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GCW October Brief:

The October 10th club meeting lasted about 1 hour 40 minutes. We had a good turnout with 37 members, 1 guest and 1 new member were in attendance. Our new member is Bari McDaniel. Welcome Bari, we hope GCW meets your expectations. This was our Fall 2017 project challenge meeting. We had light participation for this Project Challenge. The night's Show and Tell featured 6 members presenting their projects and fabrication details. Representatives from the Keaton Raphael Cancer Foundation gave a short presentation on their organization and to present a certificate of appreciation to GCW for our efforts to make Memory Boxes. Our usual raffle featured a number of great items including items donated by members. Thanks again to those that contribute items to the raffle. Be sure to check out the Exchange Corner this time as there are a number of items being advertised this month.

Presidents Message:



Gold Country Woodcrafters

Thank you to all who attended our October meeting. We had a lot of good discussions on various subjects and a good show and tell, but we need to inject our project challenge with a shot of enthusiasm as we had only two entries, both by Ron Sexton... Of course Ron is not complaining about his \$50 winnings, but I know we can do much better on the participation front. Our next project challenge is in April and the challenge theme will be announced in January so let's see about increasing the participation!

The Keaton Raphael Memorial foundation graciously presented our club with a certificate of appreciation for memory boxes that club members have provided to their program and gave a very special and heartfelt overview of their organization. What an amazing group of people that contributes so much to those who have suffered such tremendous loss. Gold Country Woodcrafters is very proud to be a contributor to their cause and similarly thanks those members who have contributed these very special projects.

As we once again approach the Holiday season, I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Until next time, Happy and Safe woodworking!

Jim Hunt

GCW President

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October Project Challenge:



Well, our Fall 2017 GCW Project Challenge had 2 fine entries. The challenge to our members was to create one or more of: an artistic item, a hat/coat rack, or make a

wooden hinge. We had only 2 entries both submitted by Ron Sexton. Two of the themes were addressed, an artistic item and a wooden hinge. With his artistic entry Ron continued to explore and expand his artistic skills as shown in the photo above. With a specific subject in mind he selected a piece of California Birch as a canvas and created this fine country scene. The Birch coloration just happened to suggest a clouded sky. Upon this he used his pyrography talent to create the basic landscape. He then added the main focus of his piece, a covered bridge relief. The bridge is made from small segments of old fence wood. After the bridge was added he refined the trees and landscape detail with more pyrography. Note his command of applying a scenic perspective to his work. Ron's second entry satisfied the wooden hinge theme. Gee where's the hat rack! With just one participant, it made the raffle drawing for the \$50 prize really short and sweet.

The next GCW Project Challenge is in April 2018. The theme will be announced in January. We encourage all our members to consider participating in creating new and different projects. We can't let Ron walk away with the \$50 yet again!

Announcements and News:

1. **GCW T-Shirts:** Warren Wyllie has reported that we have reached our goal and then some for the GCW T-Shirts. As a result the price has dropped to \$20. For those that deposited \$22 the club will be refunding the \$2 as you pick up your shirt. See Steve Cabrol when you pick up your shirts. The shirts have been ordered and will be available at the November Meeting.
2. **Toys for Tots Program:** Dale Gamble reported that he had a number of members drop by his shop in September to pick up parts and plans. If you missed the meeting and wish to participate in this worthwhile annual program but need ideas or materials please be sure to contact Dale. Phone: 530- 363- 3297 Email: rndgamble@comcast.net Feel free to make toys on your own if you wish. The plan is to show and take

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pictures of toys made by our members at the December GCW meeting. The toys will be distributed to local organizations.

