

# GOLD COUNTRY WOODCRAFTERS

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## GCW Newsletter Brief:

The attendance for the September meeting had 29 members including 1 new member. The highlight of this meeting was a presentation by Ryan Webb from the Paint Spot. The members were treated to a great overview of available finishes, their characteristics and usage. We had a great turnout for the Show-N-Tell portion of the meeting with 10 members presenting their latest craftsmanship. There were 7 project contributions submitted for this newsletter. There are 2 member message postings; turning wood available (free) and a Ringmaster turning machine for sale.

### *Announcements and News section:*

- October GCW Project challenge “for the birds”
- November “Round Table” meeting information.
- Delinquent dues
- Badge Etiquette
- Upcoming Meeting Topics.

## President’s Message:



Dear fellow GCW members.

Well as you have undoubtedly noticed fall is here. I was noticing yesterday that some tree leaves are starting to turn color. It was a little depressing to realize they will soon be bare and that 2022 is rapidly coming to an end. On the uplifting side, we did receive some rain and hopefully more is forthcoming. And then there is GCW, isn't it great to get together and talk shop with others of similar interest? Next month will be "Round Table Discussions" in place of a presentation to allow all of us to get to know other

members better as well as learn more about our particular interest in woodworking.

The September meeting was attended by 29 members including one new member, Marcel Vital. Welcome to the club Marcel.

Ryan Webb from the Paint Spot graced us with an interesting and informative presentation on various finishes and stains including the latest on water based and oil based products. Too bad it was not recorded. Thank you, Ryan.

The raffle was highlighted with the donation of a Delta Planer, donated by Jim Gott, which was auctioned off with proceeds going to the club. Thanks Jim. Member donations of good no longer used tools is much appreciated and an excellent way to aid other woodcrafters pursuing their journey in the craft.

Don't forget the October "Project Challenge" is a bird house or any project “for the birds”. All those showing a bird project will qualify for a \$50 drawing! We will still have the "Show-and-Tell, so bring those other recently completed shop items as well as a bird project.

