

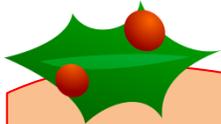
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## GCW Newsletter Brief:

The November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting was well attended with 38 members including 1 new member plus a number of guests. Our new member is Mr. Nick Pesola. Welcome to the GCW club Nick. The November meeting featured our annual round table event. The objective was to give out members a chance to participate in woodworking related round table discussions. This event always draws a good attendance. For the Show-N-Tell we had 12 members presenting their numerous projects and woodworking tips. Thanks again to our members who contribute to the meeting raffle. One item in the Tool Swap Section.

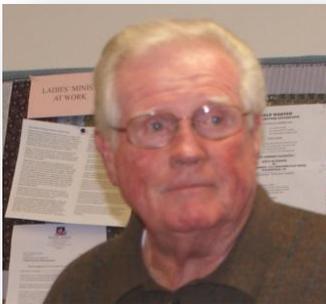


**December 10<sup>th</sup> will be the annual “bring your spouse/special guest” meeting. Be sure to come and participate in the fun.**

*Members please bring a Show-N-Tell project. It can be any project including one you have shown before. Many of our guests may not have seen your exceptional woodworking creativity. So members don't miss out on your chance to shine.*



## Presidents Message:



### Gold Country Woodcrafters

Is everyone looking forward to December 10th spouse/special guest event? Me to! November's meeting was a very entertaining one with Tim Bynon setting up a number of tables with leaders presenting a wide gamut of woodworking skills. It is great to see woodworkers talking woodworking that included jigs, lathe work, carving, etc. It was great to see a new member, Nick Pelosa, joining our club. He was welcomed by 37 members in attendance. Jerry Preston, our treasurer, asked that all who haven't yet submitted their \$20 club renewal, to do so by the

December meeting. Please see mailing instructions at the end of this newsletter. Mark Butzler and Ken Welsh presented the agenda for our special December meeting. Have a great Thanksgiving and be sure to remember those in the military who are serving our country and won't be home for the holiday.

*Warm Regards:  
John Brideson  
GCW President*



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## November Round Tables:



Our November round table event is always a big hit. During our regular meetings our members have limited chances to discuss woodworking concepts and exchange ideas in any detail. This round table meeting enabled them to do just that. There were a number of tables each set up with specific topics to get things rolling. Each table had a lead presenter and included demonstrations plus examples. In addition, on the side, many members were able to mentor fellow members one on one.



Mark Betzler led a presentation and discussion generally on lathe topics. One focus was on a table saw jig used to cut accurate angles. In this case the objective was to show how the jig can be used to cut accurate segments for segmented turnings. This was a popular table as cutting accurate angles for any project can define the relative success of a project.



Homer Rail headed up a table that covered creating mortise and tenons. He demonstrated and showed a video of a special jig for making mortises using a plunge router for both 1/2" and 1/4" mortises. In addition he demonstrated using loose tenons. He also had an old Craftsman tenoning jig for cutting tenons on hand to demonstrate.

Tim Bynon hosted a table showing a 48 x 12 inch jig that can create curvatures using adjustable clamps for laminating wood model airplane wing spars. The jig could also be used to build a traditional balsa construction wing, as in a elliptical dihedral (an angle at which the right and left wings are inclined upward or downward).

Also shown was a test set-up for checking the amount of deflection under varying loads for experimental spars. The table also had examples of some triple expanding craft storage cabinet ideas.

If you have ideas for our next round table topics, please contact Tim at one of our future meetings.

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## Announcements and News:

