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GCW Meeting Brief:

The April 12th meeting lasted just under 2 hours. There was a great turn out with 38 members including 1 new member. The new member is Jack Lubeck. Welcome to the GCW club Jack. April was the spring GCW Project Challenge month. We had a great turnout for this challenge with 16 members showing their artistic side and craftsmanship. In addition we had 4 members that presented Show and Tell projects. We have a number of important items for this month's announcements section so be sure to visit that section. There are no listings for the exchange corner this month.

Presidents Message:

Once again, our members have dazzled us with their talent and craftsmanship at the April Project Challenge. Thanks to all who participated and showed their amazing and creative projects. Between the Project Challenge and Show and Tell presentations, there was definitely an overload of WOW!

For our May meeting, we are anticipating a feature presentation by Mike Nelson of "Millwood Furnishings" in Camino, specializing in reclaimed wood projects. This promises to be informative, thought provoking and introduction to yet another source of unique wood supplies.

Ron Sexton and his team have been hard at work lining up interesting presenters and topics for upcoming meetings and events. Thank you to all the members who are contributing great ideas for Ron and his team to follow-up.

And speaking of upcoming events, our summer calendar is filling up, including the Spring Shop tour on Saturday, May 7, El Dorado County Fair project entries for week of June 16-19 and Sacramento Tree Foundation Woodworking Contest for the State Fair. Mark your calendars now for these events as well as our upcoming monthly meetings.

I would like thank you all again for your participation and comradery. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Jim Hunt



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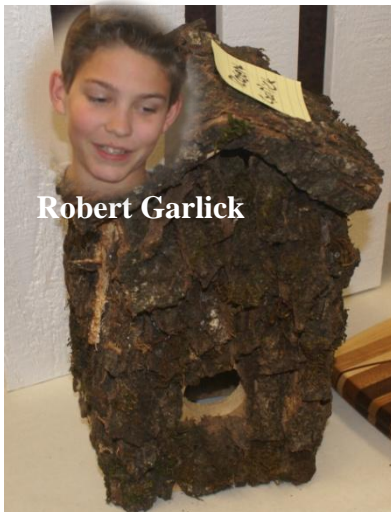
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April Project Challenge:

We had a great turnout for our spring GCW Project Challenge with 16 members bringing in their entries. The challenge was to create one or more of the following items: a cutting board, a bird house or a trivet. A total of 21 projects were brought in for the project challenge. With this many entries it would not be possible to provide descriptions for all in the newsletter. The winner of the \$50 grand prize is Rich Nielsen. Participants were Robert Garlick, Warren Wyllie, Ken Merrill, John Roberts, Bruce Hall, Jim Terrill, Basil Borkert, Paul Velk, Richard Scherin, Rich Nielson, Mark Butxler, Ron Sexton, Bill Meronek, Jim Higbee and Harvey Myers.

Bird Houses (7 entries)



