

GOLD COUNTRY WOODCRAFTERS

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GCW Meeting Brief:

The July 12th meeting lasted about 1 and 1/2 hours and we had 32 members on hand. We would like to welcome 2 new members joining our club from last month, Ron Wise and Tom Campbell. We hope they enjoy being members of Gold Country Woodcrafting. At this meeting we had a great presentation by Ron Sexton on finishing basics. Our club members continue to benefit from Ron's in depth woodworking knowledge. Our ever popular Show and Tell segment had 10 members showing their craftsmanship and tips. There are no items listed in the exchange corner section this month.

Presidents Message:

Fellow Woodcrafters,

One of the many benefits of Gold Country Woodcrafters is access to information from people who are experts at some aspect of woodworking. And July's meeting was no exception as Ron Sexton gave an excellent presentation on preparing and finishing wood projects. Thank you Ron!

Also noted was that our membership is now at 66 members. We have been adding 1-3 new members every meeting so please make an effort to welcome them and make them comfortable in our organization.

We are looking to fill the Secretary seat on the Executive Committee in September. Bill Hatwig's 2 year term is up so this is a great opportunity to get involved in leadership of the club. Anyone interested or wanting more information should contact any of the Exec Committee members.

We have a full and exciting summer and fall meeting schedule so mark your calendars now!

Until we meet again, Happy and safe Woodworking!

Jim Hunt



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Wood preparation and finishing presentation by Ron Sexton:



Ron continues to share his extensive woodworking knowledge and experience with our GCW members. He has given a number of presentations and has shared his numerous projects and ideas with us over the years.

Many of our members have consulted with Ron to help resolve finishing problems. He is always at the ready to give help and guidance. Much of his experience comes from spending a number of years as a professional furniture restorer and

refinisher.

Ron's presentation this time around concentrated on wood preparation and finishing tips - techniques. A lot of information was presented and if fully reported would consume many pages in this newsletter. This report will just list a few tips and ideas passed on to the members. Some topics covered were sanding, sealing, grain filling, staining, blemish repair, types of finishes, refinishing, and tools.

As an aid, Ron has graciously provided his presentation outline/notes for the convenience of our members. It is attached to the email distributing this newsletter. Also, it should be noted that Ron is listed in the GCW mentors list for wood finishing. The mentors list can be accessed on the GCW website "woodworking links" page. A password is required to view the list and it can be obtained by asking at any GCW club meeting.

A few notes:



- Avoid over sanding to allow better stain acceptance.
- Sand before project assemble and after.
- Break (round over) sharp edges to allow for finish acceptance.
- Clean up glue blemishes using white vinegar/water 50/50 mix.
- Use a sealer to promote even stain acceptance.
- Avoid gloss finishes if possible. Microscopic scratches show.
- When refinishing, don't sand. Use chemical tripper to help preserve patina.
- Use a high quality carnauba wax. Avoid spray household products (not real waxes).
- Soak oily (petroleum based finishes) in water to prevent spontaneous combustion.
- Don't forget to use safety gear when finishing (respirators, eye protection, etc).

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Announcements/news:

1. **Executive Committee Opening:** Bill Hatwig's term as club secretary ends soon and there is opening for the position of club secretary on the Executive Committee. If you are interested in joining the committee please let Jim Hunt or any committee member know. The terms are for 2 years. Meetings are only 4 times a year.
2. **Toy program:** Dale Gamble gave a brief report the Toy program. The effort will start with 2 toys. They will be a grass hopper and a duck with wings. Others will be defined as we go. He had a grass hopper example on hand to show. Again, anyone wishing parts or more information are encouraged to contact Dale. Phone: 530-626-0210, email: rndgamble@comcast.net.
3. **Club T-Shirts:** Warren Wyllie gave a report on the progress for defining a GCW T-Shirt. After discussions with the GCW Executive Committee decisions were made defining vendor, pricing, shirt color options, logo options, etc. Pricing depends largely on quantity and will most likely be between \$15 and \$20, color will be sand (other color options are available on special request), will have a front pocket with club name), logo on back. **Be ready to order yours at the August meeting.** Our Logo.
4. **September Car show:** The Park Community Church is sponsoring a car show Sept. 24th. The club is possibly going to have a booth again this year. If you are interested in participating in a club booth let Jim Hunt or a member of your Exec. Committee know.
5. **Reminders:**
 - a. November our GCW meeting will be on the 3rd Tuesday as the church is a voting precinct on our regular meeting night.
 - b. December is *bring your spouse/special guest* month. So mark your calendar Dec. 13th.
 - c. Oct. project challenge. 3 options are puzzle, a game, or a What Not Box (keep sake box, etc). Must be constructed from wood.
6. **From the Floor:** No Items from the floor this month.

