

# The Push Stick

## Finish Talk



At the August meeting Lou Barcelot from Rockler Woodworking in Orange <https://www.rockler.com/retail/stores/ca/orange-store> came to talk to us about how to apply finishes to our wood projects. California, Los Angeles County in particular, keeps removing finish options from store shelves. Oil based finishes have disappeared making it harder to get a good finish on a project you spent a lot of time on. On a nice piece of wood the aim is to get “chatoyance” Lou said. Chatoyance is a French word meaning “cat’s eye”. It’s that deep 3D effect that makes the woodgrain pop when you have a well polished finish. Lou said water based finishes do not soak into the wood like oil based do, so light is not reflected the same.

With the limited options we have locally, Lou showed us some alternatives. He had samples he made using mineral, boiled lindseed, walnut and tung oils. These are simple old school finishes that can be waxed and polished to give them a shine. Another benefit is they can be repaired if damaged without having to refinish the whole piece. He passed around samples and they looked very nice.

Some of us, when we travel, pick up finishes we can’t get here. We build up an inventory. Lou pointed out that finishes go bad over time. They don’t put a date on the can, so you don’t know how long it has been sitting in the store. Another tip he had was semigloss and satin clear finishes are just gloss with dulling agents added. These sink to the bottom of the can and are hard to mix evenly. Instead you can just use gloss and dull the finish with an abrasive like fine steel wool.

Thirty minutes is not much time to talk about how to use finishes. Whole books are written on the subject. Lou did a great job in the time given. When you are in the Rockler store in the City of Orange on Tustin Avenue, look him up. Thanks Lou!

## Club News

WOW has \$1218 in the bank. We have **52 members!** All toy and block projects are on schedule. WOW Whittier Place Show is October 5th. I will email a flyer out to everyone before then. Those giving the club a raffle item for Whittier Place, please bring it to the meeting.

**Club Shirts:** At this month’s club meeting orders will be taken for club Polo Shirts. The cost will be \$32.28 including tax per shirt. XXL there will be an additional \$1.50 fee and for XXXL there will be an additional \$3.00 fee. Also, if you would like your name printed on the left front of the shirt please adds \$2.50. Please bring a check to the meeting made out to Woodworkers of Whittier.

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**Raffle:** Congratulations to **Gene Getz** for running the monthly club raffle and bringing in an average of \$40 a month profit. In the past we were in a deficit. Gene uses some of these profits to pay for our grand prizes at the Christmas Party. Thanks Gene for all your hard work!

**September Meeting** Doctor Presto (Wow member Jim Callen) will entertain us with amazing feats of prestidigitation (magic).

## Message From the Prez

I would like to answer a few questions or concerns regarding the club's Christmas Potluck party. We do ask members to make or provide at least 3 items for door prizes. The reason for this is the number of guests, family and friends that are invited. Our goal is to make sure everyone receives a door prize. If you are unable to make or bring anything, you are still welcome to attend. We don't keep track of who brings what. The main reason for the club Christmas party is for us to get together with family and friends and celebrate Christmas. The evening is filled with good food, great people and a festive atmosphere. I hope you will join us and participate in some good Holiday Cheer. ..Paul Wilson

## Show and Tell

At the meeting we had great Show and Tell offerings. Here are some of them. John Okawa showed a car he made. Louis Lopez showed a wall clock that he made. He finished it using chemical fumes. He survived. Gene Getz made a toy train for his grandson who wants a modern diesel engine next time. Kids! Ray Sosa made a cane and a scabbard for a sword made from a swordfish bill, Robert Bilevich showed bowls he turned, Jim Sparling made a treble clef and Stan Quade made book ends from donated wooden shoe lasts. Rubin Johnson made a clamp thingy.



### Club Calendar

Sept Meeting -Thursday Sept. 12th 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
 Steering Committee-Tuesday Sept. 17th 7-8:00p.m  
 Oct. Meeting- Thursday Oct. 10th 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
 Steering Committee- Tuesday Oct. 15th 7-8:00 p.m.  
 Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at Adventure Park  
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