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GCW August Brief:

The August 8th club meeting lasted just under 2 hours with 35 members and 1 guest in attendance. The attendance included 2 new members, a father and son, Wesley and Jon Aring. Welcome to the club Wesley and Jon. The presentation this month was given by Tim Bynon and his wife Melody. They gave a great presentation on their history in the cabinet business, fabrication techniques and cabinetry style changes over the years. Our Show and Tell featured 4 members showing their projects. We had our usual raffle with a number of great prizes including items donated by our members. Thanks again to all those that contribute items to the raffle. Be sure to check out the **Announcements /News** section as there are many upcoming special events that you will want to plan for. There are no listings in the Exchange Corner this month.

Presidents Message:



Gold Country Woodcrafters,

Thank you all for attending the August meeting. I'd like to welcome our newest members, Father and Son team John and Wesley Aring! Thank you also to Tim and Melody Bynon for their overview and presentation of cabinetry styles.

We have a busy Fall (yes, Fall already!) season approaching so please mark your calendars now for the various events approaching including the GCW booth at the Church Car show on Saturday Sept 23, Club picnic on Saturday Oct 7 (hosted by our own Ken Welsh) and of course our Spouse event on Tuesday December 12.

Until next month, I wish you all Happy and Safe woodworking!

Jim Hunt

GCW President

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Cabinet presentation by Melody and Tim Bynon



This month GCW member Tim Bynon and his wife Melody gave a presentation that chronicled their life and times in the custom cabinet business. During the slide show presentation they alternated in describing their progression from how they got started in making audio products in the early days to their cabinet production business plus many examples

of their custom cabinetry. There was an emphasis on how they adapted to new fabrication techniques and how cabinetry styles have changed over the years.

How did this all get started? Well Tim was always interested in creating through woodworking. His first commercial efforts occurred in the 70s in Santa Rosa when he was making custom speaker cabinets. During this period he met Melody and together they created a business making audio related cabinetry. They also had a line of products that were geared toward maintaining LPs. They called their company Audio Works. From the audio cabinetry they naturally progressed to larger cabinet projects.

They became specialized in designing and fabricating custom cabinetry that included entertainment centers, kitchens, office furnishings, formal display centers, and many other special applications. Their specialty was in the European Style cabinets that generally do not require a face-frame. Their many customers included homeowners and businesses alike.

It is obvious that their business was a team effort as both Tim and Melody had design and fabrication responsibilities. During the presentation it showed that Melody was quite at home in the shop and in the picture above, Melody is seen describing one of the projects that she designed.

While describing production methods Tim explained that over the years there were many instances where he had to improvise to create or modify tools to aid them in their production efforts. A couple of examples include the dovetail jig (see show and tell section) and the 54" horizontal belt sander (shown during the May shop tours). In addition to the many woodworking skills they had to develop to produce their products, Tim found the need to acquire skills in metal working. These skills he continues to use in his hobby building steam powered locomotives.

The following page contains pictures showing just a few of the cabinets created over the years by Tim and Melody.

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Announcements/news:

1. **It Dues Time again:** September will mark the beginning of our 2017 – 2018 club year so dues are due. Be sure to bring \$20 to the September meeting. If you are unable to attend you can send your \$20 to the GCW club treasurer, Steve Cabrol. The address and instructions are located at the end of this newsletter.
2. **Toys for Tots schedule:** Dale plans to hold a kickoff meeting in September for those interested in participating this year. Exact date and time is still to be determined. Email: rndgamble@comcast.net
3. **GCW BBQ & Picnic:** Ken Welsh will be hosting the first annual GCW picnic. The Date is Saturday October 7th and will be from 2 to 5 in the afternoon so mark your calendar. More details (maps, etc) for this planned event will be provided in the coming weeks so stay tuned.
4. **GCW T-Shirts:** It was reported that we have reached our goal of 24 for an order. The cost is still \$22. The \$22 is due at the time you sign up for your shirt. There is still time to put in your order so bring your \$22 to the September meeting to reserve your T-Shirt.
5. **October Challenge:** Don't forget to get working on your project for the October GCW Project Challenge. The challenge this time around is to create one or more of an artistic item, a hat/coat rack, or make a wooden hinge. As before the projects must be made primarily of wood, be made within the previous 6 months, and participants will participate in a raffle for a \$50 prize.
6. **November Round Table:** The November meeting's focus will be for members to participate in roundtable discussions on woodworking related topics. The plan is for members to break up into a number of groups for discussions on topics of interest to them. Each group will then give a brief report on the results of the discussions. So start thinking about what topics you would like to have covered at this special meeting. Be sure to pass your ideas along to the presentation chairman to help refine the roundtable activity. This will be the first time we have tried this so it should be a very interesting meeting.
7. **Car Show and Music Festival:** Jim Hunt announced that the car show is on again this year and has been expanded to include a music festival. It is scheduled for Sept. 23, 12-6PM. GCW is planing to have a booth again this year and we need volunteers to man the booth. It should be a fun event so be sure to attend and bring a picnic lunch or purchase food at the event. For more information go to www.parkcommunity.org/upcoming-events. Jim has asked that anyone that would like to donate a woodworking project item for the church raffle to contact him. jimh@srco.com.

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8. From the floor:

- a. **Harvey Myers:** Ron Sexton reported that Harvey is in the hospital being treated for serious heart related issues. Currently he is now recovering in the ICU at Kaiser Hospital. Please join us in keeping Harvey in your thoughts and wishing him a speedy recovery.
- b. **Helpful Tip:** Ron Sexton passed along a helpful tip to our members regarding the use of measuring devices in your shop. He recently was working on a project and like most of us we have “numerous” tape measures located strategically throughout the shop. As luck would have it, the project pieces did not fit together well. After some research he determined that the problem was due to the differences in the various tape measures he used. The capture tab on each had slightly different slide distances. This could be due to wear and tear or just manufacture variances. Moral to the story is, when critical measurements are required be sure to use the same measuring device for all critical project components.
- c. **Artists Studio Tour event:** Jim Terrill passed along that there is a free Artist Studio Tour event sponsored by the Placerville Arts Association scheduled for Sept. 23-24 and Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. It will feature over 47 artists and involve 12 locations including Cameron Park, Shingle Springs, El Dorado, Diamond Springs, Placerville and Coloma. For more information go to their website www.arttourpaa.com. By the way, Jim is one of the 47 artists and will be showing some of his fantastic turnings.

Upcoming Meeting Topics:

September 12 th	Saw sharpening with some history by Ken Welsh.
October 10 th	GCW Fall Project Challenge Night. Theme: Artistic Item, Hat/Coat Rack, Hinge.
November 14 th	Tool talk night. Members round table discussions on latest tools, etc.
December 12 th	Spouse/Special guest night. 2 nd annual event.
January 9 th 2018	(Tentative) Presentation/demo of the Incra Jig by John Bridesman

Members that would like to give a presentation or have ideas for a presentations please contact Ron Sexton (hcwpvl@directcon.net). Remember this is your club and the more our club members participate in sharing knowledge the more proficient we all become at our common interest, woodworking.

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Show and Tell: (4 presenters)

Jim Terrill



Here are some more great examples of Jim's turned works of art. The vase on the right is turned from Butternut and Wenge woods . On the left is a vase turned from Walnut and unknown species (maybe Cocobolo Sapwood?). He finished these pieces using his Beall Buffing system.

Jim Hunt



Quoting Jim, his wife had suggested he “stop whining” about some issue. So what did Jim do in response? Well he went to his shop and made himself a baby rattle... It couldn't be just any plain old looking rattle either. The handle had to have a Celtic Knot design and have Birch, Walnut and Zebra wood as part of the design. And yes, it does rattle (was demonstrated).

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Tim and Melody Bynon



Before Tim and Melody gave their presentation on their journey in the cabinet business they showed the dovetail jig they used in their cabinet business. It is an old Sears unit that Tim modified for better clamping capability and to make it more suitable for a production environment. Melody was the primary user of this unit and made more than just a few drawers. It is set up to do ½ blind dovetail joints as pictured in the photo above. Tim described the clamping modifications while Melody explained how she used it in her production role. It is obvious that Melody is very proud of her abilities in the woodworking shop environment.



