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GCW March NL Brief:

The March 13th club meeting lasted nearly 2 hours. There was a large turnout with 52 in attendance, including members and guests. We signed up 3 new members Michael and Neysa Bush, and Rob Renn. Welcome to the GCW club Michael, Neysa and Rob. We were treated to a lively in depth presentation on applying the Celtic Knot design in woodworking by Mark Butzler, Rob Larsen and Paul Velk. Jim Hunt presented an online tool, Penterest. Penterest is a favorite TIPS-N-TRICKS plus project idea source for Jim. We had a good Show and Tell turnout this month with 8 members presenting their ingenuity and craftsmanship. The raffle included a number of great items including donations from members. No items are listed in the Exchange Corner this month.

Presidents Message:



Gold Country Woodcrafters

Well, they did it... Mark Butzler, Rob Larsen and Paul Velk drew a record crowd for their presentation on the wood version of the Celtic knot (with a "K"). It's all about accuracy, consistency, patience and about 20 other things! Great job gentlemen. All in attendance enjoyed and benefited from a well-presented effort.

It was a pleasure having Woodcraft Supply Manager, Mikael "J", in attendance from Wood Craft. As you know, Woodcraft Supply continues to generously support our club. Please give Mike a shout of appreciation next time you're in the store.

As mentioned in the meeting, Homer Rail termed out of the Exec Committee. Thank you Homer for your term of service on the committee. I'd also like to welcome Tim Bynon, our program chair, as new member to the Exec Committee.

Thank you again to the Executive Committee for their effort in continually improving club content and of course to our members who continue to be the "true asset" of the organization.

Looking forward

Jim Hunt

GCW President

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Headline

2 X 4 Challenge: April 10, 2018

The April 10th meeting deadline is FAST approaching for getting your GCW Project Challenge entry COMPLETED! Don't delay and miss out on the fun and possible cash reward. There are two categories for April's Gold Country Woodcrafters competition.

Category 1

This category is open for any project type to enter. Participants will receive a raffle ticket to win \$25.00

Category 2

The objective for this category is to make something using a construction 2x4. A \$5 entry fee will be collected from category 2 entrants to add into a prize pot. The 2x4 projects will be voted on by the club members and the winner will receive the prize pot plus \$25.

The 2x4 can be any standard 8' board (Douglas fir, redwood, pine, etc). The board can be re-dimensioned/cutup as much as needed to make your project. Glue and required hardware are ok. Project wood is to be limited to that of a single 2"x4"x8' board.

You can find great 2x4 project ideas on the Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild of British Columbia website: www.suncoastwoodcrafters.com/2X4.html

Contact Rich Schwerin (challenge chairman) if there are any questions. rwmtzca@comcast.net

Tips-N-Tricks, Jim Hunt:

Jim gave up his secret on where he finds all those Tips-N-Tricks and project ideas he often shares at the beginning of our meetings. It's Penterest, a website that allows people to share on all kinds of hobby topics, in our case, those relating to woodworking. He used the club computer to give a short tour to show its features and to show our members how to navigate the site. All it takes is to create an account (free) and you can travel and research anything that may be of interest to you to get ideas and/or inspiration. In this author's case, it is woodturning. You can post your own projects to share or link another craftsman's projects you find, to your own gallery for later reference. If you are in need of ideas or inspiration, this is the place to go. Give it a try, but expect Penterest to send references by email on items, they think, relate to your interests. Site address: Penterest

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Celtic Knot Presentation:

The GCW members and guests were treated to a fantastic presentation that helped demystify



incorporating a Celtic Knot design into a project. The presentation was a team effort by Mark Butzler, Ron Larsen and Paul Velk. They were able to create an informative and upbeat slide presentation covering the history, artistry, design, and fabrication of the Celtic Knot including examples, suggested jigs, problems and solutions. The presentation was well organized were the team traded off presenting the various topics.

The project used in the presentation was the rolling pin. Lots of detail was

passed along covering specific procedures and pitfalls that one has to be aware of to improve chances of success. Areas that were covered in depth were: planning, necessary jigs and their usage, sawing techniques, gluing, clamping including options available for each step. Where did they get all this great knowledge? Well, it came from actual experiences in their shops, of course.

In the case of the rolling pin, here are just few of the points given our members:

- To get reduce slippage during gluing, don't cut all the way through the rolling pin blank. Requires the blank to be a little oversize.
- To get a consistent flat surface, use a piece of MDF covered with sandpaper while spinning it on the lathe.
- When gluing the handle, take great care to prevent glue squeeze out.
- Allow at least 4 hours drying time for each glue-up. Be patient.

