

# GOLD COUNTRY WOODCRAFTERS

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## GCW Newsletter Brief:

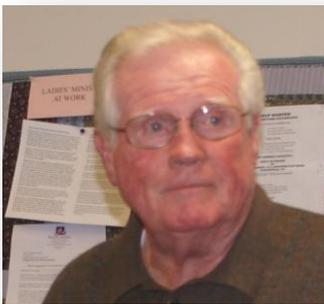
The December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was a resounding success, with near 70 members and their guests in attendance. We have one new member, Mr. Oscar Wittrock. Welcome to the club Oscar. The objective of this meeting was to showcase our clubs talents to spouses and guests and celebrate the holiday season. The Show-N-Tell portion of the meeting was actually the main event of the night. The idea was for members to bring any Show-N-Tell projects they wished to share, including projects shown at previous meetings. There were at least 21 members showing projects and there were at least 30 projects on hand. Our guests were treated to a special raffle that included a number of Christmas theme prizes. Also, Jim Hunt was presented with a plaque in appreciation for his contribution as GCW President.



**On behalf of all our Gold Country Woodcrafters members, we would like to wish you and yours a very joyous Christmas.**



## Presidents Message:



### Gold Country Woodcrafters

No words can adequately describe the success of our December, Bring Your Spouse or Special Guest meeting. Mark Butzler and his wife Judy did a grand job at organizing the meetings events. How can you not like the humor of our Master of Ceremonies Ken Welsh. Then there was a fantastic buffet featuring delicious finger food prepared by Ken's friend Gail May. The members artistry presented on the Show-N-Tell table was the standout feature of evening. What a night! I'm proud to be a member of this fine club.

We have some fine meeting presentations being lined up for the next few months so be sure to check out the meeting schedules in the Announcement and News section.

Again, thanks to all who helped put on our December meeting and I look forward to meeting and working with you promoting participation in the coming year.

*Warm Regards:*

*John Brideson*

*GCW President*

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## December Meeting:



The December meeting was what will be our annual “bring your spouse or special guest night”. This special event, marking the holidays was very special and featured a number of special happenings. We’ve set a record for a meeting turnout, with near 70 members and guests in attendance. All were entertained by our favorite Master of Ceremonies, Ken Welsh. He always provides an upbeat and light hearted experience for our members and guests.



The evening featured a slide show displaying projects by our members throughout this last year, an extended Show-N-Tell with 21 members showing as many as 30 projects, delicious snacks and refreshments, and a special guest only raffle with cool prizes donated by Ken Welsh.

There were some great moments during the Show-N-Tell including a banjo blue grass rendition by Nelson Exum. After the Show-N-

Tell there was a long break that allowed all our attendees to review/admire our member’s projects up close.

Our Show-N-Tell members: Tony White, Craig Milliron, Rich Schwerin, Don Lawson, Pesola, Dale Gamble, Terry Heart, Ron Sexton, Gail Brooks, Homer Rail, Bill Meronek, Nelson Exum, Ed Woodards, Mark Butzler, John Roberts, Oscar Wittrock, Frank Fantino, Jim Gott, John Cope and Jim Hunt.

A special thanks goes to all those that made the event a grand success; Event organizer Mark Butzler and his wife Judy, Ken Welsh as M-C and his friend Gail May for the excellent food, guest badges Jerry Preston, our greeters Dale Gamble and Bill Meronek.

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## Plaque presentation:



At the night's meeting John Brideson presented Jim Hunt with a plaque showing the club's appreciation for his 4 years (2016-2019) as Gold Country Woodcrafters president.

Under his leadership the club prospered and grew. We look forward to his continued participation in club activities and his natural gift for sharing woodworking expertise.

## Announcements and News:

- 1) New meeting sign-in procedure:** *Repeated from November Newsletter.* Jerry Preston, our new treasure, has instituted a new sign-in procedure. Basically the sign-in sheet has been eliminated. Now members just collect their badges from the "badge box" upon entry to the meeting. Badges are in numerical order. At the end of the meeting the badges are to be placed in a collection bucket "the badge bucket". The badges are tallied and recorded by Jerry after the meeting to define the meeting sign-in. Guests will have temporary badges assigned which will also be deposited in the "badge bucket". To make this work, please be sure to wear your badge at the meeting and drop it in the bucket at the end of the meeting.
- 2) Donation to park Community Church:** In appreciation for the continued support from the Park Community staff supporting our club's use of their facilities, the club has presented the church with a \$75 Christmas donation. The club would especially like to thank Faye Glen for her consistent and dependable aid in preparation for our meetings.
- 3) Meeting Topics for 2020:**

**January 14<sup>th</sup>:** (Subject to schedule change) The January meeting will feature Craig Koski, the owner of Gold Country Art Gallery, located near the Bell Tower in Old Town Placerville. He has 50-60 artists on consignment and plans to share with us how he built the business.

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**February 11<sup>th</sup>:** (Subject to schedule change) The February meeting will feature a presentation on power carving by a long time instructor and employee of Woodcraft Supplies,, Adam Panto. Adam has many carving successes in the Sacramento area including lobby displays in Eskaton, West Sacramento Ziggurat bldg and others.