Larry Gross

Larry brought in this very unique table. He designed and fabricated it about 1 ½ years ago and used repurposed oak wine barrel staves. This project required the use of 2 barrels and took almost 2 months to make. He volunteers at Hollys Hill vineyard in El Dorado County for club events and to help do the bottling. Most of his 8-10 year old wine barrels are recycled red barrels. After their careers end he gives them another chance and has made a number of items using them.

In this case he had to do some very creative re-dimensioning of the staves in order to make them usable in this project. He used sanding and grinding to remove the curved surfaces so he could lap and glue the staves for the

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top. He used marine 2 part glue and many clamps to construct the top (see additional pictures below). He flattened the top using sanders. The legs are doweled and the finish used was Danish Oil.



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Member's Corner:

No contribution this month. We encourage members to submit short articles on a woodworking related topic for this new section.

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.

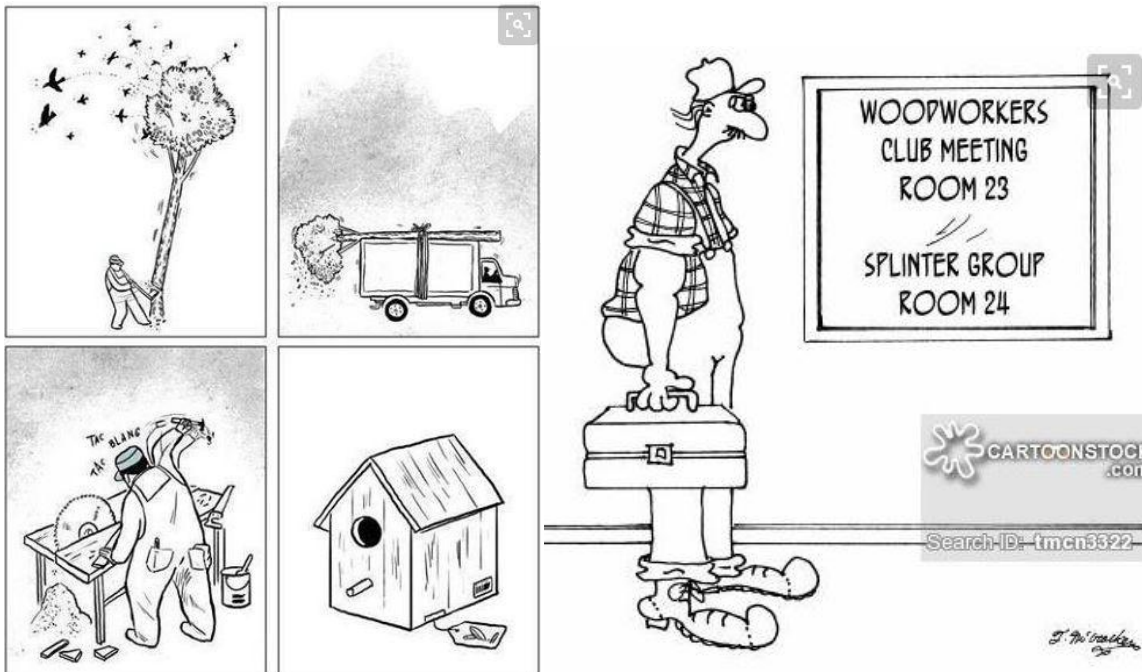
Member Prizes:

- 1) Woodcraft Supply \$25 gift cert.
- 2) Black Locus Wood Turning block
- 3) Set of Chip Brushes
- 4) 4 Tear Revolving Storage Bins
- 5) Drift Punch set
- 6) Clamp Lamp
- 7) Oil capture can (for oil changes)
- 8) 45 piece drive bit set

Ken Welsh
Bruce Hall
Mick Dupper
Tom Campbell
Warren Wyllie
Dave Boucher
Homer Rail
Guest

Donated

Wood Humor:



Submitted by Ron Sexton

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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 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.

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.

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