# The Push Stick 2023 - Celebrating Our Club's 30th Anniversary

## Message from the Prez

I hope all of you are doing well. 2023 is off to a great start. The toy project is in full swing and our first 2 club meetings have been an amazing learning experience with the demonstrations we have had. At our next club meeting on March 9th, Dave Dickerson from the Whittier Conservancy will be joining to talk about their mission and also he will be talking about the Holly Oak. There are a few members who are interested in working with it. Hopefully at the meeting we will have it available for those who would like to try. Also I will be reaching out to our contact for the Baltic Birch Scraps and will hopefully have some available for the April club meeting.

In closing I would like to ask anyone if you would like to help or have an idea for our 30th anniversary celebration to please contact Vice President Skip Porter or myself. We will be working on putting the event together in the next few weeks. I look forward to seeing you at this month's club meeting. For those of you who are baseball fans Spring training has begun and once again the hopes of a southern California freeway series is once again possible.

Paul W.

### February Meeting

Announcements:

- Skip Porter is leading the committee to plan our 30th anniversary celebration in July. You can contact Skip or Paul Wilson for more details. Please consider joining this effort and help to make our celebration one to remember.
- Mark your calendar for a special treat. Our June meeting will be at Stan Quade's house, and it should be very interesting to see his outstanding work.
- The club will have a table at this year's Whittier Founder's Day celebration. The date is May 13, from 9 to 11. More info to follow.

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Founders John Erickson & Jerry Hughes The guest speaker at our February meeting was Steve Lelewer. He gave us a presentation on stabilizing wood, and doing castings. He presented a lot of good information about how and why you need to stabilize wood, and the various kinds of resins and methods to use for casting. The club learned a lot. Thank you Steve!



#### Show and Tell;

Ray Sosa shared his scroll saw signs and pictures, and bowls.

Dick Toney shared a pen holder in the shape of the state of California.

Mike Perovich Shared his handmade keno scoreboard and a restored keno Goose.

Steve Lelewer shared a maple and glass kaleidoscope with Lichtenberg figures.

Ruben Johnson shared some very nice cutting boards

Steve Bruns shared a craftsman style clock made out of holly oak.

(Photos are limited this month, my sincere apologies to those that we accidentally missed)



#### Adventure Park Woodcraft Class

March project on Tuesday the 14th – St. Patricks day theme. One class only this month. April project to be an Easter theme project. Class to be on April 4. Current schedule to be one class only in April. Everyone is invited to come join the fun at these meetings.

#### Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

No Steering Committee meeting held in February

#### Push Stick Show and Tell

No submissions this month. This space gives members the opportunity to show off their recent projects that may be too large or otherwise impractical to be shared at the in-person monthly meetings. Let the club see what you are up to!

#### **Club Reminders**

Due to increases in the prices of wood and engraving, the steering committee has agreed that a \$10 charge to replace a name badge has become necessary. We appreciate your understanding.

Don't forget that the club has activities to participate in besides the monthly meetings. Each one is an opportunity to meet and share time with people that you might not otherwise have the privilege of visiting with, and you would be doing something very worthwhile for the community at the same time!

If you have not already done so, please remember to pay your dues. Dues can be paid at the monthly meeting, or you can go directly to the donations page on our website to pay dues by entering this link in your browser: bit.ly/40sTfKo or by scanning this QR code.



(Thanks to Arie K. for bringing us into the 21st century with these cool new on-line tools!)

#### Let Your Friends Know

Many of our members found out about WOW through a friend. Please let your friends know that good things are happening in the club this year, and bring them to a meeting. Remember: if you make sawdust you are a woodworker. Business cards and postcards with club information are available to hand out. See Paul W. if you would like some.

#### March Club Calendar

March Club Meeting - Thursday March 9, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Ave. Room # 2 Steering Committee meeting - Tuesday March 14 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Whittier Community Center 7630 Washington Ave. Room # 5 Hathaway Ranch Toy Project Monday's Mar 6, 13, 20, & 27 9:00 am to approx 11:00 am 11901 Florence Ave. Santa Fe Springs, 90670 Adventure Park Woodcraft Project - Tuesday March 14 One class only 10:30 am to 11:30 am - Adventure Park