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## GCW April NL Brief:

The April 10<sup>th</sup> club meeting lasted nearly 2 hours. There was a large turnout with 47 in attendance, including 3 guests. This meeting's focus was the Spring GCW Project Challenge. Between the 2 featured challenge categories we had 12 entries. In addition, we had 7 Show and Tells making a total of 19 projects that were brought to show the members. Ron Sexton, our Vice President, filled in for Jim Hunt who was out of town. No items are listed in the Exchange Corner this month.

## Vice Presidents Message:

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The April challenge was a huge success as we had 12 entries, 6 of which were for the added \$5 challenge 2 category. Participants showed some very creative entries. In addition we had several show and tells. Thanks to all those members who participated in the project challenge, it made this challenge one of our most successful. Congratulations to our prize winners, Judy Prichard for category 2 and Bob Prichard for category 1. We had a good meeting turnout with 44 members and 3 guests in attendance, so all in all, it made for a very entertaining evening. The meeting ended about 9pm.

*Ron Sexton*

*GCW Vice President*

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## April Project Challenge:



The April GCW Project Challenge turned out to be one of our more successful, with a total of 12 projects being presented. They included a wide range of project types and again showed off the wide-ranging talent and creativity our GCW members possess. For this challenge there were 2 participation categories.

Category 1 was open for any project type to enter. Each participant in this category received a raffle ticket for a drawing to win \$25.00. We had 6 entries for category 1. Category 2 was to make something using a construction 2x4. The 2x4 could be any standard 8' board (Douglas fir, redwood, pine, etc). The 2x4 could also be re-dimensioned as needed to make the project. A \$5 entry fee was collected from each entrant in category 2 to be added to a prize pot. There were also 6 entries in category 2.



Each Project Challenge entrant presented their project much like we do for our show and tells and each is shown individually later in this newsletter.

The winner of the Category 1 raffle was Bob Prichard, receiving \$25 plus a certificate. His project was a pine toolbox. For Category 2, club members voted to determine their favorite of the 6 entries. The winner was Judy Prichard for her set of books with book ends project. She took home the prize pot plus \$25 (\$55 total) and a special trophy. The trophy, a 2x4 project in itself, reads, Excellence & Creativity in Woodworking. Winning this time was a family affair. Congratulations to Bob and Judy.

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## Announcements and News:

- 1) **Woodcraft Tool Swap:** Sunday April 22 8Am – 1PM is the 2018 Woodcraft tool-swap event. It will be held in the Woodcraft Supply Store parking lot 9523 Folsom. Setup for vendors starts at 7AM.
- 2) **Memory Boxes Needed:** At the April meeting, John Cassidy put out the request for members to make memory boxes. As many of you know, a number of our GCW members have helped out by making these special boxes. They are given to the Keaton's Child Cancer Alliance Foundation to pass on to families that have lost a child to cancer. They are in a real need for more boxes. They are fun to make and will greatly be appreciated. Basic design information was sent out with the March newsletter. If you have any questions and or have a box to contribute, please contact John at [Johnny60176@gmail.com](mailto:Johnny60176@gmail.com) or 916-983-4160.
- 3) **GCW T-Shirts:** There are about a dozen or so club t-shirts available if anyone wants one let Warren Wyllie know at one of our meetings. The price is \$20.
- 4) **May 12<sup>th</sup> Shop tours:** The 2018 GCW member shop tours are scheduled for Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> from 8-12 with 3 shops being featured. The featured shops will be those of Paul Velk, Harvey Myers and Ron Sexton. A detailed map is provided at the end of this newsletter and is attached to the email distributing this newsletter.

### 5) Meeting Topics:

**May 8<sup>th</sup> Wood Boat Building.** Jerry Preston will talk about the basics of why a boat is shaped the way it is. Then Tim Bynon will show an overview of different building methods. Jerry will then describe in more detail how lapstrake boats are built, with some samples of joinery. We will then take a break to see Nelson Exum's kayak he built with stitch-and-glue construction. Questions can be asked then about any of these samples or constructions.