3. **November Tool Talk Round Table:** Tim Bynon, our presentation chairman, explained the theme for the November meeting. He said that the objective will be to have members break up into small groups to have discussions on woodworking related topics. At the end of the discussions a member of each group will be asked to give a brief report on the results of the discussions. The suggested topics for discussion will be announced at the beginning of the meeting by Tim. This will be the first time we have tried this so it should make for very interesting meeting.
4. **From the floor:**
 - a. Steve Cabrol mentioned that we have a number of badges missing from our badge box since the picnic. Please be sure to bring your badges to the next meeting and please try to remember to put them in the badge box at the end of the meeting.
 - b. Jim Hunt showed us some Redwood planks his company obtained during work on a water project in southern California. They are about 2.5" thick and of various lengths, had some surface weathering from water exposure but were otherwise sound. Being cut in the early 1900s, all the planks were clear. Jim donated them to the night's raffle.
 - c. Ken Welsh reported that around 55 people attended the "first annual" GCW picnic. He noted that the weather was fantastic and all the guests appeared to have a great time visiting, enjoying the setting and the BBQ fare.
 - d. John Brideson reported on the progress to make 14 table center pieces for the church. They asked last month if our members could help them out by making center pieces using a car/truck theme. He reported that the design has been selected for the project and that he was able to enlist a number of volunteers to help make the center pieces.

Upcoming Meeting Topics:

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| 1. November 14 th | Tool talk night. Member round table discussions on latest tools, etc. |
| 2. December 12 th | Spouse/Special guest night. 2 nd annual event. |
| 3. January 9 th 2018 | Presentation and demo of the Incra Jig by John Bridesman |
| 4. February 13 th | TBD |
| 5. March 13 th | TBD |
| 6. April 10 th | Spring GCW Project Challenge |
| 7. May through August | TBD |

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.

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Keaton Raphael Memorial Foundation Presentation:



Representatives from the Keaton Raphael Memorial foundation dropped by to tell our members about their organization and to present our club with a certificate of appreciation. Many of our members have made Memory Boxes in support of the foundations efforts to help families through the loss of a child due to cancer.

Mr. Reed Baumgartner, Executive Director and Jessica Alfonso, Director Family Navigation described the services they offer to help families through the healing process. The idea of supplying Memory Boxes containing support materials and

memory keep sake items was started by a Grandfather whole lost a Grandchild to cancer. Jessica explained that the foundation makes a real effort to customize the care received by each family. A primary objective is to let families know that they are not alone. A few services they offer include support for children with cancer and their families, activities for brothers and sisters who have lost a sibling, grief counseling, financial services, cancer research donations, plus many more.

Their objective is to help as many families as possible with the resources they have. Currently they are able to support around 150 families a year. Jessica told us that there are 800 deaths a year just in Northern California alone. They explained that the families greatly appreciate and enjoy having the “very unique” Memory Boxes GCW and others have created.

For more information on this fine organization and how you can help, go to childcancer.org. Our contact for members who would like to make and contribute a Memory Box or Boxes is our very own John Cassidy. His email is johnny60176@gmail.com or phone: 916-983-4160. Boxes can be of most any design but need to be lidded with or without hinges, suggested minimum dimensions: L 13 1/2”, W 11”, H 3 1/2”. The style, finish, embellishments can vary, the design being simple or complex, it’s up to the craftsman. John requests that members put a note in each box with their name and email address as the foundation is very appreciative and would really like to thank box contributors. Note: the Keaton Raphael Memorial foundation is a nonprofit charity, tax ID 68-0406980.



Examples of memory Boxes

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GCW BBQ & Picnic:



Here are just a few pictures to give those that were not able to attend our first annual GCW picnic. If you missed this GCW event you really missed out. There was a lot to see and the food was fantastic. This event gave our members, wives and guests a real chance to relax, visit and get to know each other. The setting was at the home of Ken Welsh in El Dorado Hills. Ken is pictured above, bottom left, with the boss of the house, Tequila.

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Wow, his home is something to behold. It is a Victorian style mansion, 5000sq ft. The rooms are huge and are finely decorated in the style of the period. A focal point is the Christmas tree. It is 15' high, finely decorated and rotates. Ken leaves it up all year. Let's not forget the bar, wine room, kitchen, grand stair case, huge master bed room at 1000sq ft, and attached gazebo, just to give a summary of areas that make up Ken's home. Talk about great food. It included BBQ Chicken, Ribs, salad, fruit and vegetables, wine, beer, water and we must mention the dessert table with goodies brought by our members (thanks to all who brought desserts to share).

