

GOLD COUNTRY WOODCRAFTERS

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GCW Meeting Brief:

The December 13th meeting lasted about 2 hours. We had our largest turnout ever for this special December meeting with 35 members plus more than 25 guests in attendance. We have 3 new members that we would like to welcome: Jerry Preston, Tom Gardella, and Ian Padgham.

The December meeting was a very special one that followed a slightly different agenda and turned out to be a fun time for all. To celebrate this holiday season members were encouraged to bring their Spouses or Special Guests to celebrate and show what our club is all about. There were lots of refreshments, a continuous slide show showcasing member's projects and John Brideson, our founder, gave a presentation on the club history.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the presentation of the toys members made for the annual GCW Toys for Tots program. For the show and tell segment members were to bring in show and tell projects from past meetings as well as any new ones to demonstrate the craftsmanship of our members. A few of the items were shown by their creators. During the meeting attendees were given time to study the items up close.

We had our usual raffle plus a special raffle solely for our guests with lots of great prizes including some donated by members. There are 2 items listed in the Exchange Corner, a homemade lathe (free). Also an accessory for the Dewalt DW788 scroll saw.

Presidents Message:



Gold Country Woodcrafters, what a great way to end the year! Spouse/Special guest night was a great success. Thank you to all 60 plus members plus guests for attending and helping us enjoy the evening!

A special thanks to Ken Welsh for providing the beautiful stained glass hummingbirds for our guests and to Dave Boucher and Ken for a great job on the refreshments.

Gail Cone treated us to a slideshow of GCW member's awesome projects from show and tells. Thanks for that Gail and for all the work you put into the newsletter each month!

Of course, our Toys for Tots program cannot go without mention. Thank you to so many members who participated in producing toys this year!

As we close out the year, I want thank all of you again for being a part of this fine organization.

Enjoy your Holidays, be safe and see you next year!!

Jim Hunt

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GCW Celebrates:

Ken Welsh MC'ed the early part of meeting welcoming our members their spouses and guests. He



Carter. See picture in raffle section.

presented the night's agenda and then turned the meeting over to John Brideson who gave an overview of the Gold Country Woodcrafters founding and history. Besides being part of the refreshment committee Ken and his close friend Gail May brought in humming bird leaded glass window hangings they created for all the guests. They also brought a large Christmas Goose leaded glass window hanging for the guest raffle. This was won by Pearl



60 members today. A link to additional history information is on the Gold Country Woodcrafters website: <http://goldcountrywoodcrafters.com/club-information.html> .

John Brideson, the founder and first president of Gold Country Woodcrafters gave a great overview of how the club got started, got its name and its history to date. The club was started in 2007 with the help of a few Sacramento Area Woodworkers (SAW) members from our area and customers he meet while working for Woodcrafter Supply in Sacramento. John recognized that there was a need for woodworking enthusiasts from the foothills area to have a place to meet and share their work. From these few the club has now grown to over



Jim Hunt gave a talk on what our club is all about and what we do at our monthly meetings. He also thanked all those who contributed to putting this special holiday meeting together: John Brideson for his club history presentation, Ken Welsh contribution to the spouse gifts and spouse raffle, Ken Welsh and David Boutcher for the great job on the refreshments, Gail Cone for creating the members project's slide show, Dale Gamble's toy presentation, the GCW Executive Committee efforts and members for project presentations.

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A few Pictures from this special gathering.



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Toys for Tots Presentation:



Dale Gamble our GCW Toys for Tots program chairman gave an overview for our members and guests on our annual toy making effort. Here he shows a couple of the toys, grass hoppers, that were made as part of the effort. In all, our members made over 250 toys of various types. These included doll cradles, cars, trucks, coin banks, air planes, ducks, and doll buggies. We had great participation by our members this year. Those members contributing their time, effort, creativity and in many instances their own material and money were: Roy Carter, Homer Rail, Mark Butzler, Mik

Dupper, Bill Meronek, Rich Schwerin, Paul Velk, Jim Higbee, Bruce Hall, and Gail Cone.

A special recognition needs to go to Bruce Hall. Bruce each year makes toys for the Toys for Tots effort at various clubs. This year he made over 520 cars, trucks, and airplanes to distribute.

Some examples of the toys our members made.



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Member Focus:

Bruce Hall



Here Bruce shows how he plans his material and makes cuts to get the best yield. Bruce was kind enough to provide some background information on how he acquired his passion for toy making.

In his own words;

“From the time I could stand up on my own I spent mornings downstairs in my Grandfather's black smith shop at the age of 2. He started teaching me the use the tools of his trade, and in the process he had me make my first toy. I cut the end off of a wooden spool, tapered it and put a dowel in it to make a top.”

“As for the toys that I've been making, I designed them for a wood working program that I was doing for 8-13 year olds at a camp. The first year, 2013, I made 100 for our church's participation in the Toys for Tots drive. In 2014 I made 100 for the Toys for Tots drive. Then a friend asked me to make some for him to take to an orphanage in Uganda. He got 30 to take to Africa.”

Where the toys go: “Last year 150 went to the Loomis Basin Toy and Food distribution and 150 went to El Dorado County Toys for Tots through the club. This year 97 went to Salvation Army through SAW, 49 went into Operation Christmas Child boxes, 200 went to Loomis Basin and 176 went to Toys for Tots through the GCW club.”