If you missed the presentation and are interested in trying your hand at incorporating the Celtic Knot into a project, you can access the slide presentation on the GCW website at: [Celtic Knot in Woodworking Presentation](#).



Great job gentlemen. This is a fine example of the caliber of people and talent present in our GCW club.

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Announcements and News:

- 1) **GCW Committee Change:** Jim Hunt announced that Tim Bynon, our Presentation Chairman, is now a member of the GCW Executive Committee in a "Member at Large" position. He fills the position Homer Rail held and whose term has ended. Homer served on the committee for a number of years and has been a great asset to the GCW management team and we thank him for his years of service, his friendship and his many contributions.
- 2) **2x4 Challenge by Rich Schwerin:** Rich gave an overview of the April project challenge format and encouraged members to take a shot at creating a unique 2x4 project. See "Headline" section above. He showed an example of a 2x4 project, a mantel clock. He presented his project as follows: "I didn't have time to build a full-size mantel clock, so I put together a "mini" mantel clock. Disney had these for sale but they were called "Mickey Mantel Clocks" which caused some copyright issues..." We enjoyed the laugh! Rich really did make and show a nice 2x4 clock, about 7"x6" (missed getting a picture). Maybe he will enter the contest, you think?
- 3) **Christmas party:** Jim Hunt asked of a show of hands to determine if members were still interested in having the December meeting being, bring your spouse night. A majority of the members present indicated that they were in favor of continuing this event.
- 4) **New Wood Source:** Jim Hunt announced that he had found a new wood source for our members to check out. It is [Macbeath Hardwoods](#), 2648 TeePee lane off Cherokee, Stockton. They are a full service wood supplier and carry domestic and exotic species.
- 5) **Memory Box Request:** As many of you know, a number of our GCW members have been involved in making and providing what are called "Memory Boxes". These wooden boxes are provided to the Keaton's Child Cancer Alliance Foundation to pass on to families that have lost a child to cancer. The foundation fills the boxes with mementoes of the lost child for each member of the affected family to aid in their healing process. The following letter was received from the foundation representative Jessica Alonso.

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I hope you and the wonderful group at Gold Country Woodcrafters are doing very well! It is with great sadness that I share that we are down to our last wooden box. Unfortunately, we have received several requests for support of families that have experienced the loss of their child. I cannot thank you enough for helping us provide each family a beautifully crafted box to save their child's keepsakes in.

At this time, we would like to request additional boxes if possible. I thank you and the GCW in advance for your continued support!

*Thank you,
Jessica Alonso*

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If you would like to make a Memory Box or Boxes, please refer to the attached 1 page document (to email) that shows examples and desired dimensions. The style and wood can be almost anything. This is an ongoing worthy cause that GCW is very proud to be involved with so please, if you can, take the time to help out in this cause.

Our GCW chairman for this effort is John Cassidy. If you have any questions and or have a box to contribute, please contact John at Johnny60176@gmail.com or 916-983-4160.

6) Meeting Topics:

April 10th Project Challenge month. Make something cool with only one construction 8 foot 2x4 (Fir, Pine Redwood etc.). See more detail above.

May 8th Wood Boat Building. Jerry Preston will talk about the basics of why a boat is shaped the way it is. Then Tim Bynon will show an overview of different building methods. Jerry will then describe in more detail how lapstrake boats are built, with some samples of joinery. We will then take a break to see Nelson Exum's kayak he built with stitch-and-glue construction. Questions can be asked then about any of these samples or constructions.

7) **GCW T-Shirts:** There are about a dozen or so club t-shirts available if anyone wants one let Warren Wyllie know at one of our meetings. The price is \$20.

8) **May 12th Shop tours:** The 2018 GCW member shop tours are scheduled for Saturday May 12th from 8-12 with 3 shops being featured. The featured shops will be those of Paul Velk, Harvey Myers and Ron Sexton. A detailed map is provided at the end of this newsletter and is attached to the email distributing this newsletter.

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Show and Tell: (8 presenters)

We had a great turnout for February's show and tell with 8 members showing their craftsmanship. There was a wide range of interesting projects each presented below.

Sam Garcia



Sam is now a regular at our show and tells. Month 4 - project 4. This time he shared his venture into turning a platter. Like most of us woodturners, he is discovering what works and what doesn't. This project offered a number of challenges. His intent was to make the patter kind of thick, but after a couple of mounting problems and rebalancing efforts it turned out a bit thinner. He pointed out a small flaw in the middle caused by the tail stock while trying to true it up, few would notice it. Turned out really great for his first try, wouldn't you say. The wood, Walnut, is from a box of scraps he acquired off of Crag's List.