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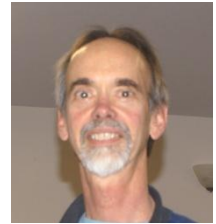
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Show and Tell: (6 presenters)

Bill Meronek



Need a place to toss all that pocket stuff when you get home? Well Bill did and the “Butler Tray” was the solution. He made his out of Mahogany and it features a flip up lidded compartment. He used Teak oil to finish this project.



Rob Larsen



Rob is adventuring into woodturning these days. Here shows off some of his first turning items. The wine stopper with a unique shape is turned from Oak. The bowl on the left is Black Walnut and the other is Sycamore. He used ArmorSeal as the finish. Oops need a mug shot of Rob.

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Harvey Myers



It was good to see Harvey back and looking good for our Oct. meeting. He still has to take it a bit easy but says that he still has to be doing something. So he took the opportunity to carve this "left handed" spoon. He thinks it is a piece of Oak.



Jim Terrill



Well Jim was given a block of Maple with some really fine figure so he decided to turn a nice bowl. This became a bit of a challenge as the center was a bit punky. You can see from the picture on the right that his effort to use a screw chuck failed badly. He ended up using MinWax wood hardener to stable the blank. After roughing out the turning he used a vacuum chuck to complete. He said that he wore an extra heavy



turning apron just in case things came apart. He limited the turning speed to around 600rpm. He used the Beall Buffing system to finish this piece.

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Ron Sexton



Ron has been busy in the shop these days. Besides creating projects to enter into the Oct. Project Challenge he designed and



fabricated this unique Spice Cabinet. As he described these types of cabinets were used in the 17th and 18th century to store spices. At that time spices were highly valued and needed to be stored accordingly. The cabinets typically had numerous small drawers, hidden compartments and had lockable doors. Ron's version is made of Black Acacia. To get just the right he mixed green and red stain to obtain just the right reddish-brown desired. To expose the hidden drawer in the back, the back panel drops down. He went into some detail as to how he created the feet for this unit. Used lacquer as the finish.

Max Lee



Max ventured into the realm of cutting board design with this project. A number of our members have been inspired to create unique cutting boards since his presentation last March.

Max took some Black Walnut with some great figuration and machined it to create 4 "Book Matched" segments for this board. He sandwiched those segments with some Maple to finish off the design. The figure really popped when he put the food grade finish on it. He said that he sees an image of "maybe himself" in the



first segment. OK, who's going to cut anything on this fine project?

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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. | Guest | |
| 2) WoodSmith Magazine Set | Ron Aring | |
| 3) Vintage Chest of Drawers w/ auger bits | Gail Cone | Donated by Jim Hunt |
| 4) Sycamore pen blanks | Steve Peterson | Donated? |
| 5) Scissors and Sharpener set | John Brideson | |
| 6) Redwood (clear) planks | Judy Prichard | Donated by Jim Hunt |
| 7) Work Light | Steve Cabrol | |
| 8) Cordless Drill | Larry Gross | |

Wood Humor:



Measure twice cut once

Submitted by Ron Sexton

Tool Exchange Corner:

- 1) Larry Pfof has a double bag dust collector for sale. If interested contact him at 530 622 8571 or Cell 530 4097321.



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- 2) A Mr. Dennis Shaw is helping sell some tools of a friend that has passed. His friend had a full shop so there are a number of power tools for sale. The tools include but are not limited to a ShopSmith w/accessories, Delta Cabinet Saw, Stationary Belt Sander, Shopmaster Scroll Saw, 12" planer, Lincon AC/DC Arc welder, Craftsman Band Saw, Bench Top Drill Press. If interested contact Dennis at iamthesodapopkid@gmail.com or 530-363-8648.

Dennis also has a freshly cut Black Walnut tree with some good sized rounds available. If interested give him a call.

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 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.

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.

Regards and happy woodcrafting.

Gail Cone

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