“Knowing what a blessing it is for these kids to get a toy that someone made warms my heart. Even with the mass production methods that I talked about at the meeting I figure 12-15 minutes per car and 20-25 minutes per airplane. They are organic as I don't use any finish or glue, just some steel pins to hold the wheels on. This year Aura Hardwoods donated the wood”

Bruce

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From the floor:

- 1) John Roberts gave us a tip on how we can use our piles of sawdust to start our winter fireplace fires. Fill a container such as a half gallon milk (or juice) wax covered carton. Make sure to take off the plastic spout if present. Tamp the sawdust into the container using a 4x4 or the like. Light her up and enjoy.
- 2) Ron Sexton would like to remind members that January is Antique Tool night. He hopes to see a lot of old tools and hear a description of how they got them and if they use them.

Future Meeting Topics:

2017

January 10 th	This is bring your antique tools show and tell night.
February 14 th	Video night. 1) Wagon Wheel making video. 2) Steam bending video.
March 14 th	The art of creating cutting boards. Presentation by Basil Borkert.
April 11 th	GCW 2017 Spring Project Challenge Night.
October 10 th	GCW 2017 Fall Project Challenge Night
May – Dec.	to be announced.

If any of our members would like to give a presentation or have ideas for a presentation please contact Ron Sexton (hcwpvl@directcon.net) or one of the committee members, David Boutcher (WE2Wheelers@sbcglobal.net) or John Brideson (jkbrideson@sbcglobal.net) and let them know. 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:

The night's show and tell was a bit different than usual. Because of the large number of projects brought in for this special meeting it was decided to limit the number of presentations in the interest of time. It turned out that we had just 7 of the estimated 30 or so projects were presented. Those members that presented are listed as usual. Thanks to all those that brought in projects. If your latest project did not get presented please be sure to bring it in at the next meeting.

Ron Sexton



Ron continues to develop his pyrography artistry skills. He spends much time in the study of his favorite subject, trees and natural settings, to determine form perspective and artistry. I believe he said that this scene is still being considered for an ocean backdrop. We are looking forward to seeing the finished product. The box/canvas is of pine.

Basil Borkert



Basil is our breadboard wizard. He has brought in a number of his fabulous creations to share. This one uses maple, walnut, and paduak to create a fabulous contrast in geometric shapes. He explained that the choice of finish really is important in how the piece is able to accent the contrasting woods. I believe he said this one uses mineral oil plus bees wax.

Note, be sure to attend the March 14th meeting to discover how Basil does his magic. Be sure to bring pen and paper to take notes.

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Steve Peterson



If you want a challenge make a clock. I mean make a clock, literally. Steve brought in the wall clock he created for the clock GCW Project Challenge a while back. The gears were made using CNC (Steve Cabrol collaboration). Steve explained that he still needs to fine tune for accuracy. OK, wives don't get any ideas. I've already gotten hints. The pendulum is like 5 feet long....

Max Lee



One of the items Max brought in was one he shared last month. This very fine intarsia of a beloved pet, Olive. Olive was a guest for the November evening. Some of the woods he used are zebra, ebony, black walnut, olive (appropriately) and oak. Notice the grain orientation to promote the many components. Great likeness, of Olive, that is.

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Gail Cone



Gail brought in 2 of his latest turnings. The vase on the left was on the lathe for 4 weeks. Both process and holiday delays are part of the equation. The primary wood (scrub oak/firewood) was taken from a downed dead tree. Wood had some nice spalting however it was a bit punky. He used 1 and ½ bottles of thin CA glue to stabilize the outside shape. Inside he used Minwax wood stabilizer. Almost a whole can. Used brass filling to fill voids. Small turning is maple burl with blood-wood. Mung-ebony and a walnut finial make up the lid.

Mark Butzler



Mark showed off this box with primary wood being oak. Accent wood is walnut. Looks like the wife is already putting it to good use.

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Jim Hunt



Jim brought in his latest a large segmented bowl. Where does he get the time to make all his creative projects? Note the small segments are offset to produce the openings. Maybe a presentation is in order to help others use this technique.

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) Measuring tapes, 2
- 3) Hearing protection w/radio
- 4) 26 piece driver set
- 5) Blue tooth speaker
- 6) Large block purple-heart.

Guest Prizes:

- 1) Certificate for frozen yogurt
- 2) Set of 2 hot and cold cups,
- 3) Big box of chocolates
- 4) Mixed gift goody sampler
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- 6) Christmas Goose leaded glass window hanging.



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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 2016-2017 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.**

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.

The GCW Exchange Corner: **2 items listed this month.**

1. Old home made lathe free for the asking. One of our newest members, Jerry Preston, would be happy to give it to a club member who can use it or just wants an old lathe. His uncle used this lathe to make a gavel for him 65 years ago when Jerry was in High School, so it's at least 65 years old and probably older. It does run, but the motor should be replaced. Accessories included.

The specifications:

Motor: 1/3 HP, 120 V, 60 Hz, 1 phase, 1440 RPM, 5/8" shaft 2" long

Speed: 4 belt positions

Swing Over Bed: 10" dia (limited to 8" by motor)

Distance between Centers: 24", could be easily extended with new 2 x 6 lumber.

Drive Spindle: 1" - 8 TPI on bed side, 3/4" - 10 TPI on outboard side

Head and Tailstock Taper: #1MT

Bed: 1 1/2" x 4 3/4" D

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Contact information: Phone 530 306 4273, email jbpreston437@gmail.com

2. Lifter for the DW788 scroll saw. It is used to help hold up the arm while changing the blades. Paid \$32.00 +shipping + tax for it. Asking \$30.00. If interested contact, Jasper Estes, at 916-632-3753 or email at jaspere@wavecable.com.

Saw and Planer blade sharpening.

A number of members have asked about who we know that sharpens saw and planer blades. Well GCW member Ken Welsh can handle the job. Just give him a call.

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Merry Christmas
Regards and happy woodcrafting.

Gail Cone

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