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GCW Meeting Brief:

The January 12th meeting turned out to be a very interesting and fact filled hour and a half. We had a great turn out with 37 members (includes 1 new member) present plus 3 guests. Our new member is Mark Butzler. Welcome to the GCW club Mark. The theme for this meeting was woodworking jigs. Members were to bring in their favorite woodworking jig(s) to show and describe their usage. The turnout was fantastic with 9 members showing their jigs and provided lots of information on why they were created and how they use them. For the Show and Tell we had 6 members showing their latest craftsmanship. There are no items listed on the exchange corner this time.

Presidents Message:

What a great start for 2016! A good turnout along with strong participation in the “jig” presentation provided all those in attendance with thought provoking ideas to make our woodworking even more pleasurable. There truly was something for everyone. Thank you to all who participated.

Our meeting format now includes a 10-15 minute break mid-meeting and is intended to give members more time to socialize, meet new members and learn from each other so please take full advantage of this opportunity.

Our spring shop tour, scheduled tentatively for a Saturday in late April/early May, promises to be a club highlight. This will be an opportunity not to miss so stay tuned for further details.

I am constantly amazed at the talent and creativity of our members. Thank you all for supporting our club, actively participating and your willingness to share your ideas and experience.

Enjoy the beginning of our winter season and I look forward to seeing you all in February!

Jim Hunt



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Woodworking Jigs presentations:

We had a great turnout for the woodworking jigs night and truly highlighted the skill and creativity of our members. Shown in picture collage below are a few of the jigs members brought to share with our members. Several members brought more than one jig. Those that presented their jig(s) were Ron Sexton, Jim Hunt, Bill Meronek, John Roberts, Bruce Wood, Harvey Myers, Homer Rail, Bruce Hall, and Gail Cone. Each presenter is featured with their jig(s) later in the "OUR JIGS" section. Due to the sheer number of presenters and jigs, not all jigs are shown.



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Announcements/news:

1. **Rockler Woodworking Store:** Jim visited the new Rockler Woodworking store in Rocklin. The address is 6648 Lonetree Blvd, Rocklin, CA 95765. Phone (916) 259-7403. The store is offering a 10% discount to GCW members. Be sure to tell them you are a GCW member and have one of the GCW business cards on hand. If you do not have GCW business cards, be sure to pick some up at our next meeting.
2. **April Project Challenge:** Harvey Myers reminded all of the April GCW Project Challenge. Our members have 3 project options to choose from. They are 1) birdhouse, 2) cutting board, 3) trivet (An item to be placed under a hot dish to protect the counter surface). Rules: must be made of wood and must be made within 6 months of the challenge date. As announced in December, all members with an entry will be given a special raffle ticket for a drawing for a single \$50 prize.
3. **New Toys for Tots Chairman:** Dale Gamble is now our new Toys for Tots program chairman. Dale gave a brief on what he will be doing in the early stages of the 2016 effort. His main objective at this time is to become familiar with program and inventory the supplies left over from the 2015 effort. He thanked Roy Carter and Dave Boucher for their excellent record setting efforts in chairing the 2015 program.
4. **Rare Meeting Date Change:** We were informed that the Park Community Church meeting hall will not be available for our GCW meeting the second Tuesday in November 2016. Our club meeting will be moved to the third Tuesday, November 15th for this month only. Reminders will be sent out later in the year so all can reserve Nov. 15th.
5. **From the floor:** Bill Meronek suggested that we have more presentations on finishing topics. Ron Sexton, our finishing expert, suggested that because finishing presentations benefit more from hands on that it could be beneficial to have a Finishing SIG (Special Interest Group). Interested parties could then get together to and have hands on finishing practice. It was brought up that we have had a number of presentations on various finishing topics and we may want to revisit some of these as we have a number of new members. Plus refreshers are always good.
6. **Pinterest Website presentation:** Jim Hunt gave a quick presentation on a great website to visit when looking for woodworking ideas. He brought up the website on the video screen and showed members how to negotiate the Pinterest pages. Jim has used it to find ideas for some of his woodworking projects. You can also post your projects on the site so that others can see them. In many cases you may find projects that are posted with instructions/plans. The site address is <https://www.pinterest.com/> Just create a logon and search for the woodworking

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topic(s) of your choice. This site caters to all types of interests. Your wife may find it helpful for hers hobbies as well.

GCW supporters: **The Paint Spot**, **Churchill Hardware**, **Woodcraft Supply**, **Pro Builders**, **Aura Hardwoods** (they offer GCW discounts), and the **Rockler Woodworking Store** in Rocklin (offers 10% discount). Be sure to visit these establishments for your supplies and services and be sure to thank them for supporting the Gold Country Woodworkers club.

Upcoming Meeting(s):

February 8th 2016 A speaker from Woodcraft Woodworking Supply will give a talk on something near are dear to all of us. That is Shop Safety, AKA how to keep your fingers.

Show and tell

Harvey Myers



Here Harvey shows off his latest piece of art. This is a section of Manzanita he did some shaping on. There was some discussion as to what it was. All agreed that "it is art" and great art at that. Harvey again shows his unique ability to find the beauty in a piece of wood where others would easily miss it.



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Ken Merrill



Ken shows a bowl carved from Myrtle wood. This project provided a chance to use his new power tools.

Rich Schwerin



Here Rich Schwerin, one of our newest members, shows his creative vein with what to do with a toy car that had its wheels glued. Well you repurpose it as a handle on a push-block. Clever!