**Happy turning, carving, sawing and drilling:**

*Basil Borkert*

*GCW President*

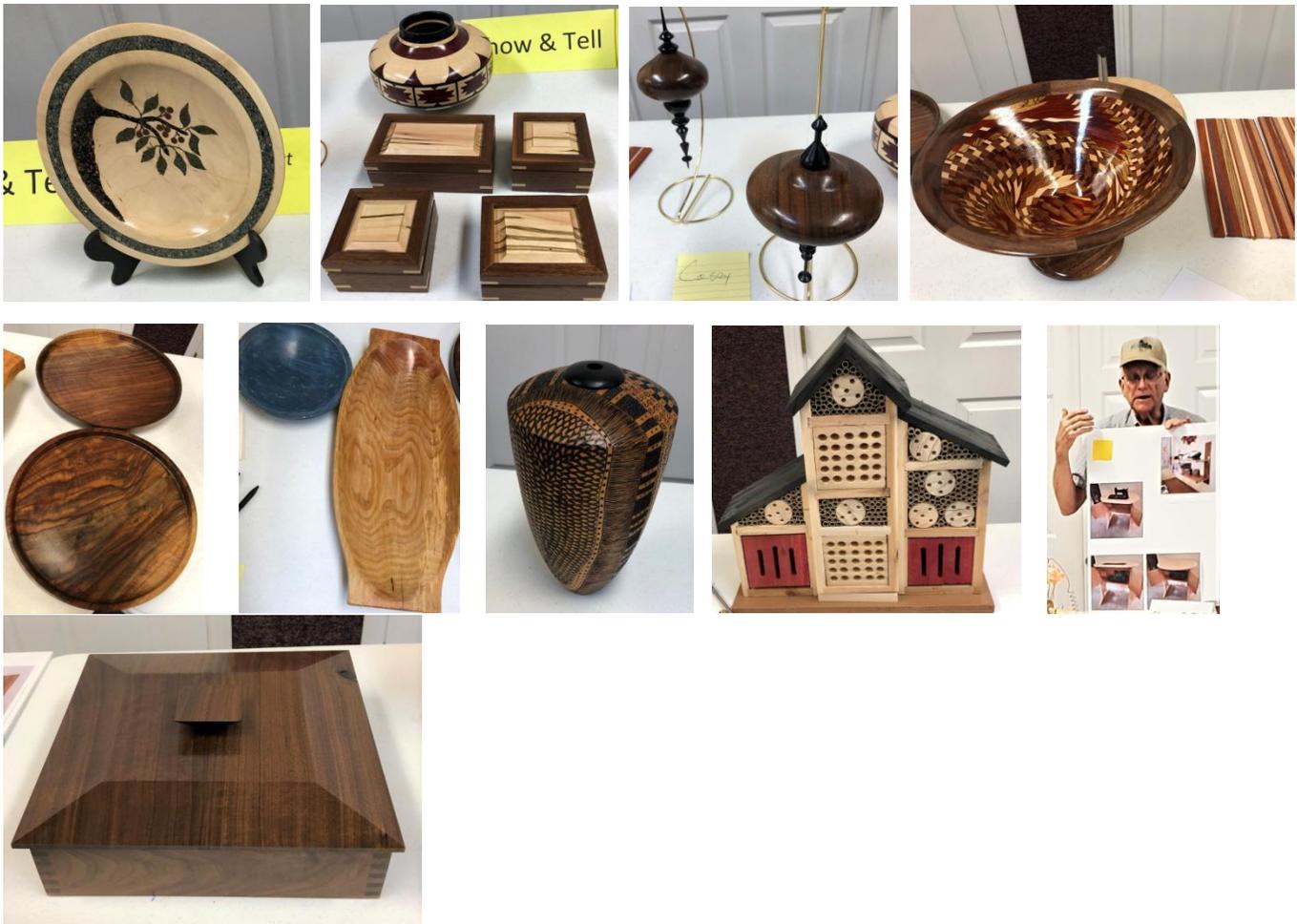
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## September 2022 meeting Show-N-Tell Summary:

For September we had a whopping 10 members showing their latest woodworking craftsmanship. Jim Gott stepped in for Mark Butzler to manage the Show-N-Tell activity. Thanks Jim. The members showing their work were, in order, **Ron Sexton\***: Inlaid Platter, **Basil Borkert\***: Segmented Vase and Watch Boxes, **Casey Keller**: 2 turned ornaments, **Jim Hunt\***: Turned Tornado Bowl, **Don Lawson**: 2 Large Walnut Platters, **Harvey Myers**: Turned platter and large Dough Bowl, **Gail Brooks\***: Turned Vase W/Pyrography, **John Roberts\***: Insect Hotel and Laser Cut Clock, **Rich Schwerin**: Wall Shelves and Sewing Machine Cabinet, and **Jim Gott \***: Special Turning Tool and Remote Storage Box. Those with an \* contributed to the newsletter. Thumbnail pictures are shown in order of presentation.



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## The Paint Spot Presentation:



For the September meeting we had a presentation on a woodworker's most favorite topic, finishes and finishing. To cover this topic we were fortunate to have Ryan Webb from the Paint Spot provide us with the latest on available finishes, their characteristics and usage. The Paint Spot is a family owned business and has 2 locations, one in Placerville and one in Shingle Springs. Ryan represents the third generation in the Paint Spot family serving our area. If you missed the September meeting you really missed out.

This write up cannot even come close to covering all the information included in Ryan's talk. Here's just a little taste of what was covered from what I could glean from my sparse notes. He included staining in his talk and touched on several areas that impact the stain's absorption and color on wood. These include the wood grain, species and how the surface is prepared. Results can vary significantly depending on the type of stain, level of sanding, sealing and recoating/re-brushing. He noted that Water based stains penetrate much better than oils. Also it was recommended that you should wait at least 24 hrs before applying any clear coat and applying thin coats is best. In covering clear coats, he noted the following: Oil based finishes tend to add an orange tint whereas water base tend to be clear. Polyurethanes hardness and UV protection holds up better than water base. Also, in general oil base finishes tend to adhere better than water base finishes.

