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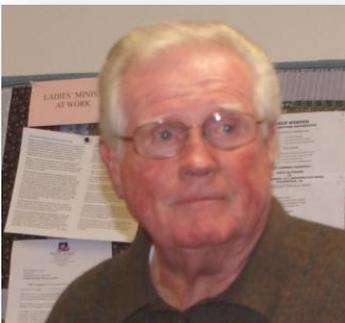
GCW Newsletter Brief:

For October we had 14 members join the GCW Zoom meeting. Basil Borkert managed the Show-N-Tell where 4 of our members presented. There were some great discussions on tools and projects prompted by the presenting members. The meeting lasted something over an hour. There were a few glitches in sound and video, but all in all was successful. It is always great to see our fellow woodworkers and discuss their projects and shop activities. For the October newsletter we have 6 members highlighted in the Show-N-Tell section. Again the “Members Corner” section on page 2 has messages from members including one with tools available.

Zoom meetings (continued):

The club is planning to hold Zoom (online) meetings at least for the rest of 2020. Stay tuned for the Zoom meeting notice for November 10th 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 a number of our members now that have mastered the Zoom 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 Message:



Dear fellow GCW members.

I would like to offer a special thanks to all our GCW members who continue to hope that we can reunite “face to face” soon. A special thanks to Gail (and Karen) for our newsletter, Homer Rail and his advanced knowledge of using Zoom to continue our meetings, and Jerry Preston, our Treasurer, who continues to use common sense in managing our GCW finances. I am proud to be a member of the club and look forward to the end of this once in a lifetime endemic. Blessings to all and stay safe.

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. 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.

Important Notices: (OLD NEWS in case you missed it)

Annual Dues: 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.

Club year: 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. No Dues will be requested/required until we have our first "in person" meeting.

Prorated Dues: Club dues will not be due until we have our first in-person meeting. Dues will be prorated to align with the month the 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.

Members Message Corner:

Micky Dupper. A friend of ours recently lost her husband and asked if I could help find a home for his shop tools. A PDF file showing the available tools with model numbers is attached to the email publishing this newsletter. Most of the tools are over 20 years old. If anyone is interested, they can contact me to make an offer at theduppers@comcast.net.

Thank you.

Micky

Rich Schwerin: I received an e-mail below from a local contact from Diablo Woodworkers that suggested that some of our membership might be interested in a talk and demonstration coming up on Saturday, November 14 at 11 a.m. It is titled “Sculpture on a Flat Surface: History and Demonstration of Inlay in Federal America.” Diablo Woodworkers is inviting anyone who is interested to join them - at no charge for this Zoom presentation. You can get information and a registration link on Diablo Woodworkers website: www.adafca.org. The Zoom presenter, Steve Latta, is a nationally known woodworker. His presentation on November 14th may be attended by going to www.adafca.org and registering. It is a free presentation. For information about Steve Latta go to <https://www.finewoodworking.com/author/steve-latta>

Rich

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V-Show-N-Tell (6 Members):

Ron Sexton



Here's my newsletter submission. It is a slice of Olive wood tree trunk end grain that I inlayed into a piece of Hawaiian KOA wood. The slice was glued to a piece of Birch PSA veneer to stabilize the slice. I then used my Dremel router and a 1/16" bit to route out the shape in the KOA. I then used my Plunge router to remove all the rest of the inlay area. After the inlay was glued into the KOA I used C/A gap filler to fill in the edges and some of the cracks in the olive wood. Then the piece was sanded on a flatbed sander and leveled out. The finish is 1 coat lacquer sanding sealer and then about 5 coats of Watco rattle can lacquer. This was my 1st attempt at doing this so it's not perfect and was definitely a great learning experience. I've hung it on a wall in the house.

Ron



Rich Schwerin



Here a couple of photos showing my "new" (used) SawStop and Steve Cabrol's "Saw Delivery Service" offloading my old Jet. I could not have managed without Steve's help and experience (& total tool collection).