- 1) **December 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Reserve the date for a special holidays meeting. The meeting will be our annual “bring your spouse/special guest night”. This special event, marking the holidays, will feature a slide show showing member’s projects, extended Show-N-Tells, snacks-refreshments, and a special raffle with cool prizes, including a grand prize, just for spouses/guests plus much more. Member Ken Welsh will be our Master of Ceremonies, so you know it will be a fun time.
- 2) **Dues are DUE:** We still have a number of members that have not yet paid their dues for the 2019-2020 club year that began September 1. We are asking our members to check the club roster sheet (at the treasures table) at the next meeting to verify membership status. If you believe there has been an error let Jerry Preston, our club treasurer, know. The club would like to have our member roster fully updated by the December meeting. To pay your dues bring \$20 to the December meeting or pay by mail, the address can be found at the end of this newsletter.
- 3) **Parts for toys:** Mark Butzler brought the club’s inventory of toy parts (wheels, axils, etc) for distribution to our members. Members were able to pick out parts for their projects for free. Believe they all went.
- 4) **New meeting sign-in procedure:** Jerry Preston, our new treasure, has instituted a new sign-in procedure. Basically the sign-in sheet has been eliminated. Now members just collect their badges from the “badge box” upon entry to the meeting. Badges are in numerical order. At the end of the meeting the badges are to be placed in a collection bucket “the badge bucket”. The badges are tallied and recorded by Jerry after the meeting to define the meeting sign-in. Guests will have temporary badges assigned which will also be deposited in the “badge bucket”. To make this work, please be sure to wear your badge at the meeting and drop it in the bucket at the end of the meeting.

### 5) Meeting Topics for 2019:

**December 10<sup>th</sup>:** This is to be the annual “bring your spouse/special guest night”.

**January 14<sup>th</sup>:** In planning stage.

*Members that have ideas for presentations please contact Tim Bynon [steamglidertim@yahoo.com](mailto:steamglidertim@yahoo.com) . Remember this is your club and the more club members participate in sharing knowledge, the more proficient we all become at our common interest, woodworking.*

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Show-N-Tell (12 members):

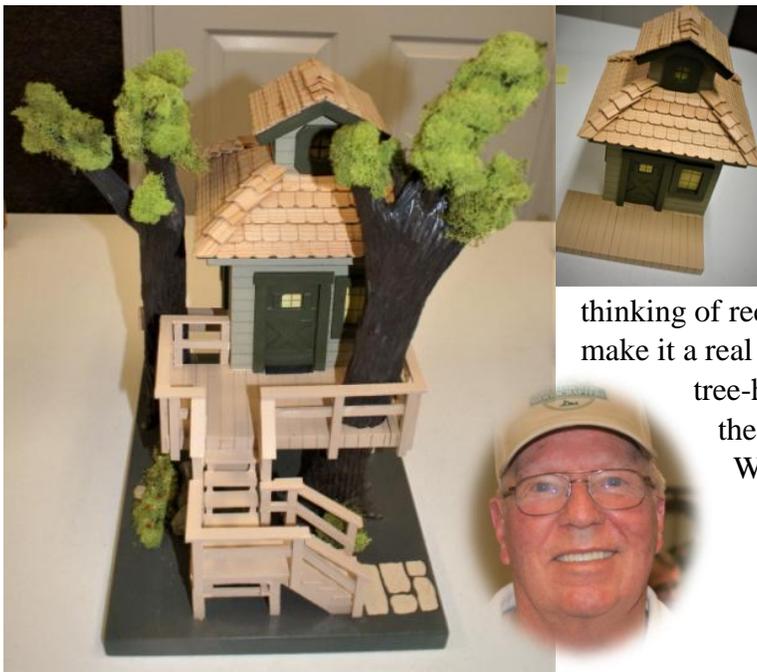
*Sam Garcia*



Sam brought in his latest turning. This segmented bowl uses Walnut and Ash. Note the Walnut segments are 2 times the size of the Ash. He plans to create another bowl reversing the size configuration. He used Tried & True Original Wood Finish. This is a food-safe product and can be found at Woodcraft. Sam is becoming quite the wood craftsman. Be sure to give him an attaboy when you see him.

Sam has been asked if he would like to sell his work. He is actually considering it.

*Rich Nielson*



We saw the beginnings of this project at the October project challenge. He showed what he described as tree-house that was constructed with just one 2x4? It was build to 1/2 inch per foot scale. At that time he said the challenge was making the shingles. When he presented his project he was thinking of redefining it as a shed as he ran out of time to make it a real tree-house. Well, he finished turning it into a tree-house after all. The trees were fabricated with the help of a Dremel Tool and he used Bass Wood to make the stairs.

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## Mark Butzler



Mark has been busy to say the least. He brought 4 projects to share. The item, upper left, is a knitting bowl (also called a yarn bowl). This is a popular item with the ladies who knit.

Using the bowl to hold the yarn keeps the yarn ball from getting away or tangling up “and away from the cat”. The 3 cutting boards all feature end-grain oriented segments. He used Walnut as the primary wood for all these. The cutting boards were finished using mineral oil. All these projects are destined as Christmas gifts.