Our members were able to ask lots of questions that Ryan fielded very well and that prompted much dialog. It was obvious that our members welcomed this presentation and got a lot out of it.

If you need stains, finishing products or just paint, be sure to stop by one of their Paint Spot stores. They are very knowledgeable and are ready to help. If you are trying to match previously stained or finished items, or just have a finishing question be sure to consult with them. One of their services includes stain/color matching. Oh, and don't forget to mention you are a GCW member to get your member discount.

[Paint Spot Website](#)

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## Announcements and News:

**Reminder for the October Project Challenge “for the birds”:** The October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting is our fall GCW Project Challenge meeting. The theme for this challenge is to make a project “for the birds”. This could include bird houses, feeders, intarsia bird, bird painting, bird calls, well you get the idea. Let your woodworking imagination run wild “bird”. Participants will be entered in a raffle for \$50. You have about 2 weeks or so to come up with your bird themed entry, so fellow bird lovers get to it.

**November Round Table Meeting:** It’s time to start thinking about the November “Round Table” meeting. The objective is to have a number of tables set up each with a woodworking discussion topic. Each table would have a lead person assigned. Some suggested topics could be woodworking jigs, sharpening, safety equipment, dust collection, finishing products, turning tools, well you get the idea. Table leads don’t have to be experts, just be willing to promote member interaction. The idea is to get discussions started and share knowledge and ideas in addition to getting to know each other better. If you have topic ideas and or wish to lead a table let Gail Cone know.

**Delinquent Dues:** We still have some members attending meetings who have yet to pay their dues. If you find a flag on your badge please see the treasurer.

**Badge Etiquette Reminder --- Badges “to the bucket”:** Some members are still trying to put their badges back into the badge box at the end of meeting. Please put em in the bucket!

**Upcoming meeting topics:** October: Fall Project Challenge (projects for the birds), November: Round Table Discussions, December: TBD\*. \*Suggestions welcome.

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## Message Corner:

### Rich Schwerin:

**TURNING WOOD AVAILABLE (free).** Hi all. A neighbor of mine had to have a magnolia tree brought down. I had the tree people cut some rounds (16-18 inches or so) and bring to my place. They have been sealed with latex. Obviously they are green. If you are interested in obtaining one send me and email [rwmtzca@comcast.net](mailto:rwmtzca@comcast.net).

*Rich*

### Gordon Patnude:

#### **RINGMASTER MACHINE AVAILABLE.**

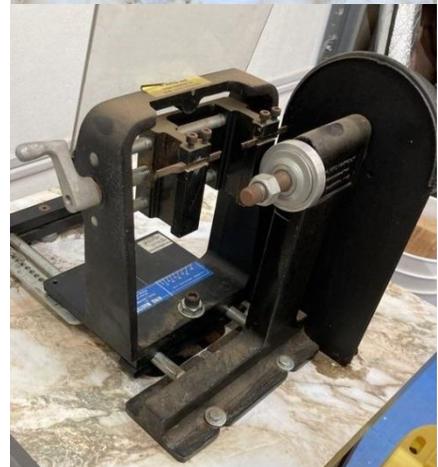
I recently acquired this RINGMASTER, but find that I just don't have room for another tool in my shop. I already have a Nova lathe that does what I want to do. The Ringmaster unit is Serial Number 00176 and appears to be in good working condition. The unit is really clean and includes the original owner's manual. I have not yet plugged it in, but the previous owner apparently used it often. He built the little cabinet and added a foot-control switch to the setup. Online sellers are asking from \$350 and up. Ringmaster is currently out of stock and they have a waiting list for new machines that sell new from **\$540-\$814** depending on the model.