**March 10<sup>th</sup>:** (Subject to schedule change) Tim Bynon will demonstrate vacuum forming wood parts. He will cover laminating curved and compound curved wood laminates such as used for chair parts or wood skis. It can also be used for laminating re-sawn or thin veneers for flat or curved panels. Simple, cheap clear vacuum bags will be shown for different configurations.

**April 14<sup>th</sup>:** April is our spring Project Challenge. Stay tuned for the theme projects. They will be announced at the January meeting.

*Members that have ideas for presentations 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.*

## Show-N-Tell (New Projects for December):

The Show-N-Tell included new as well as projects that may have been shown at prior meetings. Only the projects recognized as new are presented here. I apologize if we missed any new project as this was a very busy meeting. If I missed one, let me know, and I will endeavor to include it in a future newsletter.

### Gail Brooks



Gail is becoming a regular presenter of her wood art creations. At the December meeting she showed us 2 pieces. The first is a plate

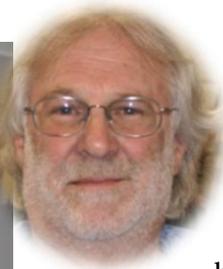
featuring a pyrography tree design. She used a light stain application to achieve the depth of perspective shading desired. The other is a turned Natural Edge Oak piece. It required lots of CA to stabilize the natural edge so it would not fly off.

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## Craig Milliron



We have seen a number of wine bottle stoppers presented by Craig at recent meetings. A few had designs carved on the top. Well he has gone and bettered that. He acquired an inexpensive laser engraver, shown on left, and with the help of a jig, he built, is now able to put virtually any design he wishes



on his creations. Pattern designs are readily available and the unit he chose is easy to use. He used a turning face plate to howl the stoppers for engraving. Amazon has a number of machines listed. Craig's is a Crafts Man 3000mW Mini Laser Engraving Machine.

## Gail Cone



Yet another vase for the vast collection in the Cone household. For this one, Gail turned a section of Fruitless Malberry. There were lots of cracks and voids that resulted from drying over about 3 years. He took advantage of the defects by filling them with powdered turquoise. The top ring is Purple Heart. It was finished with several coats of Formbys Tung Oil. The Malberry wood was obtained from member Bill Hatwig. The Malberry had been in his front yard and had to be taken down.



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## *Jim Gott*



Jim brought in 2 of his latest turnings. The dark bowl is Cocobolo. He said that the blank yielded 3 pieces using a bowl coring tool. Square bowl looks to be Curly Maple. Looks like the square bowl turned out to be a fine piece. This type of project can be a challenge due to the risks they present. Keep the first aid kit handy!



## *Oscar Wittrock*



Oscar showed off his side table lamp he made. Oscar is a new member. He joined at the December meeting and already he is showing his projects. Welcome to the Gold Country Woodcrafters Oscar. We look forward to seeing more of your work. Sorry for the poor picture. Lucky I got a shot at all with all the projects at hand.

Mug Shot next time....

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## Frank Fantino



Segmented bowl presented by Frank Fantino. He used Rose Wood and Maple to create segments.



## John Roberts



John brought in his ultimate in marble games. Insert the marble at the top edge of the lid and watch it progress through numerous geometric and machine component obstacles to be spit out the bottom side. The amount of engineering that goes into his games is significant to say the least. He says he builds his toys to entertain the grandkids when they visit. Really... It is beginning to look like he is the one being entertained just by the challenge of creating them. And that's OK.



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## *Terry Heart*



Terry presented this Red Oak bowl approx 10.5”D. The relief design on the outer edge was created using a Roto-Tool. Terry was kind enough to send me a picture of his bowl as I missed getting one.



## *John Cope*

John showed 2 panels with CNC carved reliefs. Unfortunately we don’t have pictures or many details on his project. We suggest that John bring the project to a future meeting so we can get more details on his CNC usage. More and more members are forging into using CNC and it helps to have members present how they got into it, issues they encounter, CNC tool selection and its intended usage.

## *Victor Larson (Correction).*

In the November newsletter I reported that Victor used a finish on his bowls that formulated using Polyurethane, Linseed oil and Mineral oil. Mineral Oil is incorrect and **MUST NOT BE USED IN THIS** finish formulation. The correct formulation is as follows: It is a formula developed by Sam Maloof and consists of 1/3 polyurethane, 1/3 linseed oil, 1/3 mineral spirits. It results in a “slightly silky feeling” finish.

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**Businesses that support GCW:** Be sure to stop by Woodcraft Supply Sacramento, Pro Builder Placerville, The Paint Spot\*, or the Rockler Woodworking\* store in Rocklin. Please let them know how much Gold Country Woodcrafters appreciates their support. \**places offering GCW members discounts.*

**Membership Dues:** For those members wishing to renew their membership for the 2019-2020 year by mail here is the information you need. Make out a \$20 check payable to Gold Country Woodcrafters. Send to: Jerry Preston, PO Box 187, Pollock Pines, CA 95726. *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.

*Gail Cone*

GCW Newsletter editor



*I would like to acknowledge my Wife, Karen, for taking the time and effort to proof read the newsletter each and every month. Believe me it makes a real difference making me look good.*

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