

# The Push Stick

## Club News

With **no meeting this month** because of Valentine's Day, this will be a shortened newsletter with the addition of a section on wood resources. I sent out the question to members "where do you get wood?" and I got some good responses.

Steven Romo showed us at the January meeting how he does segmented bowls. I will have an article on him next month.

We will have a Steering Committee meeting this month on Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00 pm. 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.

The guys at Hathaway Ranch are churning out the blocks and have decided to give out more to charities in 2019. Hathaway Ranch block building project--is an ongoing project to build toy blocks to give away to children at Christmas time. It has been going for 19 years. The gang at Hathaway would be glad to have your help. They meet Monday mornings 8:30 - noon at Hathaway Ranch, 11901 Florence Avenue, between Norwalk Boulevard and Pioneer Boulevard. Call Jim Sparling 562-943-3013 for more information.

## Pay Dues

**Dues of \$30 are now due.** Please make checks out to Woodworkers of Whittier. Your cancelled check will be your receipt. You can also pay by mail. Send check made out to "Woodworkers of Whittier" to our treasurer Arie Korporaal, WOW Dues, P.O. Box 9314, Whittier, CA 90608. Pay as soon as possible.

## President's Message

I hope with all the rain we have had, everyone's homes are still intact and dry. I also hope that all of you who celebrate Valentine's Day have a good time. With no meeting this month because of Valentine's Day, there is not much to report on.

One thing I would like to do, is give a thank you to Barbara Lockwood for letting me know about an opportunity for the club to participate in a community function in May. Unfortunately, the club will not be participating in the event. Having it brought to the club's attention is much appreciated. Hope to see you all at our next club meeting on March 14th. Paul Wilson

## Where Do You Get Wood?

This is a common question we get asked often at WOW. I asked this question of our members and the ones that responded had some clear winners. I have included links that should be clickable if you are viewing this on a computer. Thanks to all who responded. Great Info.!



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**Paul Salverda** has found nice wood in the big box stores by chance. "I've found nice quarter sawn oak, curly birch, and amazing pecky pine...one board at a time, though." he also looks for free firewood ads and listens for chainsaws for chunks of wood to use in the lathe.



**Juan Natera** goes to Anderson Plywoods in Culver City because he lives out that way.

Here is what members said in their own words.

### **Andrew Salem**

I have just recently discovered Peterman Lumber in Fontana. It's a bit of a drive but the savings seems to pay for it. Otherwise I go to Ganahl Lumber, the one in Pasadena is ok, but the one in Torrance is like a wonderland for Hardwoods. Costs are a little higher than Peterman but still lower than Rockler, or even Austin Hardwoods

### **Ramiro Garate**

Rough lumber - Bohnhoff Lumber in the city of Vernon...great prices and helpful staff.

<https://bohnhofflumber.com/>

Reel Lumber -Sheet goods, S3S lumber - ...great selection of sheet goods at good prices. Helpful staff. Lumber is a bit more expensive than Bohnhoff but this one is milled on 3 sides.

<http://www.reellumber.com/new/>

American wood importers in Azusa has huge slabs too...exotics like Parota and Purpleheart and other Costa Rican woods. Live Edge Slabs

<https://americanwoodimporters.com/>

### **Louis Lopez**

For the most part I go all the way out to Anaheim to Reel Lumber. For most of the work I do, they have met most of my needs. They used to have another yard there in Anaheim where I bought my rough cut lumber, for some of my special projects, but they relocated that yard out to Corona some time ago. Reel Lumber has a very large selection of moldings as well. You can get molding in paint grade MDF, red oak, walnut, cherry and a few other species as well. They also have almost any type of sheet good you might need, a very large variety.

When it comes to rough cut stock, I don't think Bohnhoff Lumber in Los Angeles can be beat. All they sell is rough cut lumber, but for a fee they will mill it for you. I don't know what their fee is or if they have a minimum amount.

### **Club Calendar**

Feb. Meeting- None stay with your sweetie

Steering Committee- Tuesday Feb.19th 7-8:00 p.m

March Meeting -Thursday March 14th 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Steering Committee-Tuesday March 19th 7-8:00p.m.

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

### **Al Winberg**

*He does Intarsia so he needs a big selection of woods to get the colors and textures he needs.*

When making Intarsias I use various types of material, mostly hardwoods. I use some

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Pine and Alder, which I do get from Home Depot or Lowe's, because of being close to home. I also buy ¼" Birch Plywood, which I use for my Backers, there.

A good source I found for wood material is "Sierra Forest Products". <https://www.sierrafp.com/> They were founded in 1944 as "Atlas Lumber" but changed their name to the above in 2016. They are located out in Chino, CA. which is not very convenient to get to and not worth the drive if I only need a small wood supply. When we go up to Arrowhead I'll stop there on our way home and pick up what I think I'll need for future use. If they were closer to Whittier it would be my choice of place to go.

They have an excellent supply of hardwoods, the types I use all the time and their prices are very complete. They do have all the other building types of lumber, but I haven't checked them out.

Woods they carry, that I would use on a daily basis are: Alder, Ash, Aspen, Cedar, Soft Maple, Red and White Oak, Padauk, Pine, Poplar, Purpleheart, Canary, Tiger, Black Walnut and Zebra.

I used to get most of my Hardwoods from "Austin" until I discovered "Reel Lumber", which has better prices. Reel Lumber carries most of the wood types I use and when I need to replenish my stock of various wood types I'll go there.

Woods I use that Sierra doesn't carry but Reel does are: Basswood, Birch, Aromatic Cedar and Cherry.

If I just need a small quantity of Walnut or Cedar I'll run down to Ganahl Lumber, Buena Park, because of its location, not price.

So there you go the most popular is Reel Lumber for milled lumber and Plywood. Bohnhoff lumber for rough sawn. Austin Hardwoods in Santa Ana was considered nice but expensive. You need to be able to calculate board feet to figure how much it costs. In inches: Length x Width x Thickness divided by 144. A board foot is volume. One board foot is 12"x12"x1"



*In woodworking remember to face the bad side towards the wall*