Robert Garlick

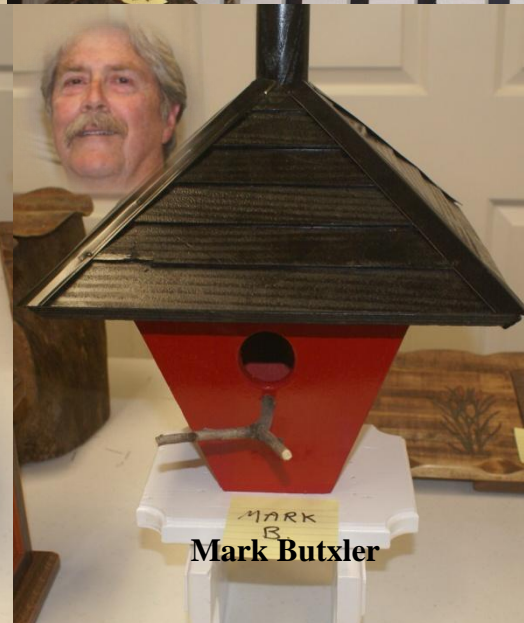


Warren Wyllie



The \$50 Prize winner

Rich Nielsen



Mark Butxler

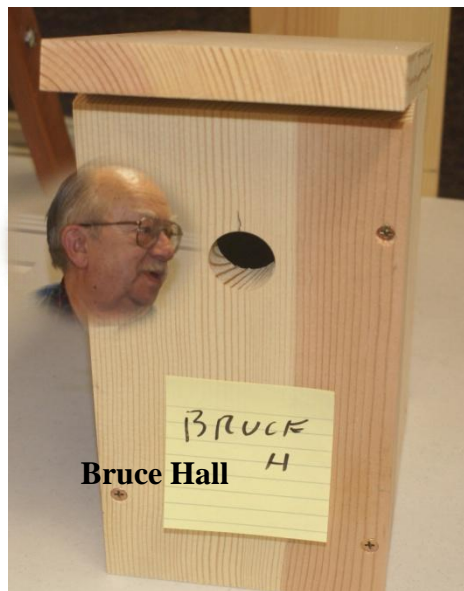


Harvey Myers

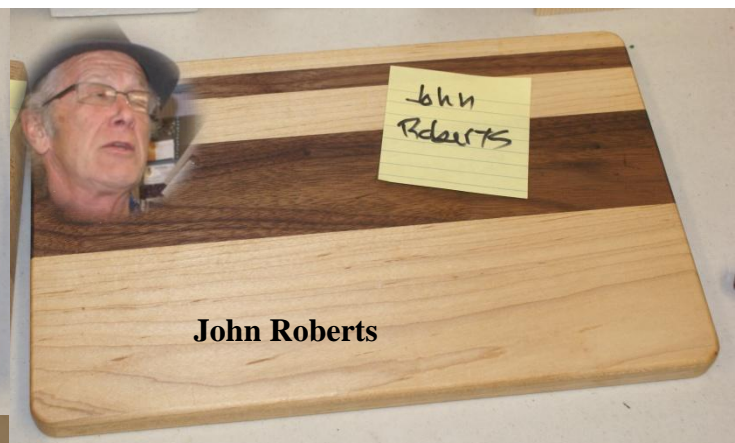
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Cutting Boards (9 entries)



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Basil Borkert (3)



Paul Velk



Rich Schwerin

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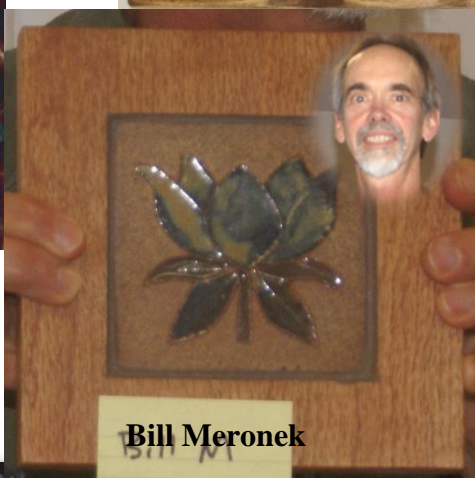
Trivets (5 entries)



Bruce hall



Jim Hunt



Bill Meronek



Ron Sexton



Rich Nielsen

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Announcements/news:

1. **Planned Shop Tours:** Jim Hunt reported on the planned shop tours. He reported that a large number of members have signed up for the tours to be held Saturday May 7th from 8AM-12. The plan is to allow an hour for each shop plus allow a half hour for travel between shops 1-2 and 2-3. Refreshments will be available at each shop plus shop 3 will provide a few snacks. Those wishing to car pool need to make arrangements with fellow GCW members. Addresses, maps and schedules are provided in the attachment to the email distributing this newsletter. The 3 shops and tour times are:
 - a. Ken Merrill 8Am-9
 - b. Jim Hunt 9:30-10:30
 - c. Gail Cone 11-12
2. **Presentation Committee:** Ron Sexton (presentation committee chairman) reported that for May it is planned to have a presentation by Mike Nelson from Millwood Furnishing. The topic will be re-sawing timbers, plus he will be showing the furnishings he makes. THIS JUST IN: for June, Ron reported that the plan is to have Steve DePue from Gorgetown give a presentation on his woodturning pieces. Steve DePue was featured in the Mountain Democrat April 8th in the B section article Wonders of Wood at the Art On The Divide Gallery. If any of our members have ideas for presentations feel free to contact Ron (Ron Sexton hcwpvl@directcon.net) or one of his committee members David Boutcher (WE2Wheelers@sbcglobal.net) or John Brideson (jkbrideson@sbcglobal.net) and let them know.
3. **El Dorado County Fair:** Jim Hunt announced that we once again are planning to display GCW craftsmanship at this year's fair. The fair this year is from June 16-19. This year we will have a section dedicated to GCW projects, including our banner. Each member may enter up to 4 items. Each participant will need to fill out an application and send it in, or hand-deliver (no entry fee this year!). The fair must have the application by May 25th. Each applicant is also responsible for delivery to the fair, Corker Building June 7th, and pickup, June 16 at 10AM. Details and application form are attached to the email delivering this newsletter.
4. **Display Case for Churchill Hardware:** Ron Sexton updated status on the effort to build a display case for Churchill hardware to showcase GCW work. He asked if anyone had wood to donate for the purpose of fabricating the display case. JUST IN: Ken Merrill has donated a number of board feet of black oak.
5. **Heads UP Reminders:** November our GCW meeting will be on the 3rd Tuesday as the church is a voting precinct on our regular meeting night. December is *bring your spouse* month.

