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## GCW Newsletter Brief:

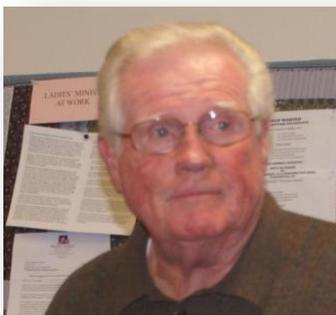
Even with the concerning news of the day, the March 10<sup>th</sup> was well attended with 33 members and some guests in attendance. We have one new member, Dave Horsey. Welcome to the GCW club Dave. The focus of the March meeting was a presentation by member John Cope. John gave a presentation on digitizing patterns for CNC woodworking. For the Show-N-Tell segment of the meeting we had 6 members showing their woodworking creativity. Basil Borkert is now hosting the Show-N-Tell segment.

## *Important Announcement*

### *The April GCW meeting has been canceled*

**In consideration of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic risks and guidance provided by State, Federal and Medical entities, the GCW Executive Committee has decided to cancel the April meeting and it is anticipated that the status of future meetings will be impacted. We will continue to keep our members informed as we navigate through these uncertain and trying times. It was also decided to forgo having our annual shop tours this year. We urge all our members to follow recommended the COVID-19 mitigation guidelines in order to help protect ourselves, our families, friends and neighbors. Respectfully, your GCW Executive Committee Members: John Brideson, Gail Cone, Dave Boutcher, Jerry Preston, Nelson Exum, and Basil Borkert.**

## Presidents Message:



### **Gold Country Woodcrafters**

To my GCW woodworking friends. We had a great March meeting with a good turnout, interesting Show-N-Tell and an informative presentation by John Cope. I know our members were looking forward to our April Project Challenge. Unfortunately, however, we have to take the step of canceling our monthly meetings until further notice. I know our members look forward to sharing their work and seeing woodworking friends. However, I'm sure most will agree that we need to follow certain guidelines to help insure the wellbeing of all. I am optimistic that we will all make it through this overwhelming and

stressful time. As my mother used to tell me when times were challenging, "This to will pass". Be safe and I look forward to the day we can get together again.

*Warm Regards:*

*John Brideson  
GCW President*

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## March Meeting Presentation:



Member John Cope brought in a system that is used to create patterns he uses in recreating items with CNC machine. The system is made up of a computer and a scanner unit. The scanner looks much like one of our small planner machines and is used to create digitized images he wants to send to the CNC machine. He explained how he sets up the target item to be scanned by mounting it in a carriage. The carriage is then inserted into the scanner unit to be digitized.



A program (application) on the computer controls the scanner and stores the digitized 3D data image (the pattern) of the target item. Using the computer John is able to touch up the scanned image, resize it and basically modify the pattern to meet his needs. Once he is happy with the pattern he can send it to his CNC machine to be reproduced.



He gave a demonstration with the target item being the sample rosette shown on the left. Note the photo also shows the part recreated using his CNC. Our members were able to take a close look at how the scanner head probes the target to determine its asymmetry. He explained that his setup was suggested by his wife to help give him “something to do”.

The cost at the time he acquired the scanner/digitizer was around \$2,000. Note the photos below showing the scanner with an inserted target carriage and of the scanner head.

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## Announcements and News:

1) **GCW Executive Committee:** This is a summary of the Exec. Committee meeting that took place just prior to the regular March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Gail Cone was voted onto the committee as vice president. Basil Borkert was voted onto the committee as MAL3 (member at large). The updated mentors list was discussed and accepted as presented. Future possible meeting topics were identified with scheduling to be determined at a later date. Membership promotion topics were discussed: new flyer to be created, need club visibility at woodworking stores. The treasurer report was presented by Jerry Preston, discussed and was accepted as presented. The report showed that the club is on solid financial ground.

2) **Our new Project Challenge.** We encourage our members to continue with their woodworking hobbies. This is one of the ways that can help us cope with the challenges being presented to us. When we do resume the GCW meetings, we can look forward to sharing the excellent craftsmanship our members possess. Be sure to make your “Wine Bottle Rack” project in anticipation of showing it at a future meeting and many of the other projects you have been planning. Let’s not let this pandemic stop us by continuing to create, learn, and share.



3) **Mentors List:** The updated mentors list is now available to our members. The list is attached to the email distributing this newsletter. It will also be available at future meetings. If you need help on any of the mentored topics, just contact one of the listed mentors. Let’s keep woodworking!

