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GCW Meeting Brief:

The May 10th meeting lasted 1 and ½ hours. There was a great turn out with 37 members including 2 new members. The new members are Jim Forshey and Larry Gross. Welcome to the GCW club Jim and Larry. We hope GCW meets you needs and expectations. We had planned to have a presentation by Mike Nelson from Millwood Furnishing. Unfortunately Mike was unable to join us for this meeting but would like to give his presentation at a later date. We did have a video shown on how to construct a dadoing jig that uses a router from The WoodWhisperer. The Show and Tell segment had 8 members showing their craftsmanship. In the news, be sure to check out the information on our upcoming GCW El Dorado Fair participation. Be sure to send in your application by May 25st. There are no listings for the exchange corner this month.

Presidents Message:

Thank you to all the members who attended the May meeting. While our main presenter was a disappointing no show, we appreciate your patience as we made last minute adjustments. We appreciate those of you who offered suggestions for backup going forward.

The shop tour on May 7 was a hit for the 35 plus attendees. There was an abundance of ideas for everyone interested in improving their shop regarding layout, storage, tool selection and more. Thank you to the three hosts for opening up their shops and of course the spouses for their hospitality! For those who were not able to attend, we plan on additional tours in the future.

As always, we welcome your suggestions for continuous improvement. Until we meet again, I wish you safe and enjoyable wood working!



Jim Hunt

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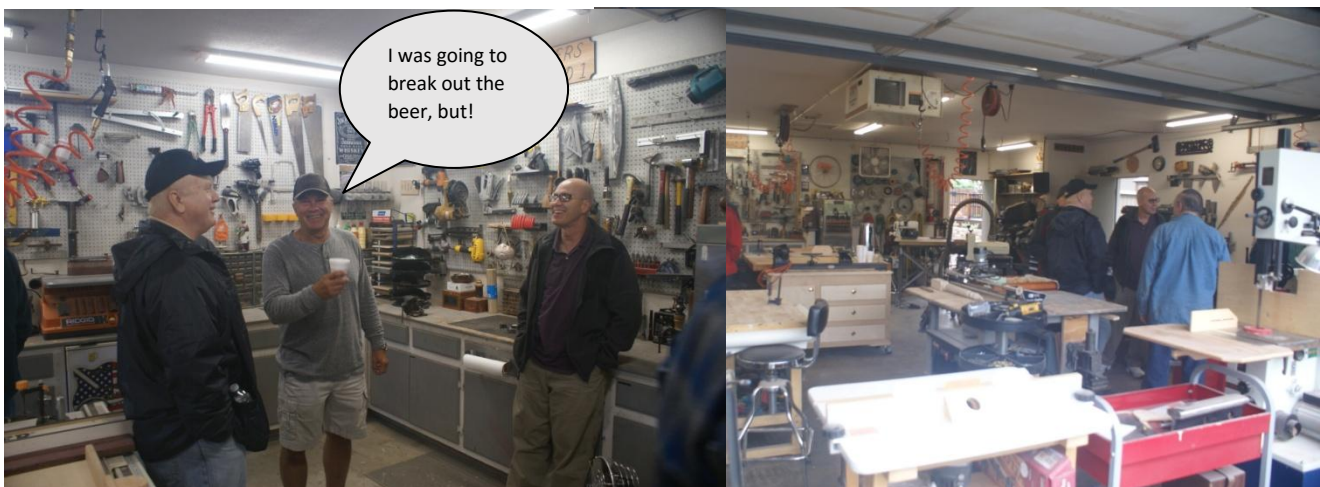
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May Shop Tours:

We had a great turnout for our GCW shop tour event Saturday May 7th. We counted at least 35 members who participated. This was a special event allowing members to see 3 great shops, talk shop with their fellow woodworkers, ask questions, and just get to know each other outside the meeting venue. Oh, and we had some great treats and refreshments along the way. The participating shops were Ken Merrill, Jim Hunt and Gail Cone. Thanks guys for sharing your shops with the GCW members and especially their spouses for the goodies. I'm sure these shops are ALWAYS this dust free. If you missed this shop tour event be sure to keep an eye out to the future. Also, a special thanks to Jim Hunt and Homer Rail for their efforts in organizing this great GCW event. Everyone had a great time and no one got lost that we know of.



