paint Spots for you paint and finish needs and be sure to thank them for their sponsorship.
5. **Current GCW Sponsors:** The Paint Spot, Churchill Hardware, Woodcraft Supply, Pro Builders, and Aura Hardwoods (GCW discounts). Be sure to visit these establishments for you supplies and be sure to thank them for supporting our club.

Upcoming Meetings:

August 11th

Topic for the meeting has not been determined.

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Show and tell:

Ron Sexton



Ron brought in this fine Jewelry box made of beach wood with an African Rosewood veneered top and splined corners. The box was one Ron had made some time ago. Recently he discovered that the lid had separated on the corners. So he made a new lid with stronger joinery. He described how he flattened the veneer after gluing on the substrate by laying it on a flat surface with the veneer face down and adding weight.

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Dale Gamble



Dale had some old reclaimed Koa lumber he acquired on a job during the days he had a cabinet shop. Here he shows off a T.V tray he made using some of that reclaimed Koa. He does know how to feature the beautiful grain pattern of this fine wood. Dale had more Koa than he could use so he brought in a number of pieces to share with his fellow woodcraftsmen. I'm sure it will be put to good use. Thanks Dale. I think this was a wife inspired project (WIP).

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Homer Rail



Homer brought in a clock he created using the woodworker's theme. This project is a bit early for the GCW project challenge Homer. I'm sure we will see it again in Oct. The face is in the shape of a table saw blade. The 3 & 9 digits are hand saws. The 12 and 6 are hammers. He hammers in the mornings and he hammers in the evenings..... Sounds like a song we once heard.

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Harvey Myers



Harvey shows off his latest work in wood art. He does have an eye for finding the hidden beauty in an old piece of wood as he has shown with his many turning he has shared with us. This time he carved this very unique free form sculpture from an oak log. He calls it "broken hearted Gemini". From turning to carving. Way to go Harvey.

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Joe Pacheco



Joe, our very own master carver, has been dabbling in pyrography as of late. I think you will agree his artistry extends well beyond carving. The excellent country scene pictured here is just 1 of the 2 he brought in to share. This one was done on Baltic birch and shows his mastery of form, perspective and shading. We look forward to seeing more of Joe's pyrography artwork.

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Paul Velk



Paul loves to make toys as we all know as he has brought in many examples of his work over the “years”. Here Paul shows his latest wooden toy. This is a “side dumper” made of walnut and maple. We’re guessing Paul needed something to haul all those corks around he has been accumulating. He didn’t drink all that wine by himself did he?? Now we know why he is always so happy.

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Bruce Hall



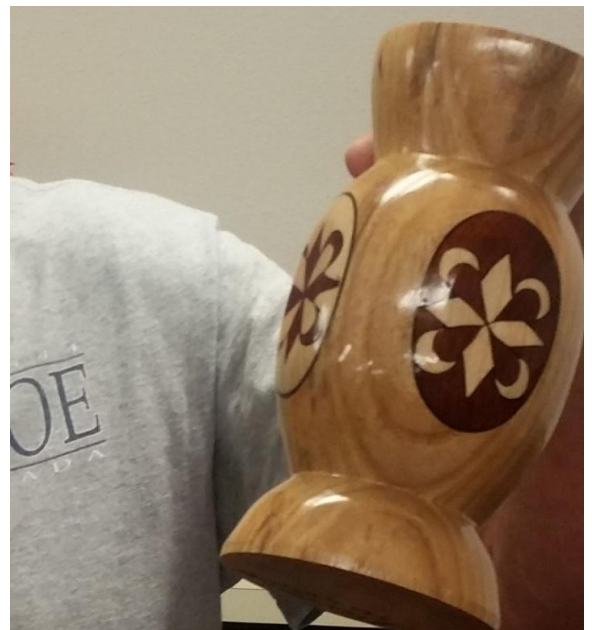
Bruce, one of our newest GCW members, shows a number of bowl turnings. These were turned from pieces of fir, pine and cedar. This shows that you can use simple materials to make very fine turnings. In addition Bruce brought in a large amount of wood of varying types to share with our members. These were given away during our raffle. Thank you Bruce.

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Gail Cone



Gail brought in 3 examples of his latest turnings. The turning in the picture to the left is a turned section of mistletoe root (in oak) captured top and bottom in walnut and the void areas filled using fiberglass resin (pigmented black). This piece of mistletoe was originally part of a much larger piece that blew apart on the lathe. The mistletoe fragment sat around the shop for about a year before the inspiration and concept came to him on how to incorporate it in a turning. This turning, because it

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incorporates a resin, was finished by buffing with waxes on specific areas. Anyone interested in the fabrication process can contact Gail. He has pictures showing how it all came together.

The vase turning top right is a piece of Myrtle wood burl brought back from Oregon several years ago. The thickness is a 1/8-3/16 throughout and is finished using spray lacquer.

The turned vase on the lower right is ash and features vignettes. The vignettes were created by stacking contrasting woods and scrolling the pattern. After scrolling the top and bottom layers are exchanged in selected pattern areas to create the desired effect. Voids in the pattern were filled with black pigmented epoxy to highlight the segments. These vignettes were created using maple and bloodwood. The outside of the ash vase was turned to the desired shape and the four sides flattened before applying the vignettes. In order to create the flat area on the turning a jig was created that set on the lathe bed and incorporated a trim router. This vase has a sprayed lacquer finish. Again, if more information on how these turning were created feel free to contact Gail (me).

Treasures Report:

Our treasure Burt Stride reported club balance of \$628. Includes membership dues (3 new members), raffle expenses, raffle income. Expenses: gift cards \$50.

Raffle:

-- Woodcraft \$25 Gift Cert.	Neil Knutsen
-- Home Depot \$25 Gift Card	John Brideson
-- Lowes \$25 Gift Card.	Paul Velk
-- Paint Spot gift cert.	Larry Pfof Donated by the Paint Spot
-- Paint Spot gift cert.	Homer Rail Donated by the Paint Spot
-- Flash Light	Ron Sexton Donated by Pro Builders.
-- Power Bits Set	Todd Douglas Donated by Pro Builders
-- Miter Clamps Set	David Boutcher Donated by Pro Builders
-- Set C Clamps and some wood	Robert Garlick (Guest) Clamps donated by Pro Builders
-- Inspection Mirror Set	Bruce Hall (new member) Donated by Pro Builders.
-- A large number of GCW members (too many to mention) won wood assortments donated by Bruce Hall.	

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

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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:

1. Biscuit Joiner for shopsmith, model 555320, with instruction manual, no biscuits. Never used in box. Offers? Offered by John Cassidy johnny601@netzero.net 916-983-4160
2. 8 Items. PerformaX Drum 16-32" Sander (\$600), Craftsman Osc. Sander w/cabinet (\$125), Jet Xacto 10" 3HP/120V Cabinet Saw(\$1400), Walker Turner 6" jointer (\$200), Jet woodworking lathe 12"x36" 3/4hp (\$800), Router table w/Bosch 1613EVS Router + bits (\$600), Delta Mortising Mach. 1/2hp w/bits (\$180), jet Vortex Dust Collector 1 1/2 HP 120V
Contact: Leon Abbott 530-622-3249 Note: tools have LOTS of extras not mentioned above.

Regards and happy woodcrafting.
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GCW Pres. and Newsletter editor



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