4) **Woodcrafter Supply Spring Tool Swap:** Woodcraft Supply “Spring Tool Swap” event is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00AM. The event is held at the Woodcraft Store. 9523 Folsom Blvd. in the parking lot. Vendor setup can start no earlier than 7:00AM. If you are looking for any lumber or used tools or have these items to sell, this would be the place to visit.

**Advisory: Because of the Coronavirus be sure to call ahead to verify the event is still on before you go. Number to call is: 916-362-9664**

5) **Meeting Topics for 2020:**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting Canceled

**May 12<sup>th</sup>:** Further Meetings status to be determined..

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## Show-N-Tell (6 members):

*Harvey Myers*



Harvey brought his latest carved wooden spoon projects. The interesting one was a large ladle. He called it more of a sieve as it has a large void in it and chose not to try and fill it as it adds real interest to the item. The plan is to make it a wall hanging and call it a "Harvey Wall Hanging". Lol. The spoons were carved from Oak. We can always count on Harvey to lighten things up. Thanks Harvey!

*Dave Horsey*



Dave, our newest member, brought 4 unique cutting boards. The board on the far left has an inlayed lilly using Yellow Heart, Purple heart and Spalted Ebony. The board on the far right is from an Olive Tree crotch and was cut for the book matched character. For the finish he used Mineral Oil. Dave, at the meeting, offered to share how he created the wave design in the second board from the left with fellow members at a future meeting. Looking forward to it, thanks Dave.

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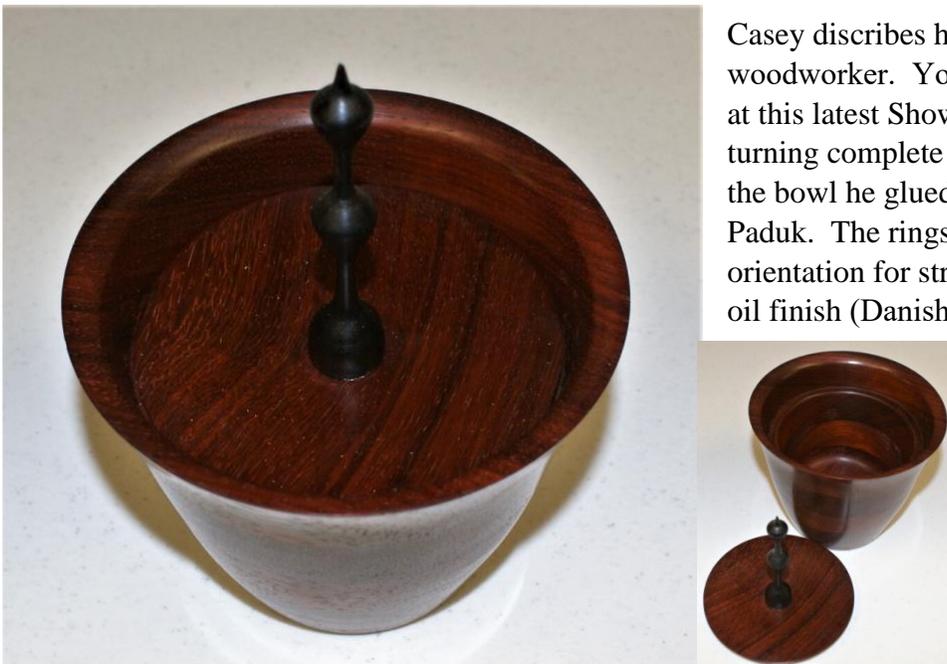
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*Don Lawson*



Don repurposed the base of an old lamp to create this project. The old lamp was not much used as the light it provided was a bit lacking so it was disassembled and put to better use. Why not an M&M bowl for Don's desk. Hell Yah! The challenge of this turning was, of course, avoiding the wings from damaging his hands. The wood is Manzanita and he used buffing (likely the Beall Buffing System) to finish it.

*Casey Keller*



Casey describes himself as a beginner woodworker. You wouldn't know it by looking at this latest Show-N-Tell. He presented a box turning complete with a unique finial. To make the bowl he glued up 2 segmented rings of Paduk. The rings were layed out in a cross grain orientation for strength. To set it off he gave it an oil finish (Danish oil, I'm quessing).

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## Oscar Wittrock



Oscar showed off 2 turning projects at this meeting. The bowl is Ironwood. For the fine pen set Oscar used Bubinga wood.

## Rich Schwerin



The wife needed an extension for her quilting table to help her while quilting. So Rich, being a responsive husband, created this table using material from a couple of old furniture items. The legs are from an old kitchen table and the table top is from an IKEA table. The table legs were redimensioned using a tapering



jig. The bear looks to be a therapy mascot that is hanging on for dear life.

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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. \* *Businesses offering GCW member 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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**Ken Welsh**

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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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