*Members that would like to give a presentation or have ideas for a presentation please contact Tim Bynon [steamglidertim@yahoo.com](mailto:steamglidertim@yahoo.com). Remember this is your club and the more club members participate in sharing knowledge, the more proficient we all become at our common interest, woodworking.*

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## Project Challenge, Category 1 (6 entries):

Rich Schwerin



Rich showed off this unique multiuse project. It has a base with magnets that can be used with interchangeable tops: votive candles, a crayon rack or a cheese tray. The idea came from the book, 400 Boxes donated by a club member. Rich used 6 1/2 ft. of his 2x4 to make this project. Some stain was applied to the "cheese" and "Apple" slices.

*Sam Garcia*



The score is now 5 for 5. Has been a member for 5 months and brought in 5 projects. This time he entered the challenge with a pen box. This is his first router project. He used part of a pine 2x4 and dyed the end sections for contrast. He found this project a challenge to route and sand to his liking. He has a new respect for routers now. Good job Sam! Will we see project #6 next month?

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*David Boutcher*



Dave presented this Votive Candle Holder he made for his wife using Oak.

*Bill Meronek*



Bill made this lamp using clear Redwood. The joinery he used incorporated triangle splines. He finished it using a wipe on polyurethane.

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## Bob Prichard



Here Bob presents a Pine toolbox. He used CNC to create the lettering and, of course it had to have some tools so he cut them out using, what else, a CNC router.

## Jerry Preston



Jerry presented 2 projects, a lamp tube and a scale boat mast. Both projects are made from one 8 foot Douglas Fir 2x4. The tapered tube, top, could be used for a lamp or table leg. He said that he really created it to explore some other uses for some boatbuilding methods he plans to present at the May meeting. The May presentation will be on Wooden Boatbuilding.

Some of the topic he plans to cover are:

- Link to a bird's mouth spar calculator.
- How I cut the staves for the eight-sided tapered mast section.
- How I cut the staves for the ten-sided oval boom section.
- A graph that I will use to show the weight saving at same strength for my mast and boom examples.
- Building steps for a sailboat masts

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## Project Challenge Category 2 (\$5 entry) (6 entries):

*Jim Higbee*



Jim obviously put some time into his 2x4 project, a box of vegetables. Making the box is one thing. Creating, shaping and painting all the vegetables is quite another. They do look like they're ready for the salad. The box is painted with yellow milk paint and the finish for all is shellac.

*Mark Butzler*



A 2x4 never looked so good. He used about 6 feet to create the deck and the balance to fabricate the sides and end handles. By using different size blocks and alternating the grain orientation he created a very unique cutting board/serving tray. He used mineral oil to finish this piece.

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*Rob Renn*



Our newest member, Rob Renn, created this fine mantel clock using Douglass Fir. He used the inset type clock mechanism as it is easier to set the time and change the battery. In addition, he did not have to create a special access panel in the back. He stained it with MinWax walnut stain. Need to get a mug shot of Rob...

*Robert Garlick*



Robert brought his sense of humor and the remains of a bowl he attempted to turn for his 2x4 project. Like most of us turners, he found out how far down a specific wood species can be turned before it distributes itself around the room. Robert decided to bring his project anyway to participate and describe the wonderful event. Every project should be a learning experience, right Robert?

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## Ron Sexton



Ron made a unique storage box using, yep, using a 2x4. The top sections slide apart to provide box access. He used dovetail rails to attach the lid sections. He found that he had to adjust the rail dimensions a number of times do to wood movement. The lesson, pine is a mover... In addition he lubricated the rails using carnauba wax. This box features some of Ron's fine pyrography art. I wouldn't want to run into this wolf on a dark night. He finished the piece using lacquer.

