

The Push Stick

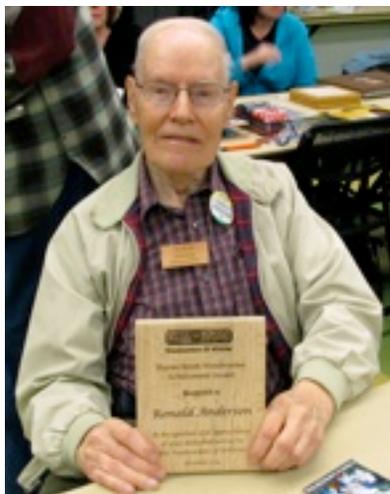
Frank Irving Custom Furniture



At the February meeting Frank Irving, who makes and designs custom furniture, talked to us about how he got into furniture making and what inspires him. He went to Cal High and then went to art school where he became friends with Sam Maloof. He had a varied career including medicine and teaching art in San Diego. As an art teacher he found that he had to get his students to observe what was around them to become good artists. He has found good furniture design also comes from observing. When he retired, he settled in Laguna Woods (formerly Leisure World). He found that they had a really nice woodworking shop as part of the amenities. Frank couldn't afford a Sam Maloof rocking chair, so he decided to make one. Along the way he decided that woodworking creation was for him.

Frank's designs have been called mid-century modern and must have comfort, function and be esthetically pleasing. He has showed his work at the Laguna Arts Festival for the past 6 years and has gained commissioned work from there. Using a 26 grit grinder to sculpt his work, mostly done in walnut, it is amazing what he has achieved in 10 years time. Frank does work on it everyday though. He advises "Don't be intimidated by the wood" www.frankswoodfurniture.com

Ronald Anderson won WOW's new award- The Hunter Smith Woodworkers Achievement Award. This is an award given to a member that shows a history of giving to the club and community through their woodworking skills. Ronald has served on the Steering Committee, made a thousand toys and we all have many of his toy patterns. He has always been an enthusiastic supporter of WOW. Congratulations Ronald!



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February 12th Meeting

This month Roy Moore, former mayor of Brea, will tell us how he carves wood using many tools from chainsaw to knife.

General Club News

Jim Sparling has organized a **tour** of the wood shop at Laguna Woods (formerly Leisure World). This is where last month's presenter Frank Irving does his creations. Tour is on Sunday, March 15th. There is a limit on the number of people that can go. Get in touch with Jim at the meeting or call him (562) 943-3013.

Alan Webster has taken over the **WOW email list** administration from Bill Pounds. Thanks to Bill Pounds for taking care of this duty for such a long time. If you are not receiving the Pushstick newsletter by email or getting WOW notices, contact Alan (562) 943-4919. One reason you may want to get the Pushstick newsletter by email instead of by regular post, it is in glorious color! Plus the internet links are clickable.

Name Badges Jim Sparling has found a company that will laser etch name badges on wood for \$3 each. If you would like to have a wooden name badge, see Jim at the February meeting. **This is the last month he will take orders.** After this, you will have to go to the store yourself.

Dues of \$30 are now due. Please make checks out to Woodworkers of Whittier. After this month there is a late fee.

Steering Committee Minutes- We had no new members. Balance in the bank account is \$1852. Don Prince has sold about \$800 of oak slabs that were donated to WOW by his neighbor. Don Prince also said he could handle the sales of tools donated to the club, as long as they are worth the effort, and delivered to his house.

Sam Maloof Home Tour

Dave Reid saw that La Habra Community Center is offering a tour of Sam Maloof's house in Alta Loma. Bus leaves from La Habra and includes a tour of Graber Olive House and a tea lunch on February 26th \$95. More info. here <http://www.lahabracaca.gov/images/lahabra/Community%20Services/trips%2026toursjanjune2015.pdf> You don't have to be a La Habra resident.

Club Calendar

February Meeting Thursday Feb. 12th 6:30-8 p.m.
Steering Committee- Tuesday Feb. 17th 7-8:00 p.m.
March Meeting -Thursday March 12th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Steering Committee-Tuesday March 17th 7-8:00p.m.



Upcoming Meetings

February- Roy Moore- Wood Caver

March- Interstate Battery rebuilder of tool battery packs.

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