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MEETING NOTES

The June Meeting will be on the 12th 6:30 pm at Adventure Park, 10130 Gunn Ave.

Our guest will be Mike from Frank's Cane and Rush Supply. They furnish natural materials for caning furniture, wicker basketry, screens and more.

Mike will demonstrate tools, materials and techniques necessary for caning chairs. Mike visited WOW some time ago. He was very well prepared, his demonstration was educational, interesting and well presented. One member I'm aware of was inspired to cane a chair.

CLUB SHOW 'N TELL

Any member who has entered the Orange County Fine Art Woodworking competition will be given an opportunity to talk about his or her entry and the process.

The Show and Tell program is to share and encourage members to stretch their woodworking skills. Please give them your attention and allow the knowledge to reach those who want to learn.

STEERING COMMITTEE ACTIONS

A discussion about the table saw at Hathawy Ranch needing a new motor, repairing the motor, replacing the saw, buying a rip blade to match the blade to the job the saw was used for. The matter was tabled to see if one of John Erickson's saws could be adapted.

A representative of The Presbyterian Hospital of Whittier contacted John Rodgers about the WOW making a pair of "ribbon-cutting photo-op scissors". The representative indicated WOW had made a pair for the Whittier Chamber of commerce. This item was tabled to allow contact with the Chamber for more details.

A discussion of the Clubs position on members who might want to sell wooden toys by request from private parties. **John Rodgers** stated his concern that selling strollers and cradles would affect the Boys and Girls Club auctions.

Also a concern raised by **Jim Lockwood** on whether the Club would be liable.

This matter was tabled in order for more input, information, and drafting a WOW Policy Statement. The draft statement is printed elsewhere in the *Pushstick*.

Joe Carrillo addressed the need to consider the replacement for **John Erickson** in the Club for the coordinator for the Christmas parties at the Boys and Girls Club and Adventure Park. This matter was tabled until after the election in order for the incoming president the time to consider all possibilities.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the inception of an award-plaque for the woodworker who best typifies a member of outstanding service it would not necessarily be an annual award. The award will be titled the **John Erickson Founders Award** with a Push Stick as the standard feature on the plaque. The awardees will maintain custody for one calendar year and then return it to the club. The award will also be accompanied with a certificate suitable for framing for the recipient to keep. This matter was tabled until the next steering committee meeting.

Election of Officers

The election of Club Officers is scheduled for the July monthly meeting. All WOW members are eligible to run for office. Duties of the various offices are straight forward and do not require a lot of time. All members who would like to know more about an office should talk to a current or past officer. They will be happy to tell you what they do and how much time it involves. It is not hard work and only requires a desire to make WOW a better club.

Nominations for officers of WOW will take place at both the June and July regular meetings. Any member may nominate any member. The nominee **must be present and agree to serve** if elected before the nomination will be accepted. Please discuss any planned nominations from the floor with the proposed nominee prior to making the nomination.

The election will follow close of nominations at the July meeting.

Email *Pushstick* Subscription

We are trying to reduce the amount of postage and envelopes spent on mailed *Pushsticks*. Email *Pushstick* get instant updates and changes.

Yes, we can do updates and changes. Tool and wood sales. Hardwood dealer specials electronically by email and it does not cost WOW any extra money.

Here is how - send an email to pushstick@woodworkersofwhittier.org asking to subscribe. That's it! The newsletter will come as an attachment in Adobe Acrobat PDF format. For more details and a link to get the free Acrobat Reader, visit our club website at www.woodworkersofwhittier.org and click on the Newsletter link.

Happenings

Free Wood

Saturday May 31 9:00 am to noon. 9308 Gunn Ave. John Erickson's wood supply will be given to members at the request of the family. I saw wood suitable for segmented

turning, pen turning and larger projects. Also get a preview of tools that will be available when arrangements are completed.

Orange County Fair Fine Art Woodworking

July 11 – August 3 WOW members have been invited to enter their work in this competition.

Suggestions for meeting programs are always welcome. Please see or call **John Rodgers**

Open Shops

Julie McCamey will be our hostess at the June open shop June 21. Hours 10:00am-12:00noon. 10225 Ben Hur St. Whittier. The date June 21 is a corrected date.

July Meeting

WOW will have special guests, cake and punch and a special raffle at the July meeting to celebrate our 15 years as a woodworking club.

This is also election of officers

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee meets on the Tuesday after the club regular meeting at the Whittier Senior Center at 13225 Walnut Ave. Starts at 7:00pm and is over at 8:00pm. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 17th.

Ray Jolley

Ray says his woodworking started by watching his father work. His father was a design engineer for Boeing and could do most everything but did not consider himself to be a woodworker. Ray took a shop class in jr. high school, graduated from high school in Burbank. Mechanical drafting and business classes in community college, summer jobs working for Union Pacific and a hitch in the U. S. Army followed.

His shop consists of tools his father had except for the band saw and shop made router table. No jointer or planer, he says he has never needed either one.

Ray describes his woodworking as being driven by necessity, just evolved without conscious effort of becoming a woodworker. When he or his family needed something,

he could almost always provide it by making it out of wood. Ray and wife Nancy's four children, Patrick, Alicia, Alan and Daryl were the beneficiaries of his woodworking efforts while they were in various school activities. Ray says Nancy provided most of the necessities by saying something like "I need you to build me some carnival booths for --- --."; Ray built a western town, a four foot high Ferris wheel, Arabian swords and drum major stands for two sons. Ray also makes all his shop jigs, fixtures, feather boards, templates, boxes for tools, coins, pencils or anything else that needs to be organized.

Thank you Harold, Julie and Bill

Safety is NOT an accident. It is on purpose!

Woodworkers Of Whittier Proposed Policy Statement

Club members selling woodworking items

This is a proposed policy to allow the Club to promote woodworking members to sell items and crafts. After discussion, comment and/or changes by the members, members will approve or disapprove for implementation.

The purpose of this policy is to connect woodworking members and persons interested in purchasing wood items.

A. The Woodworkers Of Whittier (WOW) will not engage in any selling of woodworking items.

B. Individual members may choose to engage in selling wood products in any manner they choose.

C. Members **will not** produce for sale **cradles or strollers** similar to those made by the club for **Christmas or the Boys and Girls Club auction**.

D. WOW will produce and maintain a registry of members who wish to be contacted by the public for woodworking items. The registry will be divided into categories. (toys, crafts, models, furniture, etc.)

E. Woodworkers in the registry will be contacted when persons asking about woodworking contact WOW. Woodworkers in the registry will be contacted by email. Woodworkers will contact interested persons by telephone or email.