A side note: Sam is really getting good at describing his projects and his efforts. Again, a really good job Sam.

John Roberts



John brought in this serving tray. The uniqueness here, is that the only component requiring glue is the outer frame. The inner cross-members are locked in place by the joinery used. In this case he used "cross lap" joints for most of his design. He presented a couple of jigs, shown at left, used for cutting and aligning the joints.

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Roy Carter



Here Roy shows the next installment in his latest endeavor, carving totems. This one depicts a sun with a face. He stated that this is a common theme in totems among Western Indian tribes.

Homer Rail



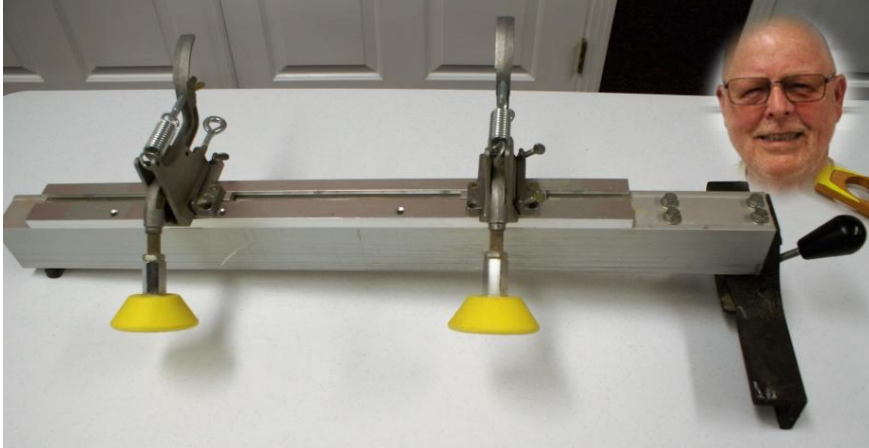
Homer needed a way to inspect a culvert on his property for damage and blockages. He determined that commercial tools were somewhat pricey so he engineered his own solution. He built a sled using MDF that he could maneuver through a culvert using lengths of PVC pipe. He mounted a camera with video capability and a LED light with a flexible arm onto the sled using zip ties. There is a cutout behind the camera to allow access to the controls.

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Dave Boutcher



Dave brought in one of his favorite table saw aids. They mount on the table saw fence and are marketed as Rip Guides, also known as Board Buddies. He explained that they attach to the saw table fence and help with holding sheet-goods tight against the fence during cuts. In addition they help prevent kickbacks as they won't rotate in reverse. They are adjustable for varied material thicknesses. He

noted that once the cut is started, pausing the feed generally does not cause the wood to be burned. He quoted the price to be somewhere between \$50-\$60 dollars.

Jim Terrill



Jim brought in his latest turnings. For the bowl he used Black Walnut with the defects filled using powdered pyrite. The vase also incorporates Black Walnut as a base then a segment of Padauk, the dark line is Wenge and at the top Black Locust. Jim used his favorite finishing method, the Beall Buffing system to complete the projects.

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Harvey Myers



Harvey bought this nice piece of Silver Maple Burl from a friend. He carved the bowl shape using a power carver. This is a right angle grinder with wood carving burrs mounted on it. He finished it using Tong Oil.



Gene Wagg



Gene brought in this chair he had made some time ago. The chair, he explained, was primarily made of dowel he purchased. The unique part is that the chair webbing is, none other than, webbing used for climbing. He found the nylon strap at REI. It really makes for an eye catching piece of furniture.

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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. | Sam Garcia | |
| 2) Wixy Angle Guage | Nelson Exum | |
| 3) Angle Grinder | Bill Meronek | Donated ? |
| 4) Craftsman Router Table | Dave Ulm | Donated ? |
| 5) Set of spoke shaves | Judy Prichard | |
| 6) Rockler Supply \$25 gift cert. | Ed Woodards | |

Members that would like to give a presentation or have ideas for a presentation please contact Tim Bynon steamglidertim@yahoo.com. 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.

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. ***Note those marked with * give GCW members discounts.***

Membership Dues:

For those members wishing to renew their membership for the 2017-2018 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.***

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.

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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.

WELSH'S SAW WORKS

Formerly Rocklin Saw Works

Ken Welsh

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3021 Crystal View Drive
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Regards and happy woodcrafting.

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GCW Newsletter editor



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May 12th GCW Shop Tours Map