I will consider any reasonable offer. You can contact me directly by phone or email.

Phone 253-820-8684 or Email: [gppatnude@comcast.net](mailto:gppatnude@comcast.net)

Here is a bit more information about the Ringmaster unit. Ringmaster is a device that will allow you to cut a 12"x12" board, up to 1 1/4" thick stacking rings that make a bowl, vase or other round object of multiple rings. Once glued together using the Ringmaster, you can finish-turning, sand and finish the assembly. There are countless YouTube videos showing the process and examples. Here are a couple: [Ringmaster presentation](#), [Ringmaster usage Video](#)

*Gordon*



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## September Project Submissions (7 Members):

### *Gail Brooks*



Here is the vase I showed at the September meeting. The unknown wood I utilized for this vessel was very boring, so to create interest I burned vertical lines following the grain pattern to maintain an organic feel. I continued on to use various wood burning tips to burn a variety of designs. The collar was turned from Walnut and darkened with a tannin solution. I finished it with rattle can lacquer.

*Gail B.*



### *Jim Hunt*



Here are a couple photos of my “tornado” bowl I brought to the September meeting. The woods used include Mahogany, Maple, Zebra Wood, Purple Heart and Walnut. It was finished with food grade bowl finish. If you are interested in making your own “tornado” bowl here is a good YouTube that can help you get started. [Tornado Bowl](#)

*Jim*



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*John Roberts*



Here are my projects shown at the September Show-N-Tell. The first one is a bug motel designed to attract pollinating insects for the garden. The small tubes are cardboard tubes that I ordered from Amazon. The larger ones are 2 inch dowels. The tubes are nesting areas for bees and other flying insects. The red doors are butterfly nesting areas. The second project is a multi layered clock. Each layer was cut out on my laser cutter. I dyed each layer a different color for contrast before I glued them together.

*John*



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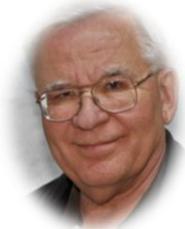
*Jim Gott*



Shown here are the projects I presented at the September meeting. First was a homemade vortex turning tool, patterned after a Stuart Batty creation. I used 1/4" high speed steel ground flat on the top and with an included bevel angle of 25 degrees to reach into tight areas when spindle turning. The handle is Walnut and is finished with lacquer.

The box I made for my wife for storing remotes. It is all Walnut, measures 12" x 12" x 3" and is joined using 1/4" box joints. The top was beveled using the table saw. For the finish I used a wipe on poly.

Cheers! *Jim*



*Casey Keller*



Here are the 2 ornaments I showed at the September meeting. Both have a Walnut body with Ebony finials. They were finished with Danish oil (natural) and Min Wax rattle can clear gloss lacquer. The picture in the middle shows an example of the hangers that I found for them.

*Casey*



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*Ron Sexton*



This is my latest plate project I showed at the September meeting. I turned a 10" Silver Maple plate, then drew my design on it and proceeded to carve out the design using carving chisels and Dremel using a 1/8" bit. Then my dog and I went to the American River and gathered some rock. After that we walked the rail line East of Greenstone road and found some green rock to use for the leaves. I also used some Serpentine and some Red Jasper from my property. The various rocks were then crushed and graded to size, glued into the carved out design, ground down flat and then fine sanded everything. The finish is of course lacquer.

*Ron*



*Basil Borkert*



The southwest design vessel is 8" in diameter and 6" tall. The woods used were Purple Heart, Maple and Wenge. It has a salad bowl finish. The boxes are pocket watch hinged boxes made with Ambrosia Maple and Walnut. All were finished using poly.

*Basil*



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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:** Our annual GCW club dues for 2022 are \$25 and are due January of each year. Dues for new members joining throughout the year are prorated based on the month they join. You can pay the dues at any club meeting or send a check to our treasurer. Make the 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.

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 and makes me look good.

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