



WOODWORKERS OF WHITTIER

JUNE 2014

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## Meeting Notes

### June Meeting

**The June meeting is Thursday, June 12 at Adventure Park, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. The park is located at 10130 Gunn Ave., Whittier.**

The meeting will feature a presentation by **Dan Wright**, owner of D & L Stained Glass, 8824 Ocean View Ave., Whittier. Dan will play one of his hand-built Busker street organs and display his vintage Chevy stake bed truck.

There will also be an election of club officers for 2014-2015. A candidate will be nominated for each office. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

### May Meeting

The May meeting featured an evening of antique and treasured tools. Members brought in their favorite tools and told how these tools were used in their woodworking projects. Special guests were Hunter Smith's son, David Smith, and daughter, Valarie Sanborn, both of North Carolina.

### Steering Committee Report

The committee voted to name **Ray Mitchem** as Woodworker of the Year in recognition of his service to the club.

To honor the late **Hunter Smith**, the Steering Committee voted to establish the Hunter Smith Woodworker Achievement Award, an honor that would be presented to one or two members each year for their service to the club over the years. The award would celebrate the legacy of Hunter Smith, who made invaluable contributions to the club for many years in the finest traditions of woodworking.

Honorees would be chosen at the October Steering Committee meeting, and would be recognized at the December Christmas party. Honorees would receive a plaque. (The Steering Committee would have the option not to select an honoree for a particular year.) Any club member in good standing could nominate a club member for the award using a special nomination form. These awards would be given

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to members in good standing on the basis of years of service to the club, participation in club activities, furthering the goals of the club and serving as a help to other woodworkers.

In other business, treasurer **Red Nichols** reported a club bank balance of \$1,056.76. Membership chair **Lindsey Fisher** reported that the club has 42 paid members. **David Kwon** is the newest member.

It was announced that **Ray Mitchem** and **John Rodgers** tied for Honorable Mention in the Mustache Contest at the Whittier Founders Day event on May 10. **Ray Mitchem, John Rodgers, John Okawa, Raul Guerrero** and **Dave Reid** manned a table at the event, where members did demonstrations of scroll sawing and wood turning.

The club also acknowledged a generous contribution of more than \$260 to the club treasury on behalf of the family of **Bill Benton**, a talented woodworker who recently passed away at age 93. Bill's son, **Mark Benton**, made the donation to club member Steven **Bruhns**. The funds were the result of a sale of **Bill Benton's** power tools. Some of his hand tools were donated to WOW members. The elder **Benton** was described as a master home craftsman who built furniture and toys and even surfboards from wood and foam. He had lived in Whittier since the early '50s.

It was reported that the club already has 12,000 building blocks that are sanded and ready to go for distribution in 2014.

### **Ron Holtz**

As of this writing, **Ron Holtz** is at home, recovering from surgeries and hospital stays as a result of a head injury sustained from a fall that occurred during a recent earthquake. He is reported to be in good spirits. Cards may be sent to Ron at 11853 S. La Serna Dr., Whittier, CA 90604.

### **Share Your Skills**

Members are encouraged to share their woodworking skills with others in the club who may have limited experience in some aspects of woodworking, such as turning, furniture making, drawer construction, etc.

### **Show and Tell**

Bring an example of any project you wish to tell us about at the June meeting.

### **On Your Calendar**

**June Meeting** Thursday, June 12, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Steering Committee** Tuesday, June 17, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**July Meeting** Thursday, July 10, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Steering Committee** Tuesday, July 15, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Thank you Bill, Julie, Harold and Paula**