

The Push Stick

Harold Ehlers



I stopped by Harold Ehlers house to see how he is doing. He has been having some health issues including a stay in the hospital for pneumonia. He is on the mend. While I was there, I got his history with the Woodworkers of Whittier and woodworking in general.

Harold worked in the paper industry for 42 years at both International Paper and Owens Illinois corrugated box distribution centers locally. Just before retiring, his wife Myrna, got him a scroll saw. After he retired in 1995 she suggested he go down to the Senior Center to see what was going on. It just so happened he was there on the day they were painting WOW's blocks. WOW used to paint the building blocks we make. WOW founder John Erickson was there and invited Harold to a meeting. He has been with us ever since.

He helped John Erickson mail out the Pushstick newsletter. At that time they had 100 members that they mailed out to. Some would move away, but remain members, so they would mail it to different states. Until recently Harold was still mailing out the newsletter to those that don't receive it by email. He did it for 22 years!

Harold says his wife bought him most of his tools as presents. He uses half of a two car garage with most tools on wheels so they can be moved. He likes to keep his shop clean. Myrna does the Tole painting on his scroll saw projects which include whirly gigs, benches, toys and Christmas items. He likes to do refinishing too.

Thanks Harold for your years of service for the Woodworkers of Whittier! Hope to see you soon.

Dr Presto Returns

At the June meeting WOW member and magician Jim Callen entertained our members with feats of prestidigitation. He involved club members including Dave Reid, Monty Koch, Barbara Lockwood and Al Winberg. In this picture Dave Reid is wondering "How did he do that?!"



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Returning Club Officers

by *Dave Reid*

The success of any club or community organization most always depends on talented people who volunteer their time and skills in serving as officers in the club.

The Woodworkers of Whittier are no exception.

In the past year, an excellent group of elected officers and non-elected volunteer workers has contributed to another successful year for the club. All of these folks have volunteered to serve another term, if reelected, beginning in July.

As your returning president, I am delighted that all officers were reelected at the June meeting and that all others have agreed to return .

Elected officers for 2017-2018 are: Paul Wilson, vice-president; Arie Korporaal, treasurer; Dick Toney, treasurer; and Jim Lockwood, membership. Non-elected positions are: Gene Getz, raffle chair; Julie McCamey, refreshments; and Alan Webster, Push Stick editor and webmaster.

Congratulations to all, and a big thanks to all for agreeing to serve another year.

(Thank You Dave Reid for returning as our President! AW)

July Meeting

Ken Cowell will do a demonstration on Marquetry. Marquetry is the art and craft of applying pieces of veneer to a structure to form decorative patterns, designs or pictures. Looking at his website he does beautiful work and offers classes www.kencowellstudio.com/

At the June **WOW show and tell** **Albert Winberg** shared one of his intarsia creations. Intarsia is a woodworking technique that uses varied shapes, sizes, and species of wood fitted together to create a mosaic-like picture with an illusion of depth. A scroll saw is often used.

It measures 40"x48", his son-in-law helped bring it in. After doing the tree trunks that frame the scene, he put it aside for awhile. In the end he figures it took him 5 weeks to build. The wood used is cedar, walnut and basswood. It was the 5th piece he made out of the 450 items he has now done. After making 100 items from plans, he saw others were using the same plans. Now he makes up his own unique creations. Thanks Al for sharing and please share more.



Norm!

You'll find lots of projects, plans and ideas from master woodworker Norm Abram by visiting www.newyankee.com Norm hosted The New Yankee Workshop for 21 years and also appears on TV's This Old House.

Thanks to: Julie McCamey for bringing the snacks, Gene Getz for organizing the raffle.

Club Calendar

July Meeting -Thursday July 13th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Steering Committee-Tuesday July 18th 7-8:00p.m.
August Meeting- Thursday Aug. 10th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Steering Committee- Tuesday Aug. 15th 7-8:00p.m.
Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at Adventure Park
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