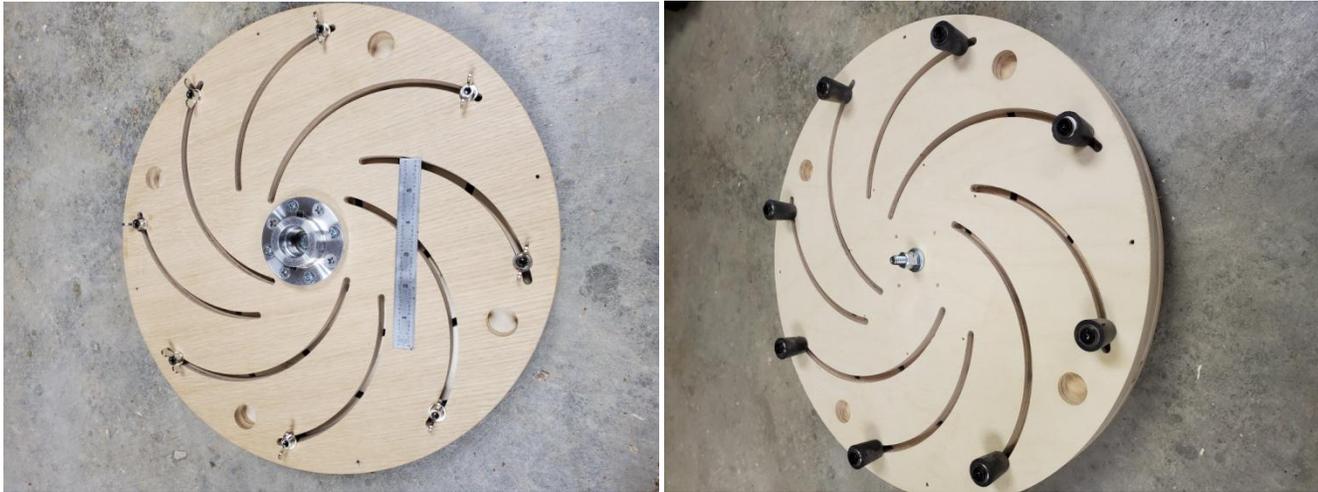
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Basil Borkert



This is a 15 1/2" Longworth chuck I just completed for lathe bowl work. It is made of 1/2 inch Baltic Birch and 3/4 inch oak ply wood with a commercial hardware kit and face plate from Rockler. I did use the chuck on the small bowl shown in last month's show n tell to finish the bottom. It seems to work fine, however time and more bowels will prove it out one way or another. My next bowl should give it a good work out, so I will then know more about how it performs, hopefully by the next meeting. I have been debating if I should put some kind of finish on it or leave it bare?



Basil

Mark Butzler



The first picture of a hollow form I did just to see if I could. It seems to have turned out fine. I'm not sure what my wife will use it for but it was fun to make. Also included are two pictures of a bowl that I am making for my neighbor as a Christmas gift for her mother. Both pieces are made of Walnut and Eucalyptus.



Mark

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John Brideson



I needed to strip a cherry side table and refinish it to Walnut to match living room decor. I stripped the original finish using a putty knife, Klean Strip Stripper and a mineral spirit wash. I then applied a darker walnut stain, and finished it using the General satin Armor Seal oil based finish. I included a photo of items used.

John



Paul Velk



Here is some background on my desk project. It is all Cherry, with Alder and Baltic Birch internal support. There are 2 secret compartments and a keyboard tray using a drop down false front. It utilizes a neat joint I wanted to try for years and saw an opportunity to do so in this project. The finish is 2 to 1 shellac thinned with alcohol to prevent blotches, custom mixture of stain, (cherry gel and cherry Zars) and a custom blend of wiping varnish to finish, one part varnish three parts mineral spirits. See more pictures on the next page.

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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: (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.

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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