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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 Woodcrafter club.

2016 Meeting Topics:

<i>August 9th</i>	Latest model WoodSmith machine demo. John Brideson and John Churchill
<i>September 13th</i>	Video Night. Topic(s) to be determined.
<i>October 11th</i>	Fall Project Challenge Night
<i>November 15th</i>	(3 rd Tuesday) CNC presentation. Steve Cabrol
<i>December 13th</i>	Spouses Night and Toys for Tots presentations

2017 Meeting Topics:

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 his committee members David Boutcher (WE2Wheeler@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)

Robert Garlick



Robert wanted to create something special using his woodworking talents for his music teacher. He showed us this photo and described how he went about making this wall hanging project. He cut the notes out of walnut and for the scale he used steel rods. Well done and very creative Robert.

Warren Wyllie



Warren brought in another one of his very helpful jigs he created to save time in his shop. This one takes much of the guess work out of setting up a dado blade stack to the desired width without the inconvenience of the on and off with the table saw. Just select dado blades and any needed spacers to approximate the width of a sample of the material to be assembled in the dado. This jig incorporates a 5/8" bolt and nut to match the arbor of his saw.

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Ron Sexton



Ron created these pendants featuring fox heads. One is shaped from walnut the other black acacia. He used a dremel tool to do most of the shaping.

Jim Terrill



Jim brought us his latest turnings. Primary wood is walnut. He demonstrated the lidded jar as it feature Jim's trademark perfect vacuum fit.

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John Brideson



After watching the pyrography presentation given by Ron Sexton a few months ago John decided to try a project of his own. The pyrography theme he chose came from a fond memory of his High School days. He and his best friend used to ride around in his friend's Crosley "Hotshot". John's pyrography drawing depicts a photo of his friend's house with the Crosley parked in front. The shells on the frame edge were created using a barrel sander. The work is finished in lacquer. He plans to give the pyrography project to his friend.

Tim Bynon



Tim needed a place to put a number of cabinet doors to allow for the finish to dry. To save shop space he created this drying rack. It features multiple adjustable shelves. He used thin wall electrical tubing for the supports shaped using a pipe bender. The plywood shelves are 1/4" to reduce weight.

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James Law



James showed off this redwood Adirondack chair. One of 4 he has made so far. He said the greatest challenge is getting the angles right. The fabrication required significant trial and error especially in the seat area. Looks like it turned out very nice from what we could see. Good work James.

Gene Wagg



What's in a box? Another box? And another and another and..... I lost count at 7. The last one is in his hand, or not...

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Bruce Hall



Bruce was having problems with finish nails breaking out the sides of his projects. With a little engineering he came up with a solution. He installed a spacer strip on the nailer rail to help keep the head perpendicular to the work piece. He also recommended that we should watch the orientation of the nail bevel. The bevel facing should not face the side of the board.

Harvey Myers



Harvey is known for making his own carving tools. Here he shows one made from a bush-hog blade. It is used to split off the side of logs. Requires a good sized mallet to drive it in then is pulled sideways to cause layers to split away. Shown also are some spoons he recently made using red maple.

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Raffle Results:

We now 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.

--- Woodcraft Gift \$25 certificate	Rob larsen
--- T-Square and ruller set	Robert Garlick
--- KOA wood assortment (from Dale Gamble)	Gail Cone
--- Sanding Disk and Saw blades	Phil Johnson
--- Tool assortment (clamps, screw dvrs, tape measure, etc)	Harvey Myers
--- Square and level	Jim Hunt
--- Finish Nailer (from Pro Tools)	Craig Milliron

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

Owner

3021 Crystal View Drive
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762
(Off Bass Lake Road)

Phone: (530) 677-4938

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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 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.**

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The GCW Exchange Corner: No items this month.

Regards and happy woodcrafting.

Gail Cone

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