

The Push Stick

Turning Pens



At the June meeting Michael Evans from Ozark's Wood n Stuff showed us how he turns pens. His wife Freda came along to assist. They passed out a handout detailing how 7 different styles of pens are made. He did not show how pens are turned on the lathe, as this can be seen on YouTube. Michael showed how the pen blanks are set up. This is the detailed part. He showed Colored pencils, Antler, Segmented, Delta two-toned, Denim, Celtic Knot, and Corn Cob. They are all beautiful.

How to set up the different designs is hard to describe. It is one of those things you need to see it being done and then completed to say "Oh I see how that works." We have quite a few pen turners in the club. Even those of us that don't turn found the process interesting. One thing I learned is that Michael uses a lot of CA glue (Superglue). I asked how does he come up with the different designs. He said by experimenting, articles in magazines and online.

Michael started turning bowls 25 years ago when he saw a Shopsmith

demonstration at the County Fair. He bought a cheap Harbor Freight lathe and tried his hand. He said taking a class at Rockler and then at Cerritos College from Jim Driskell really helped. Jim demonstrated at WOW in July of 2015. Sadly, he has passed away.

After Michael retired 10 years ago he got more serious about turning and started doing pens. He needed something to do with his creations, so he started selling at craft shows. I asked why his card says Ozark's Wood n Stuff. He lives in a town near Branson, Missouri part of the year.

Thank you Michael and Freda for coming by and sharing your beautiful creations.



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Club News

WOW has \$1569 in the bank. We have **50 members!** Two new members joined: Joseph Duprey and Mario Cano. Welcome gentlemen. All toy and block projects are on schedule. If you wish to have a table at the WOW Whittier Place Show in October, let Paul Wilson know.

July Meeting

Our friend Dan Wright from D&L Stained Glass will be back to show us what he is building in the Busker Organ world. It is always great to see what he is building.



Dick Toney

I talked to WOW member Dick Toney to get his story. Dick is active in the club receiving the Woodworker of the Year Award. He is the club's secretary, keeps track of WOW's toy car project and the Whittier Place show.

Dick was born and raised in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. His father was a do-it-yourself type of guy influencing Dick to be the same. Dick married his wife Jackie in PA. Working as a manger at a paper company, he was transferred to Buffalo, NY then to Cleveland, Ohio and finally settling in Whittier in 1975. Working on houses in these

cities honed his DIY skills he said through trial and error.

A year before he retired, Dick saw the WOW table at the Whittier Founders Day. He was interested. Then club president John Rodgers asked him "Do you make sawdust? You're a woodworker, you should join us". So after he retired, he did. This was about six years ago. His first meeting was the Wheels and Axles night. He thought "this is like Santa's workshop".

Dick likes to do woodturning, mainly making pens. He learned taking one day Rockler classes. He said Don Prince was a big help and they would both go over to Ray Mitchem's to learn even more. Now he makes a lot of sawdust. Members helping members is important.

Dick and his wife Jackie have been married 60 years. They have a daughter and son, five grandchildren and one great grandchild. Thanks to Dick Toney for sharing his story and being a great member of WOW.

Message From the Prez

Last month was the club's annual officer election. The Officers for 2019 are:

President - Paul Wilson Vice President - Louis Lopez

Treasurer - Arie Korporal Secretary - Dick Toney Membership - Jim Lockwood

The appointed officers are: Raffle - Gene Getz Refreshments - Julie McCamey

Webmaster, Pushstick Editor - Alan Webster Program Chair - Jim Sparling

A big thank you and congratulations to all the winners. I look forward to working with you once again over the next year. Paul Wilson

Raffle Donations by members are encouraged. If you have a tool or something woodworking related that you are willing to donate to the club raffle, please do so. Junk is not wanted.

Club Calendar

July Meeting -Thursday July 11th 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Steering Committee-Tuesday July 16th 7-8:00p.m

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

Steering Committee- Tuesday Aug. 13th 7-8:00 p.m.

Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at Adventure Park
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