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GCW Meeting Brief:

The February 14th meeting lasted about 1 hour 45 minutes. We had 32 members in attendance, including one returning member. The member that rejoined was Bob DeRoss. Welcome back Bob. The theme this month was woodworking videos. 2 very interesting UTube woodworking videos were shown despite issues accessing the internet. Seven members brought in items for the show and tell and we had our usual raffle with a number of great prizes. The Exchange Corner this month includes a number of delta power tools so check it out. Also, check out "Wood Humor" near the end of the newsletter.

Be sure to attend the March meeting. There will be a presentation on the art of creating cutting boards given by GCW member Basil Borkert.

Presidents Message:



Gold Country Woodcrafters

Thank you to Ron Sexton for managing the meeting in my absence. A thank you as well go to all those who were able to sneak out of the house on Valentine's Day to attend!

We have a couple events coming up soon, the Carver/Woodworking show on Saturday and Sunday, May 20-21 and the Spring Shop Tour on Saturday, May 13. Our participation in the Carver event will be contingent upon member interest in manning a booth. Please be thinking about how you would like to be involved in each event so we can get organized over the next couple meetings.

We have received comments from members having difficulty hearing presentations due to chatter and side conversations during the meeting. It is difficult hearing in the large room at best, so we ask that these conversations be reserved for appropriate times during meetings. Thank you for your cooperation.

I look forward to seeing you all in March! Until then, Happy and safe woodworking!

Jim Hunt

Video Night:

The February presentation was the showing of 2 woodworking related videos. The videos, on UTube, were researched and provided by Ron Sexton. The first video detailed the complete process for fabricating wooden wheels much like those used on the covered wagons. The tools used did include some large power tools but involved significant amounts of hand tool work. The second video detailed

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a steam bending process used to create “sheep wagon” bows. The bows are used to support the canvas covering for the wagons.

If you missed the meeting, here are the links to the UTube videos.

1) Making a wooden cart wheel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQSMs-b0Jzg> (duration 34 Minutes)

2) Steam bending “sheep wagon” bows: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0xj7OujbwU> (duration 17 Minutes.)

We need to thank Phil Johnson for saving the day. The showing of these videos almost didn’t happen. As luck would have it, the Park Community Church’s internet access was down that night so we couldn’t show UTube videos. Needless to say we were in a bit of a panic on what to do for the meeting. We were able to contact Jim Hunt while he was working on the Oroville dam spillway repairs and he suggested we see if any of our members had the Wi-Fi Hotspot application on their smart phone. Well, we had one and that was Phil. Hope we didn’t cause an overage on Phil’s phone data usage.

Announcements/news:

1. **Wood Carver’s Show Participation:** A special meeting of the GCW Executive Committee was held just prior to the regular meeting to discuss the possible participation by GCW in the CWA Competition and show of 2017 (Wood Carvers Show) being held at the Scottish Rite Memorial Center in Sacramento, May 20th – 21st. Harvey Myers had attended an information meeting some time back that explained the details of participation in the show. The exec. meeting discussion covered the reasons for participating and the need to have GCW volunteers man a table for the 2 days. Our members could put on demonstrations, and show and sell items if desired. It was decided to tell our members at the night’s regular meeting about the event and pass around a signup sheet to see if any members were interested in participating. Currently only members of the Executive Committee have expressed any interest.
2. **Shop Tours in May:** We are planning to have show tours again this year and the event is currently set for May 13th. Jim Hunt is still asking for members that are interested in having their shop participate to contact him. We had a great time last year and hope also to make this year’s event a great experience for our members.
3. **Project Challenge April:** Harvey Myers (Project Challenge chairman) reminded the members that April is our project challenge month (60 days and counting). The theme is to build a shop organizer project of some type. Suggestions include organizers for tape, sand paper, battery chargers, etc. So get your imaginations revved up for this event. A drawing for \$50 will be held for all those who participate.

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4. **Mentors List Update:** Gail Cone passed around a copy of the mentors list to allow members to update information and or add their names as volunteers. It turns out that the list must be up to date as no changes or additions were provided. If you have not seen the mentors list and would like to review the expertise and volunteers available, a link to the list on the GCW website is provided below. If you were not able to attend the meeting but would like to offer join our list of mentors please send me and email. You can get the passcode to access the list at any meeting. [Mentor's List link](#).

5. **From the floor:**

John Brideson reported that Charles Lynn the former SAW club president and a current member of GCW is now the Woodcraft Supply store manager. Congratulations Charles on your new position. We know you will do a great job managing our favorite woodworking supply store.

2017 Meeting Topics:

March 14 th	The art of creating cutting boards. Presentation by GCW member Basil Borkert.
April 11 th	GCW Spring Project Challenge Night. Theme, some type of shop organizer.
May 9 th	Millwork and installation for cabinet work. Presentation by Dale Gamble.
June 13 th	Applying CA (cyanoacrylate/super glue) finish on pens, etc by Gail Cone.
July 11 th	Demonstration of a portable lumber mill. By Steve Cabrol.
August 8 th	Cabinetry and dovetailing presentation by Tim and Melody Bynon.
September 12 th	The Saw sharpening with some history presentation by Ken Welsh.
October 10 th	GCW Fall Project Challenge Night. Theme to be announced.
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.

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: (7 presenters)

Bill Meronek



Bill brought in this branding iron his wife had custom made for him. Here he used it to custom sign a cutting board. I suspect he uses a propane torch to heat it up. Now he can put his initials on all the fine projects he builds.