## Judy Prichard



As shown in an earlier section, Judy entered this display of books bracketed by sawblade book ends into the

Category 2 2x4 Project Challenge. The edge binding lettering was done using a CNC router system. She used an Early American stain to color the book covers. Hot glue was used to attach the covers to the wood blocks that made up the pages. Slight saw kerfs were used to create the illusion real pages on the blocks. The 2 pieces shown on the right are all that remains of the 2x4 she used. This creative project won the Category 2 Project Challenge. Good work and congratulations Judy.

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## Show and Tell: (7 presenters)

We had a great turnout for April's show and tell with 7 members showing their craftsmanship.

### *Judy Prichard*



Besides participating in the project challenge Judy brought in this cutting board, cheese board to share with the members. She said that the wood used was mostly scraps from around the shop and probably includes some Mahogany. Judy has not yet decided whether to incorporate a juice trough or what finish to use.

### *Mark Butzler*



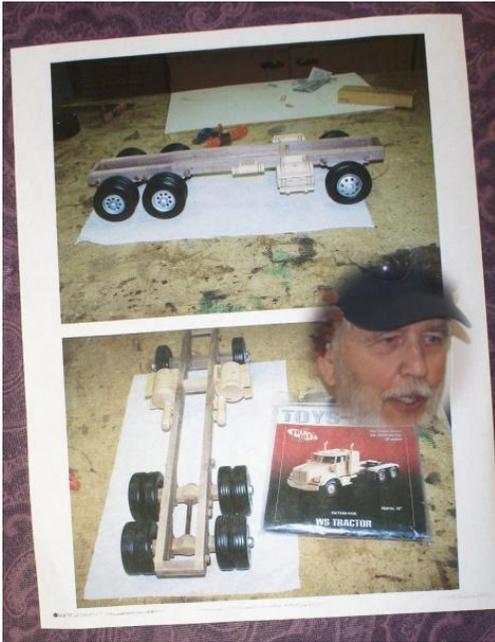
Mark shared his latest bowl turning of an Oak crotch. He used turquoise inlay to fill and accent the cracks and voids. The finish is polyurethane. Looks like he is mastering some inlay techniques.

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## Ron Sexton



Ron is heading into the “Advanced” toy making project world. This first effort is a 19” truck. He plans to make his own wheels. To do so, he created a special chuck, shown on the far right. The wheels will be turned from Brown Maple. The other jig, a jam chuck, is used with the wheel chuck to turn the “really” small parts for the truck. He went into some detail on how he created the jigs. I’m looking forward to seeing the final product.

## Jim Terrill



Jim brought in several projects to share. The Bowl is California Cedar, turned while green. The vase is Walnut with Wenge accent. Both bowl and vase are finished using the Beall

Buffing system. The pens include 1 made from dyed plywood. All use 20 carrot kits and are finished using Jim’s CA coating process.