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Mick Dupper



It is great to see some of our newer members showing off their work. Here Mick shows a set of carving knives he created unique handles for. He used these great hand crafted tools to carve the rabbit above.

Bill Stedeford



Bill brought in these aged toys. 2 cars and 1 tractor. Prototypes for our GCW Toys for Tots effort??

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Roy Carter



Roy built this MC-130 (military gunship) replica to be donated to the Boys and Girls club to raise money for their new facility. This one brought in \$250 at auction. Good work Roy.

Our JIGS

Ron Sexton



Ron brought in a couple of his creative jigs. Upper right he has a jig that rides on the table saw fence and allows him to cut tapered box lids. The jig, lower right, was created to help him shape legs using the router. Note the handles that allow him to keep his hands well clear of the rotating pattern bit.



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Jim Hunt



Jim brought in a number of cool jigs. Above he shows a doweling tool. With this jig he can make dowels from any type of wood he wishes. Guess where he got this idea. Pinterest where else? On the right you see a jig he uses in place of a feather-board to keep material tight against the table fence. It features a roller, adjustable pressure arm and a magnetic lock down. Also shown on the lower right is a gear made using a gear template router jig.

Steve Peterson



Steve brought in a cross-cut sled. The base is made from 3/4" melamine. Notice the high tie plates that allow for deeper cuts and more finger clearance.

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John Roberts



John needed a way to store his pocket-hole tools and screws. Here he shows off a carrying case featuring 2 drawers for storing an

assortment of screws and a place to hold the pocket hole tools. He found the plans in the Woodsmith magazine.

Bruce Wood



Here Bruce explains his approach to creating jigs. He generally tries to increase a jig's versatility by building in the ability to adjust it to support variable project dimensional requirements. In this case he shows a jig he designed to create profiles on table legs. The actual profile insert is not shown.

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Harvey Myers



Harvey shows the router fence he designed. It features enhanced dust collection ability. Note the dust port.

Homer Rail



Homer brought in a couple of items. Here he is holding an adjustable circle cutting jig for his bandsaw. On the right is his picture frame miter sled. He enjoys painting and needs to have an accurate miter jig for creating his picture frames.

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Bruce Hall



Bruce brought in a number of items. Here he describes a jig he uses to gang cut wheel axels to length. Bruce makes a lot of toys for the Toys for Tots program. On the right Bruce has a taper jig he created to allow him to accurately cut the sections for the vase shown in insert. He tried using a commercially available taper jig but found that it did not provide the desired accuracy.

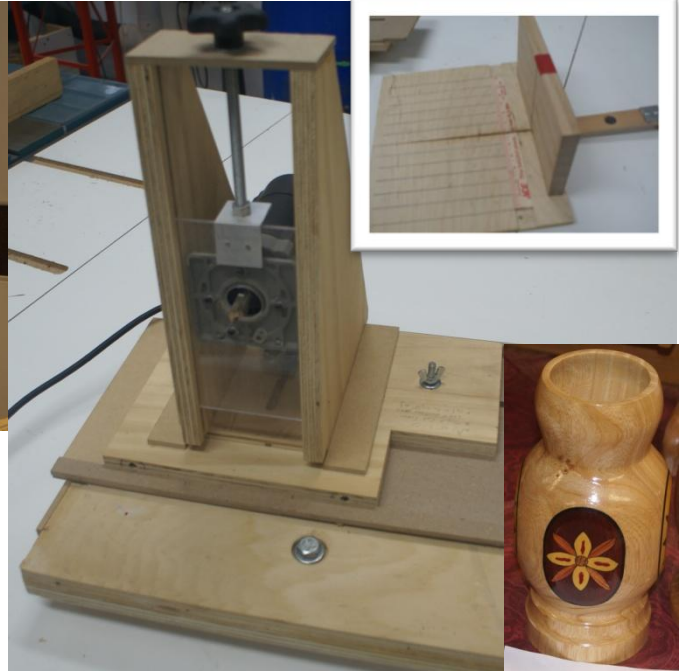


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Gail Cone



Gail shows the jig he uses on his lathe to allow him to route flat areas on some of his turnings. The flat areas are used to apply vignettes (see example) he creates for some of his turnings. The jig mounts to the lathe bed and uses a trim router that can be moved back and forth in order to create the desired flat areas. Adjustments are provided to set depth of cut and height of router. Also shown is a bandsaw sled (upper right) that features an arm that catches on the edge of the bandsaw table to prevent the sled from moving too far and allowing the blade to cut the sled's backboard. When not in use the arm is held out of the way via a magnet.

Raffle Results:

This was the first meeting where we used the raffle per item method for distributing raffle prizes. Members were to put raffle stubs in a receptacle associated with the prize they were interested in. During the raffle a stub was drawn for each item. We had great feedback on this raffle method so looks like it's a go.

- RotoZip Rotary tool
- 3 roles 2.75" sand paper
- Hand Cleaner & tape measure aid
- Drill Tool caddy
- \$25 Woodcraft Gift Cert.
- 48" Tee Square

Larry Gross
Harvey Myers
John Roberts
Mark Butzler
Homer Rail
Dale Gamble

Rotozip donated by John Roberts

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Businesses that support GCW: *Be sure to stop by Pro Builders, The Paint Spot, Churchill Hardware or Woodcraft Supply, Tortilla Flats Restaurant, and Rockler Woodworking Store and please let them know how much Gold Country Woodcrafters appreciate their support.*

Membership Dues: For those members wishing to renew their membership for the 2015-2016 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.**

The GCW Exchange Corner:

No items this month.

Happy New Year
Regards and happy woodcrafting.

Gail Cone

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