Ken Merrill and his shop.

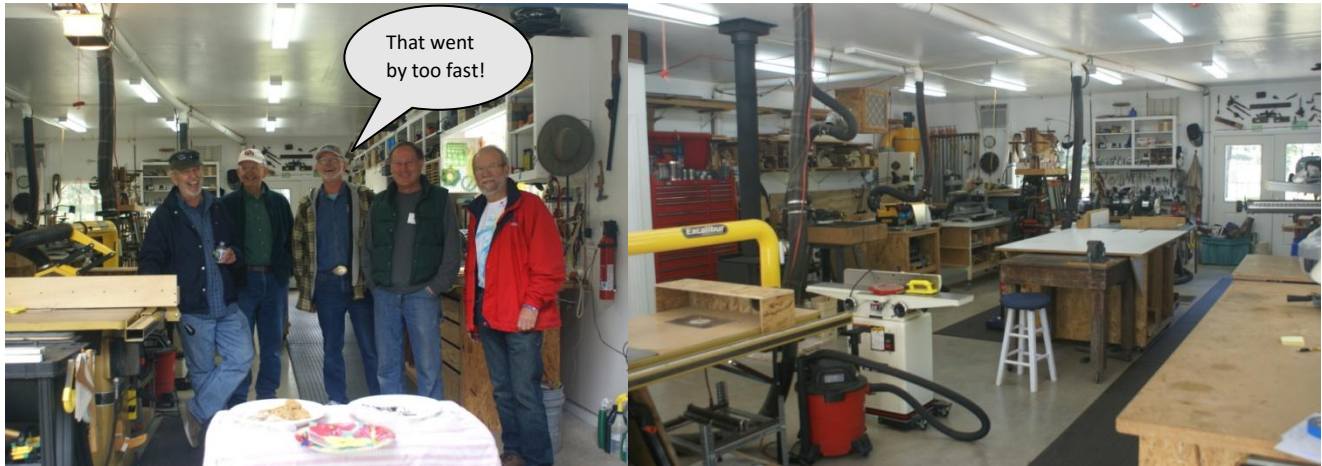


Jim Hunt and his shop.

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Gail Cone's Shop

TheWoodWhisperer Dado jig video

We had time for a woodworking related video and Paul Velk came through with a good one. He showed a UTube video on building a Dado jig for the router produced by the "The WoodWhisperer" group. This is just 1 of many free woodworking related videos available for viewing over the internet from "The WoodWhisperer". This site is well worth visiting so here are the related links.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheWoodWhisperer/videos> WoodWhisperer Home page.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7j4vGS4HY-8> Dado Jig video

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Announcements/news:

1. **Presentation Committee:** 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 (WE2Wheelers@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.
2. **GCW at the El Dorado County Fair:** The fair this year is from June 16-19. This year we will have a section dedicated to GCW projects, including our banner. Each member may enter up to 4 items. You will need to fill out an application and send it in, or hand-deliver (no entry fee this year!). **The fair must have the application by May 25th.** Each applicant is also responsible for delivery of their project(s) to the fair. Deliver your project(s) to the fairgrounds Corker Building on June 7th, and pickup them up June 20 at 10AM. Details and application form are attached to the email delivering this newsletter.
3. **Park Community Church Yard Sale:** Jim Hunt announced that the church is planning a yard sale **this coming Saturday May 21st 8AM – 2PM.** GCW members are welcome to come and sell their crafts. They are asking for \$10 per space. Gate will open for sellers at 7AM for setup.
4. **2016 GCW Toy Program:** Dale Gamble gave a brief update. His thinking at this time is that we will focus on 5 different toy projects. Dale provided an inventory of all the current parts (wheels, axils, etc) on hand. Anyone wishing to obtain parts to get a head start on making toys should contact Dale (rndgamble@comcast.net). The inventory list is attached to the email sending out this newsletter.
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* month. So mark your calendar Dec. 13th.
6. **From the Floor:**
 - a. Capital Corners Carving Show. Ron Sexton announced that there is a carvers show **this coming weekend May 21st-22nd @ Scottish Rites Temple 6151 H St. in Sacramento.** Gates open at 10AM. It's put on by The Capital Woodcarvers Assoc. There will be a Pyrography display as well.