Mark Butzler (project 1)



Mark brought in 2 projects this meeting. The first one on the left is his shop made Longworth chuck. This type of chuck is useful when finishing off the bottoms of turnings. The chuck mounts on his vintage lathe he recently acquired using a faceplate. He found the plans for it on the net at <http://ravenview.com/blog/2010/10/17/how-to-make-a-longworth-chuck/>

The construction involves making a pair of disks with routed arcs that rotate against each. By rotating the disks the eight rubber plugs mounted with wing-nuts and screws are drawn in or out on the opposing arcs depending on the direction of rotation. After adjusting the rubber jaws to the turning project inner or outer rim the wing-nuts are tightened causing compression and retention. The silicone rubber plugs were found locally at The CHI Company, 6070

Enterprise Dr., Suite K, Diamond Springs, CA. 530-622-8265.

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Mark Butzler (project 2)



Another project shown by Mark was this jig/tool he made to simplify the setting of the knives on his joiner. It uses a Micrometer Dial Gage mounted in a block containing magnets. He locates the jig on the out-feed table near the knives. After calibrating the gage to the out-feed table he sets the gage at each knife blade and adjusts the blade to the same height as the out-feed table. I need to make one of these...

John Cassidy



Johns brought in this candle stick. He used a piece of red oak turned round on a lathe, then used a Craftsman router crafter to create the barley twist. The base is turned from red oak also. To finish he used an early American stain and 3 coats polyurethane. Candle cup was found at Michaels. As a note, the Craftsman Router Crafter is becoming a rare item. He found his on Ebay. You won't find it in the Craftsman catalog!

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Bob DeRoss



Bob brought in this fine heart shaped keepsake box. He used a number of wood species to give this piece some eye catching contrasts. It is a bandsaw box and the primary wood is birdseye maple with and is accented using zebra wood. The leaves really define this project.

Ron Sexton



Ron showed this TV stand he made for the bedroom. He used white and black oak in the construction. It features 48 mortise and tenons, and space for DVR. For the finish he used a chestnut stain, and lacquer. For the top he chose to rubbed-out fine finish. This required 8 coats of lacquer and a number of rubout steps. As finishing is always a popular topic, members had numerous questions on the process of creating a “fine” finish.

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Harvey Myers



Harvey brought in his latest wood sculpture. He created this one from an old somewhat rotten oak log. It is mounted to a rock base using steel rod. He used linseed as the finish. As usual there was a discussion on what to call his latest piece. The usual conclusion fits best, "It's ART!" Could be a squirrel slide? He also brought in some carved spoons (see inset). These he carved from sassafras. Sassafras wood/tree is a new one on me.

Gail Cone



Gail showed pictures of his latest large project, a kitchen island. The wife had a lot of input on this effort. A primary objective was to have it match the rest of the kitchen cabinetry. Woods used were poplar for face frames, and birch plywood for the main structure. It features a 60"x25" maple butcher top, 4 drawers and 2 cabinet sections. Several coats of Behlen salad bowl finish (polyurethane) were

used for the top finish. Oh, and we can't forget the rooster panels, four 6"x6" porcelain tiles each, so the other roosters in the kitchen would have more company. The biggest challenge of this project was finding an accent molding that would closely match that of the rest of the kitchen. It took several weeks and much research before finding something that would work. A cabinet shop, Cook Cabinets of Diamond springs, was able to supply a very close match (100 ft). Thanks to Bruce Hall, Dale Gamble, and Tim Bynon for consulting on the molding problem.

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The GCW Exchange Corner: 1 listing this month.

1. From a fellow woodworker: I am moving to smaller quarters requiring the sale of several of my larger tools. The people at Woodcraft suggested I send this information for any of your members that might be interested. The items include:
 - Delta 10" Contractor Saw- 32" rip with Biesemeyer fence on mobile base
 - Delta 6" jointer on a mobile base
 - Delta dust collector
 - Makita 10" miter saw
 - Delta air cleaner
 - Delta oscillating spindle sander

If there is interest in these items I can supply photos, asking price, etc.

Contact: Vic Victorino, 916-989-1021, vvict42@yahoo.com

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:

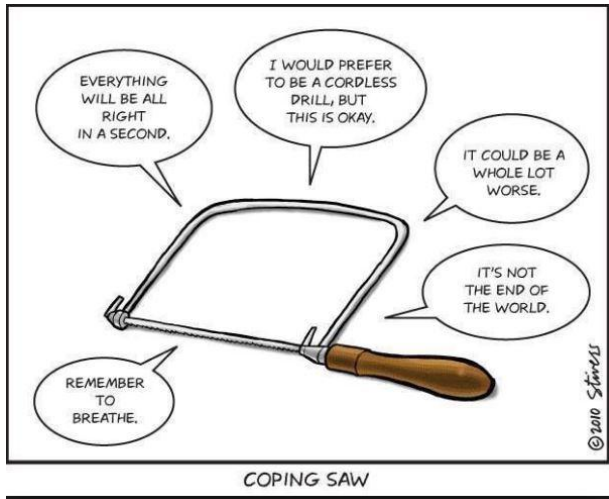
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| 1) Woodcraft Supply \$25 gift cert. | Bob DeRoss |
| 2) Box of Champagne Truffles | John Brideson |
| 3) Angle Square | David Boutcher |
| 4) Pail Led Flashlights | Ken Welsh |
| 5) Finishing Sander | John Cassidy |
| 6) MagnaCart (handcart 150lbs) | Warren Wyllie |

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Wood Humor:



Contributions by Ron Sexton.



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.

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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.

WELSH'S SAW WORKS

Formerly Rocklin Saw Works

Ken Welsh

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Regards and happy woodcrafting.

Gail Cone

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