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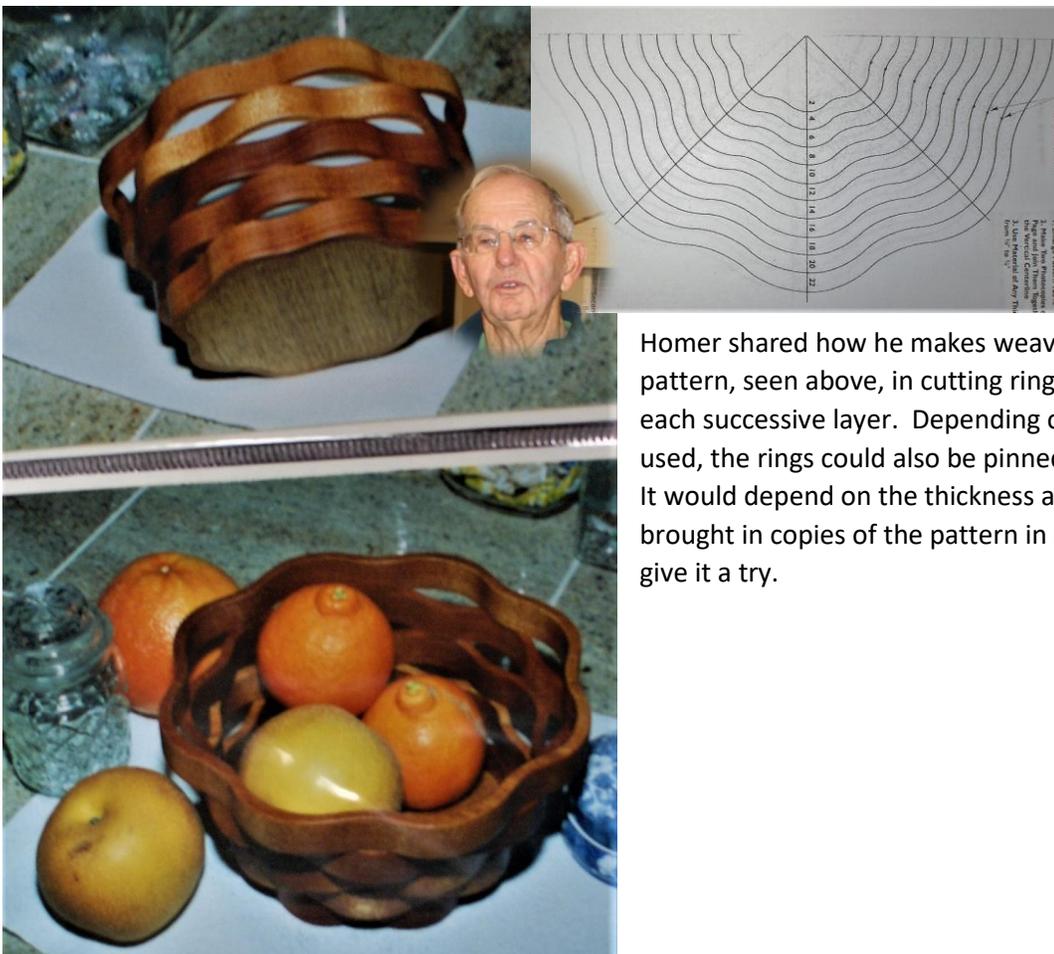
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## Robert Garlick



Robert has tried his hand at making knife handles now. This one is made from Iron Wood and is finished using a paste wax. Turned out really nice, don't you think?

## Homer Rail



Homer shared how he makes weaved baskets. He uses the pattern, seen above, in cutting rings. He glued the rings at each successive layer. Depending on the wood species used, the rings could also be pinned along with some glue. It would depend on the thickness and type of wood. He brought in copies of the pattern in case members wanted to give it a try.

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## Bob Prichard



Bob showed off this fine French rolling pin. The woods he used were Maple, Paduak, and Walnut. He finished it using the Beall Buffing system.

## Raffle Results:

We 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.

### Member Prizes:

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|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1) Woodcraft Supply \$25 gift cert. | ??            |
| 2) Mechanical Pickup Tool           | Ed Woodards   |
| 3) Hobby Knife Set                  | Ron Sexton    |
| 4) Center Punch                     | Steve Cabrol  |
| 5) Band Saw Box DVD                 | Basil Borkert |
| 6) Fax MAX Tape Measure (Stanley)   | Jerry Preston |
| 7) Kreg Pocket Hole Kit             | Sam Garcia    |

## 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. **Note those marked with \* give GCW members discounts.**

## Membership Dues:

For those members wishing to renew their membership for the 2017-2018 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.**

## Notice to members:

If your contact information has changed since joining please let the club know. Just send any changes you may have to the email address used to send out the newsletter. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

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**Gold Country Woodcrafters Meeting Place:** GCW meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month unless otherwise notified and are at the Park Community Church meeting hall, 3901 Wild Chaparral Dr. Shingle Springs, Ca. exit 37 off highway 50. A map is provided on the home page of the GCW website.

## Saw and Planer blade sharpening:

For members that need some blades sharpened GCW member Ken Welsh can handle the job. Just give him a call.

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Regards and happy woodcrafting.

*Gail Cone*

GCW Newsletter editor



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## May 12<sup>th</sup> GCW Shop Tours Map

