

The Push Stick

The Spooky Fred Richter



Fred Richter came to WOW's September meeting to share a miniature haunted house he builds. The one he showed is the 2015 design. He changes designs from time to time, as he comes up with new ideas. He designs the house on a computer in a CAD program (computer aided design). He then takes this file to a company that uses a laser to cut out the design on sheets of Luan plywood (like door skins). It takes 3 sheets of Luan to make one house. He has found Luan works well because it cuts quickly. This is important, as he is charged by the amount of time it takes to cut the pieces. The company charges \$85 to cut one house.

Considering the amount of time it

would take to scroll saw something like this, it is a bargain.

He then lays out the pieces, paints, adds plastic in the windows and assembles them. In all it takes 8-15 hours to assemble a house. They go for \$425. Considering the time he puts into each, he just breaks even. As Fred says, he is not making them for the money, but for the smiles. Over the years he keeps improving them and you can tell he is a perfectionist by the details in each house. He buys manzanita wood to add the "trees" and has a machine for making the shingles.

In his professional life he runs the Sugar Plum Festivals www.sugarplumfestivals.com that show "arts, crafts, antiques and collectibles". That is where Barbara and Jim Lockwood saw his work. The next one is October 15-18th at the Buena Park Mall downstairs. He said his houses will be there. He even has a 12 foot tall one! Thanks for sharing Fred.

October 8th Meeting

Harold Greene fine furniture maker. <http://www.antiquesofthefuture.net/> He was here a couple years ago and does beautiful work. He has done high end woodworking for shops and city parks.

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General Club News

Steering Committee Minutes- WOW has 42 paid members with one new member- Brady McBride. \$2,400 in the bank. Jim Sparling said they have 2500 blocks finished. Dick Toney projects WOW members will make 1300 to 1400 cars that will need wheels and axels installed.

If you are making **toy cars** for WOW, need wheels, and are not on the list, let Ray Mitchem know ASAP (714) 523-8697

Two guests were at the September meeting. San Quaid and Jim Calin. Jim Quaid even made 54 trucks for WOW. Thanks Jim! Nice to see you guys. Brady McBride joined the club. Welcome aboard!

President Alan Schwartz reminds us that at the November meeting we need everyone to show up. Bring a guest and hammers for each. We need help to put wheels and axels on 1400 cars. Last year we did not have enough help. The park got upset that we stayed too long and left a mess. So, let's do better this November.

Volunteers needed to put WOW toys in Library displays and under city Christmas Trees. It gives the club publicity and is a community service. Call Jim Sparling for details. 562-943-3013. We also need a program chairman for speakers at WOW meetings. If you come across someone who would be good for a presentation at a WOW meeting and is interested in doing it, please let us know.

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.

Show and Tell

As usual we had some fine items in the show and tell. Barbara Lockwood showed us "push pull" tools she made for the oven to give as gifts. Ray Mitchem turned bowls from Star Pine. Robert Bilevich turned a large vessel. Jim Sparling scroll sawed a nice memento celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary. John Okawa turned a bowl with a top. Stan Quaid made 4 different types of trucks. More pictures at www.facebook.com/woodworkersofwhittier



"Yes, I am looking to hire someone with good woodworking skills. Do you have a resume, and are you a hard worker?"

Club Calendar

October Meeting- Thursday Oct. 8th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Steering Committee - Tuesday Oct 13th 7-8:00 p.m.
Nov. Meeting -Thursday Nov. 12th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Steering Committee-Tuesday Nov. 17th 7-8:00p.m.

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

Upcoming Meetings

November- Wheels and Axel installation

December- Christmas Party

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