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6. Sacramento Tree Foundation (STF): Clayton Nye, one of our newest members and February's presenter gave a brief presentation on an effort to repurpose trees harvested around the Sacramento area. He described the STF organization's Urban Wood Rescue Program and the status of the organization's efforts to make recovered trees (those lost in storms, diseased or dangerous trees) available to woodworking hobbyists. They plan to have an additional woodmill and drying kiln *so the wood can be made practical and available for woodworking* for free or donation. To raise money for equipment, etc, the STF is sponsoring a Woodworking Contest. The items should be made of repurposed wood and will be donated and then sold. For contest details go to <http://sactree.com/news/137> . The program director for STF is Glen Gervin email is Glen@sactree.com .

7. From the floor:

- a. *Cutting Board layout aid.* John Roberts showed us a new computer program he found that helps in the planning and layout of cutting boards. It allows a woodworker to visualize his design before committing to cutting material. The program can be found at <http://www.lastalias.com/cbdesigner/> They request a small donation but can be downloaded free if not used for commercial purposes.
- b. *Request for memory boxes.* John Cassidy has put out the request for additional memory boxes. Members interested should contact John at johnny60176@gmail.com for details.
- c. *Paint Thinner warning.* Ron Sexton gave us a heads up to check your paint thinner/mineral spirits for ingredients before using. Some product sold in southern California may contain acetone or acetates that could damage your finish.

GCW supporters: The Paint Spot, Churchill Hardware, Woodcraft Supply, Pro Builders, Aura Hardwoods (they offer GCW discounts), and the Rockler Woodworking Store in Rocklin (offers 10% discount). Be sure to visit these establishments for your supplies and services and be sure to thank them for supporting the Gold Country Woodworkers club.

Upcoming Meeting(s):

May 10th 2016

Mr. Mike Nelson from Millwood Furnishing will discuss re-sawing timbers and his services.

June 14th 2016

Woodworking artist Steve DePue from Georgetown will discuss woodturning art including segmented turning.

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Show and tell (4 presenters)

Harvey Myers



Harvey brought in another addition to his string of beautiful wood art sculptures. He spent some time reshaping this one until it was just right. Gallery time Harvey??

Gail Cone



Gail showed his turnings made from limb healings (damaged or missing tree limb grown over). These turnings are from scrub oak limb healings. They feature natural

edges, 1/8-3/16" walls, and resin filled voids. Resin is filled with red glitter. Blanks were green turned to 3/4", dried using a microwaving process then returned to final wall thickness when moisture content was about 12%.

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James Terrill



Here Jim, a master turner, shows a walnut bowl featuring spalting and a void filled with brass inlay. The brass inlay gives the effect of a gold vein running through the bowl. The 2 pens are crafted using Spalted tamarind and double dyed stabilized maple burl (yellow & green) respectively. He applied 9 (yep 9) layers of CA for the finish.

Ron Sexton



Ron presented a bowl carving from a fir burl he acquired some time ago and 2 segmented rings he just completed. He showed us a few project step pictures and described the process he followed while crafting the rings. The rings incorporate 4 hundred year rosewood segments, maple segments, and walnut as the primary ring. The finish is buffed wax.

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Raffle Results:

We now use the "raffle per item" method for distributing raffle prizes. Members put raffle stubs in a receptacle associated with a specific prize they are interested in.

--- Woodcraft Gift \$25 certificate
--- Delta Sharpening Center (#2)
--- Power Strip
--- Drawer organizer
--- Roller Stand
--- Pair Saw Horses

Jim Hunt
Bill Hatwig
Craig Milliron
Jim Higbee
Ed Woodard
John Brideson

Donated by Gail Cone

Businesses that support GCW: *Be sure to stop by Pro Builder Placerville, The Paint Spot, Churchill Hardware Cameron Park, Woodcraft Supply Sacramento and the Rockler Woodworking store in Rocklin. Please let them know how much Gold Country Woodcrafters appreciates 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 items this month.

Regards and happy woodcrafting.

Gail Cone

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