## Don Lawson



Don brought his latest carving. This is a serving tray he carved from a single piece of pine. The tools used were primarily a chisel and mallet. He used a Dremel tool to add texture to the piece. For the finish he used a wipe on polyurethane with stain. The tapered outside edges were cut on a

table saw after carving as it would have been difficult to carve if already tapered. The project took about 1 week.

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## Ron Sexton



Ron has progressed in his carving efforts to the point where he needed a carving stand. The stand can be adjusted to accommodate just about any position needed during the carving project. The subject carving is mounted by bolting it to the stand head. The stand can be clamped to the table/bench and be adjusted for the needed height. He found the needed parts at Tractor Supply in Placerville for about \$6. The horse head, in its beginning stages, is Claro Walnut. He will primarily be using power carving to shape the head. We're looking forward to seeing the finished carving.



## Homer Rail



Homer brought in an interesting item. It is an old "gate latch" made of Oak that no longer works well. He made a new one mounted to the gate in the picture. The dowel is held in place by the spring action of the Oak stick. The stick has enough spring to allow the dowel to be pulled back releasing the gate. The old one lasted 20 years!



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## Gail Brooks



Gail Brooks, one of our newest members, is already becoming a regular at our Show-N-Tells. She brought in her 2 latest projects. The one on the left is an unknown wood that she recovered from a lake during a recent Kayaking outing. It had a large branch attached which she removed. After cleaning it up and sanding she added character and contrast by burning. She used wax as the final finish. The piece on the right is maple Burl carved using an angle grinder to create, what else, a maple leaf. For the finish she used Watco Danish Oil.

## Craig Milliron



Beer and wine must be popular in Craig's household. He turned 2 bottle openers and 4 wine stoppers using various wood species, each with a unique shape. Unlike standard metal stoppers these stand on their own, so there is no need for a stopper mount. He used Waterlox Tung Oil for the finish.

The unique stainless steel bottle stoppers and openers are available from the Ruth Niles website. [Ruth Niles Website](#)



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## Gail Cone



Gail brought in 5+ projects, 2 vases, stopper stand w/3 stoppers, and 2 three dimensional Tic-Tac-Toe games. The smaller vase is Red Ash w/Mosquet accent, the larger is Walnut with Maple accent. Both turnings are thin wall, approx. 3/16". The stopper stand primary wood is Walnut. The stoppers are all made from woods stabilized using liquid plastic resin (some tinted with dye). The turnings were finished using CA. The 2 games were turned from Walnut rounds (11") harvested about 4 years ago. The center is Maple w/Walnut. The Pins (16 each game) are 1/8" stainless steel (cut and polished in shop). Each

game requires 64 beads (32 dark, 32 light). Watco "rattle can" spray clear lacquer was used as the finish for the vases, stand and games.

## Victor Larson



Stoppers R Us. Victor turned a number of stoppers with the intention of selling them at a craft fair. He even created a fine stopper display for the event. He said that it took about 1/2 hour each to turn the stoppers. Even though these stoppers are hand crafted and one of a kind items, he was unable to sell any. Such is the world of craft fairs.

The 3 live edge bowls were green turned from Blue Oak. Victor explained that Blue Oak grows in relatively arid areas so

the growth rings are very tight. Each bowl has a slightly oval shape resulting from the wood continuing to lose moisture. Victor finished the bowls using his own formula, part poly, linseed, and mineral oil. The mineral oil gives the pieces a soft/silky feel.

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Frank Frantino



Frank brought 3 bowls 1 Oak and 2 Cocobolo. The Oak bowl had a number of voids which he filled using a combination of real and “fake” turquoise. He said he used to toss wood that had defects until he learned that the defects offered an opportunity to create unique wood art. He finished the pieces using friction polish.

Bill Meronek



Bill brought in 2 of his latest projects. The cutting board woods are Cherry, Maple and Purple Heart. It is about 15” x 10”. The book ends are Walnut, Purple Heart and Maple. These were finished using Formby’s Tung Oil.

## Tool Swap:

A Kreg Precision Band Saw Fence. New, never used. Contact Dave Metzger at <metzmail@att.net>



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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. \**places offering GCW members 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.

### WELSH'S SAW WORKS

Formerly Rocklin Saw Works

**Ken Welsh**

Owner

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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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