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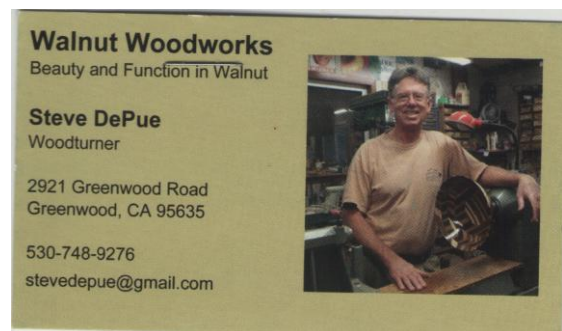
- b. Shop Smith demo. John Brideson is working on having a Shop Smith demo (latest model) at the August meeting.
- c. Steve Cabrol, our treasurer, reported that we are well within budget thanks, in part, to the interest in our new raffle format. At each meeting we have been offering interesting woodworking items to raffle and you have responded. Thank you.
- d. John Cassidy announced that unfortunately there is a dire need for Remembrance Boxes for the Keaton Raphael Foundation. This is a great cause and GCW members have made several Remembrance Boxes to help out in this last year. Boxes can be simple or complex, hinged or not. Dimensions should be roughly 13.5" L, 11" W, 3.5" H. If there are any questions please contact John Cassidy johnny601@netzero.net. For those who would like more information on the Keaton Raphael Foundation, the website is <https://childcancer.org/about-keaton-raphael-memorial/team/>.

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):

June 14th 2016

Woodworking artist Steve DePue from Greenwood will discuss woodturning art including segmented turning.



July 12th 2016

To be determined.

August 9th 2016

Possible: latest model WoodSmith demo.

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Show and tell (8 presenters)

John Cassidy



This project shows the dedication John has toward his woodworking hobby. He spent 6 months crafting this very fine chess set. He used poplar and walnut for the board and maple and walnut for the chess pieces. He fabricated the pieces following patterns obtained from PennState Supply. Primary tool was his ShopSmith.

Rich Schwerin



Rich created the really nice trivet for his wife. The frame is sycamore. Missed the Project Challenge by a month but that's OK.

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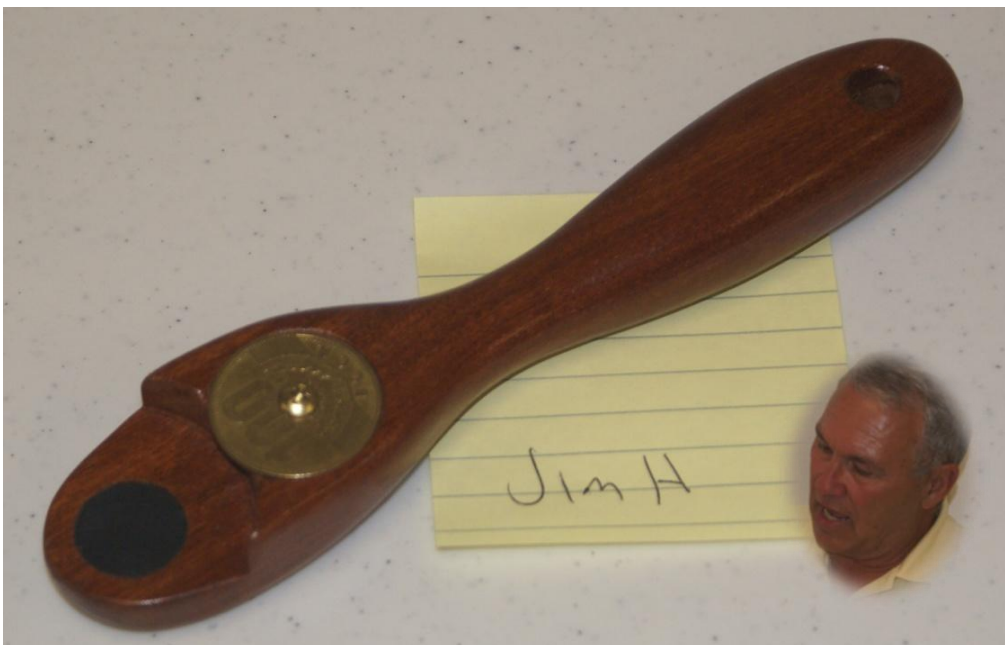
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Jim Terrill



