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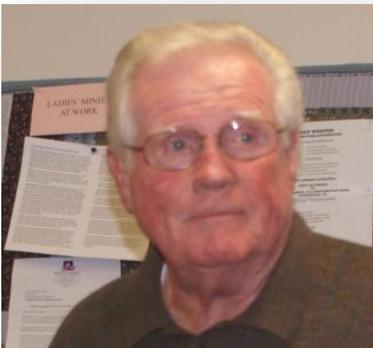
GCW Newsletter Brief:

For the March Zoom meeting the attendance dropped a bit from our previous meeting. With guests we had 18 join the March Zoom meeting. Basil Borkert again managed the Show-N-Tell with 7 participating in the Show-N-Tell. There were some great discussions on the presented projects prompted by our members which brought the meeting to span 1 hour 30 minutes. Our members are really getting the hang of the Zoom experience. For the February newsletter we have 7 members presenting their projects in the Show-N-Tell section. Check the “Members Corner” section on page 2 for messages from our members.

Zoom meetings:

Unfortunately it may still be a few months before in-person meetings can be convened. Best estimate is now July. Stay tuned for the Zoom meeting notice for April 13th 2021 and be sure to mark your calendar to join in at 7PM. Have pictures of your Show-N-Tell projects ready for these meetings. During the meetings you can bring up your project pictures and use the SHARE button on Zoom to show members your work. Homer Rail will continue to be hosting the meetings. All 2020 members and guests are welcome to join the Zoom (online) meetings for the foreseeable future. Details with the Zoom sign-on will be published the Thursday prior to each Zoom meeting. We have more and more members each month mastering the Zoom meeting experience. If you haven't yet made the leap, give it a try. If you need one on one help, contact Homer, he's “the expert”. Homer Rail: railart16@yahoo.com

Presidents January 2021 Message:



Dear fellow CGW members.

Well another month of “no face-to-face” meetings, but vaccines are successfully curbing the statistics in the right direction. Homer Rail continues to keep us connected via ZOOM and our excellent Newsletter Editor, Gail Cone, continues to support our club communication. Basil Borkert directed the last meeting and we had some excellent discussions on our woodworking projects. Solder on everyone and get those vaccine shots ASAP.

Warm Regards:

John Brideson

GCW President

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Standing message from the Editor:

We encourage our members to continue with their woodworking hobby. This is just one of the ways that can help us cope with the challenges being presented to us in this difficult time. The club is meeting through Zoom each month until in person is allowed and safe. Our members are encouraged to join the virtual meetings. With all the projects being created during this wild period we can look forward in anticipation of showing them “in person” at a future meeting. Our next, “in person” meeting will most certainly have to be a Show-N-Tell meeting to rival any.

Notice:

Membership Dues and Club Year: Dues will not be due until we have our first in-person meeting. So for now, please **DO NOT** send in your annual Club dues. When in-person meetings are allowed dues will be prorated to align with the month that first in-person meeting occurs. Normally, established members are required to pay the full yearly dues regardless of when they pay their dues. That requirement will be reinstated the first calendar year the club is operational on January 1. The Executive Committee decided to set the club year to coincide with the calendar year. That is the club year, will now officially start on January 1 of each calendar year instead of September 1 of each year.

Members Message Corner:

Gail Cone: If anyone would like to change their mug shot picture that is used for Show-N-Tells, etc, please send me a new preferred one. Don't forget to smile...

Gail

Basil Borkert: I would like to offer this router free to anyone who wants it. It is a Ryobi 1/2" with a 1/4" collet. It runs good. It includes a top plate for a table setup and a clear Plexiglas base plate for the router when not on the table plate. First come, first serve. For more info please **text me** at 530 391-3620.

Text message only please.

Basil



Rich Schwerin: Early on in the Zoom meetings, I offered some cookies which my wife had baked as when we had live meetings. Weren't they yummy? Here's what you can look forward to when we meet again.

Rich



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V-Show-N-Tell (7 Members):

Basil Borkert



This bowl is made with a Walnut, Maple and Cherry inlay using Cherry, Wenge, Purple Heart and Bass wood with a Sapele rim. Black Milliput (an epoxy dough) was used in the ring at the inlay and top rim. Finish is 3 coats of "salad bowl finish".

Basil



Jim Gott



Here is my show and tell for March: Two finger jointed boxes, one of Walnut and one of Cherry, milled to 1/2" thickness with 3/8" finger joints done on the table saw with a dado blade. Both have 1/4" veneer plywood bottoms, the Cherry set into a rabbit and the Walnut set into a groove about 1/4" up from the bottom. The Walnut box is finished with 2 coats of Minwax Tung Oil Finish, and the Cherry box is finished with 2 coats of wipe on poly.

Jim



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Gail Cone



You never know what you will re-discover when digging through one's pile of old lumber. I tripped across a Spalted Myrtle board bought 12 years ago and set it aside until some inspiration surfaced. I decided to create this lidded, segmented vase. The Myrtle sections have 16 staves, sides and lid. The bottom textured ring is ebonized Maple. The brown wood is Patagonia Cyprus (8 segments each ring). The Finial is Cyprus with black Milliput epoxy



with brass filler, ring and peak. The vase is approx 11"x6" and has several coats of natural Danish Oil for warmth and has a lacquer finish. Take care. *Gail*

Micky Dupper



Hi to all GCW members. Here are a couple of my latest projects. Two yarn bowls. one is Camphor (Thanks to Gail for the instructional day and the wood!), the other is Walnut. Neither one has a finish on yet. The Walnut will get a clear poly and the Camphor will stay natural (my wife Gayle's request). She also wants to keep a small piece of sandpaper with it to refresh that nice aroma the

wood has. She uses the drop spindle (not made by me) to make her own yarn. The yarn bowls are used when plying and knitting.

The lidded vessel base is Locust and the lid is Patagonia Cypress. I used a bees wax/mineral oil mixture as the finish.

Good health to all, *Micky*



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John Brideson



My wood storage area is on the side of the house. To protect it from the weather I had a canvas hung around it. Eventually the canvas failed and I

needed a better solution. I built 2 sliding doors to survive the test of time. The doors are ship-lap 3/4" x 8" x 8' pine which is usually found on roofing eaves. The primer was already on so I was able to paint them to match the house.

John

Susan Settle



This is the table top that my dad left outside for a number of years so that the finish would wear off. Most of it is gone, except for bits and pieces on the live edges. At the Zoom meeting I was asking questions about finishing, restoring the wood, and legs for this piece. There are a number of holes to fill before final finishing also. I'm open to suggestions on how to proceed on my finishing project, preparation, finishes and techniques.



Susan

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Jerry Preston



I built a cover for a sheet metal plenum in one of our closets. The plenum was needed for a new furnace that replaced our old furnace, which had failed in January. The new furnace did provide improved zoning plus reduced noise level. However, a second return air duct was required, which meant cutting a hole in the wall between the closet and hall plus a hole in the floor of the closet for a custom made plenum.

I built the cover from 9 mm Meranti marine plywood that I had on hand and finished it with water based wipe-on poly. The thin plywood and close fit to the plenum kept the size of the cover to a minimum. I did extend the top enough for rounded corners.

Jerry



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: (No dues required until further notice)

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.

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Gold Country Woodcrafters Meeting Place: (When we can) 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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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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