

The Push Stick

Hathaway Ranch



At the WOW March meeting, **Ron Holtz** described what is done weekly at Hathaway Ranch. It is an ongoing project to build toy blocks to give away to children at Christmas time. It has been going for 18 years, but not always at the Ranch. Before that, WOW made blocks in a room at the Boys and Girls Club. When that space was no longer available, an ad was put in the Whittier Daily News asking for help. Francine Hathaway Rippey came to the rescue. She gave us space at

Hathaway Ranch, a museum of how things were in Santa Fe Springs in the past. She has been most generous with WOW. We are only paying for electricity.



Wood is turned from rough construction grade scrap lumber to smooth blocks. This is done by cutting out the bad parts, cutting the shapes and lots of sanding. The guys used to scrounge wood from construction sites, but the Carpenters Union Training Facility came to our aid. They save us their cutoffs and castoffs from training projects. This is taken to Hathaway Ranch and sorted.

What can't be used is taken to James Hardware in La

Habra to be given away as firewood. So, through this effort and all the cars WOW builds, it is estimated that 6 tons of wood waste a year is kept out of the landfill. Even better, kids are made happy!

It is hoped more members will volunteer for the **Hathaway Ranch** block building project. The gang at Hathaway would be glad to have your help. They meet Monday mornings 8:30 - 11:30 at Hathaway Ranch, 11901 Florence Avenue, between Norwalk Boulevard and Pioneer Boulevard. Open the gate and drive in, close gate. Call Jim Sparling 562-943-3013 for more information.

RSVP Program

Lupe Marino came to speak to us about a program at the YMCA. She is supervisor of the RSVP program (Retired and Seniors Volunteer Program). This is a program for the different charity groups that operate under the YMCA umbrella. WOW is one of these. We were fourth highest in hours donated last year for all of San Gabrielle Valley. We can do much better if we log the hours actually spent. This is for the time spent building cars and blocks for charity. Lupe calculated that WOW's building projects for charity keep 6 tons of wood waste out of the landfill. See the above article for more information on that.



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Established in 1971 the RSVP program is federally legislated but locally directed. The more hours logged, the more grant money the "Y" can receive. Signed up volunteers are protected by accident insurance and there is a luncheon yearly. We want WOW to be the number one charity in the Valley. What you need to do: First you need to sign up. Forms are emailed to you or ask Jim Sparling at the meeting. When you sign the form, post date it to November 1st, 2015 so you can get credit for installing wheels and axels at the November meeting (if you did that). Return to the YMCA by mail or fax. Second- Log your hours and submit to the YMCA by mail or fax.

Thank you Lupe for coming to our meeting.

April 14th Meeting

Steve Aukenbauer from Woodcraft will demonstrate their Piranha CNC Machine.

General Club News

Steering Committee Minutes- WOW has 37 paid members. Block building project is on schedule. \$2378 in bank.

Open shop Saturday April 16th 9:00 to noon at Stan

Quaid's 115 Encanada Drive, La Habra Heights 562-691-4766.

Near the Hacienda Golf Club off Hacienda Blvd He says it is not actually an open shop as he doesn't have much of a shop, but more of an open house of the things he has made. Members that have seen these things say it proves "it is not the tools but the builder". Join us on Saturday.

Mastercraft the Art of Woodworking is at Muzeo (Museum of Art and Culture) in Anaheim through May 21st. 41 S. Anaheim Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92805 714-956-8936

<http://muzeo.org/exhibition/master-craft-the-art-of-woodworking/>

Hours: Tue - Sun 10am-5pm, Closed Mondays

Don't forget to attend a **Steering Committee Meeting**. All members can attend. See what goes on behind the scenes of WOW. We meet at the Whittier Senior Center, 13225 Walnut St., off of Painter. Time and dates listed below.

Dues of \$30 are now due. Please make checks out to Woodworkers of Whittier. Your cancelled check will be your receipt. If you can not make it to the meeting, you can mail a check to Ray Mitchem, 15710 Formby Drive, La Mirada, CA 90638.

The **WOW Facebook page** is being updated often with club news, announcements and videos between meetings. Give it a look and a "like". www.facebook.com/woodworkersofwhittier

Club Calendar

April Meeting- Thursday April 14th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Steering Committee-Tuesday April 19th 7-8:00 p.m.
May Meeting -Thursday May 12th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Steering Committee-Tuesday May 17th 7-8:00p.m.

Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at Adventure Park
10130 Gunn Avenue Whittier , CA 90605



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