This latest piece from by Jim features walnut as the primary wood and Chinese pistachio as the accent ring. Jim said that the pistachio was so hard it polished up just using 180 grit paper. As usual he used the Beall Polishing system for the finishing stage.

Jim Hunt



Bottle opener. Yep, that it. Bet you all guessed it right the first time. Features a magnet to capture the bottle cap and a 500 colones (Costa Rica coin) to lift the cap.

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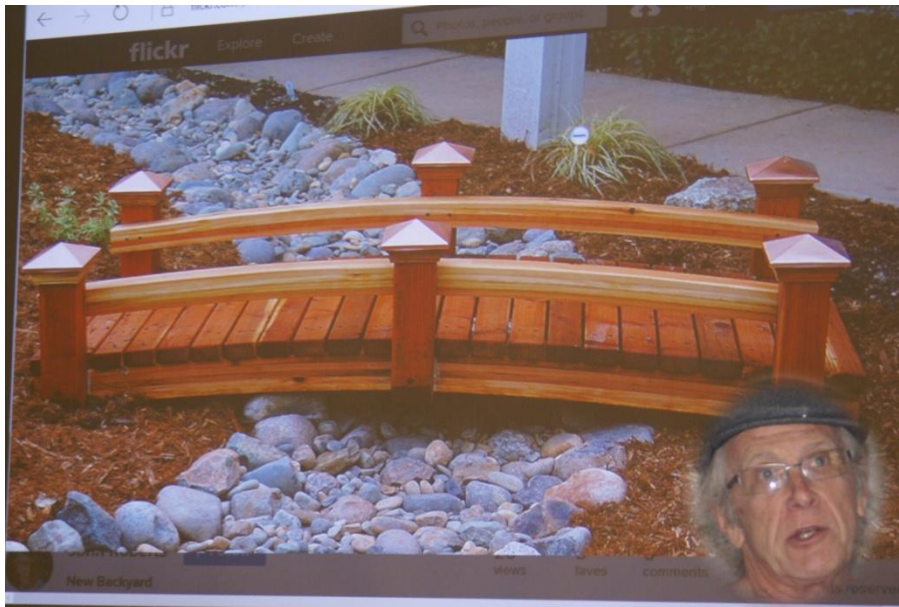
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Ron Sexton



Ron brought in his finished pyrography piece showing a horse responding to a snake in it's path. We had a preview last month of this piece shown in the early stages of layout. He added the snake since then. The wood is black acacia and he used acrylic pencil for the shading.

John Roberts



John used redwood to create the fabulous garden bridge. The supporting rails were created by layering 5 RR fence boards over a form to create the arc. He used Titebond III to glue the layers. He explained that his first try failed due to the RR boards being too wet. For his second try he stacked boards using spacers (stickers) between them and allowed them to dry out. Watch out guys the ladies will all want one.

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Bill Meronek



Bill's Son need a book shelf so he created one. This one is made using beach-wood stained walnut.

Roy Carter



Roy brought in this kids playhouse chair. This is just part of a children's set he is creating. The legs feature carved reliefs and are tenoned into the chair seat. The seat back depicts Roy's talent for unique free form.

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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	Bruce Hall
--- Storage rack	Larry Gross
--- Saw and Square set	Homer Rail
--- 4 screw clamp set	Ed Woodards
--- 30” Magnetic floor sweep	Neson Exum

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.**

The GCW Exchange Corner: No items this month.

Regards and happy woodcrafting.

Gail Cone

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