



# The Push Stick

2023 - Celebrating Our Club's 30th Anniversary

## Message from the Prez

Hello to all

I hope all of you are doing well. May is shaping up to be an exciting month for the club. We will be having another great demonstration at our club meeting followed by Founder's Day for the city of Whittier. Let me begin with founder's day. The event will be held on Saturday May 13th at Central Park in Uptown Whittier from 9:00am - 11:00am. We will have a booth that will feature 2 demos: a scroll saw demo by Ray Sosa and wood turning demo by Steve Romo. We will also be handing out cars as we talk to people about the club. The Whittier Arts Society will once again give kids an opportunity to color the cars so another big thank you for their help once again. We hope that you will attend the event to show club support. The next item I would like to update you on is the club's 30th Anniversary celebration on July 15th. It has been decided that we will be doing a potluck just like our Christmas Party. There will be a sign up sheet at the next 2 club meetings so you can sign up and let us know what you will be bringing. The Potluck will be for our friends and families and we hope to have some items to display to the general public. I will give more information as it becomes available. Finally At our club meeting on May 11th Steve Romo will be doing a demonstration on embellishing projects you make with a lathe. Hope to see you there.

Just a reminder the club meeting on June 8th will be held at the home of long time member and friend Stan Quade. There will be a map available for directions and parking.

Paul W.

## April Meeting

### Announcements:

- The club will have a table and is exhibiting at the La Habra Lions Club Memorial Day event. See Paul if you are interested in participating.
- The toy project has completed approx 500 cars, and enough blocks to satisfy needs for this year, and will have enough blocks made to meet our needs for next year by the next month or two. Paul asked the club

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to offer suggestions for what might be done at Hathaway after we are done making blocks for next year.

- There was a discussion about a recent meeting some of the steering committee members had at PIH regarding the donation of toy cars. They were very interested in having the club donate. It appears to be another worthwhile community service opportunity for the club.
- Paul led a discussion and round up of the club participation in the recent Whittier Art Association art show. Several members participated. Some members reported good sales for their items, and some reported a small amount of sales. The club voted to participate again next year.
- Paul announced an effort for the club to visit John Okawa together. See John or Steve Romo if you are interested in going with the group.

### Demonstration:

Louis Lopez did an excellent, hands on demonstration of bow tie inlays using a router. During the meeting he used his router to cut out a bow tie inlay, showed how to cut out the hole in a panel for the inlay to fit into, and the techniques for making them fit together precisely. It was very informative.



Show and Tell:

Ruben Johnson shared small boxes for gift cards

Steve Lelewer shared kaleidoscopes with his new design for a rotating object chamber.

Lois LOpez shared his homemade router circle cutting guide

Michael Perovich shared his magic wands and display stand, and his amazing disappearing cigar trick.

Ray Sosa shared his scroll saw signs and pictures with cut outs and picture frame background matting.

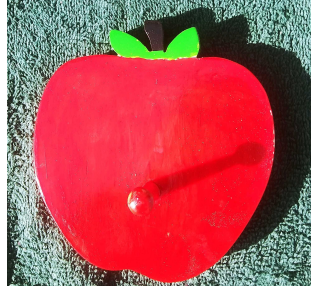
Steve Romo shared his segmented bowl with a very impressive 538 separate pieces.

Carlos Johnson shared his habitat for humanity mementos including one signed by former President Jimmy Carter.



## Adventure Park Woodcraft Class

Here is a picture of the terrific project being done at the class this month – a kitchen towel hanger for Mother’s Day. This month the meeting dates are on the 9th and the 23rd. Please contact Paul for details about the meetings – the club is always looking for more club members to help out with this great community service activity.



## May Club Meeting Guest Speaker – Steve Romo

We will be fortunate to have Steve Romo talk to us at the May club meeting about his many woodworking activities. We received this note and pictures from him so we can see what he does. Thank you Steve!

Steve has been Woodworking for 56 years and has been woodturning for about 25 years. Steve has a BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts) degree from CSULB, Cal State University Long Beach. During college is when Steve was first introduced to woodturning. The instructor did not have much experience with the lathe, but did the best he could. After graduation, Steve took additional classes at Cerritos Community College to improve his overall woodworking skills. For several years, Steve worked at Cerritos Community Education as an aide and began teaching his own courses in 2019. Steve also teaches beginning woodturning and bowl turning at the Woodcraft store in Fountain Valley.

Steve is a member of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW), one of the largest woodturning groups in the world. In addition, Steve is an active member of the Segmented Woodturning Association, a subchapter of the AAW. Steve has been a member of the Woodworkers of Whittier since 2019 and has been the membership officer for the last 2 years.

Steve will be doing a turning demonstration featuring some embellishing techniques that you can apply to your turnings.



# Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

**Steering Committee Minutes:** April 18, 2023

**Present:** Paul Wilson, Skip Porter, Steve Romo, Arie Korporaal, Dick Toney, Gene Getz, Jim Sparling, Ron Holtz, Ray Wolven, Paula Wolven

**7:00 pm: Meeting called to order** – Minutes approved.

**Finances (Arie K.):** March ending balance \$3,283.54. \$245.36 in income from dues, donations and the raffle. \$371.90 in expenses for the Christmas party room deposit, the Founders Day table reservation, and misc expenses.

**Membership (Steve R.):** There are 28 paid club members and one compensated member. Steve and Paul to call past (unpaid) members about joining again for this year. April meeting attendance was 19 members and 1 guest.

**Toy project (Dick T.):** 11 sets of blocks done for 2023, continuing to work on blocks at Hathaway towards 2024 requirements. Ray Sosa generously donated 120 car bodies for the car project. A discussion was started about which charities to maintain on the list of active charities, and which ones might need to be dropped. The toy committee is expected to make final recommendations after further consideration. Jim Sparling opened a conversation about the number of blocks being given to each charity was larger in the past than it is now. The committee agreed to continue with the current quantity. Another discussion was started about what might be done at Hathaway once enough blocks are made for both 2023 and 2024. It was discussed that other kinds of toys such as cars and airplanes could be made there that might interest other club members, and that the club already has permission from the Hathaway Ranch to make other things besides blocks. The matter was tabled for future conversations.

**Raffle Update:** The April meeting resulted in \$75 in sales. Year to date \$260 in tickets sold. This month \$25 was dedicated to the club general fund, and \$50 to the Christmas party fund.

## **New Business:**

- Discussion about Founders day activities. Ray Sosa has volunteered to demonstrate Scroll saw work, and Steve Romo has volunteered to demonstrate turning.
- Discussion about a letter the club might use asking for donations for the anniversary party. A final version was reviewed and approved.
- Discussion about planning for the 30th anniversary party. The committee agreed to arrange the food as a potluck by the members like the Christmas party.

**Upcoming Meeting Schedules:** The next general club meeting will be May 11, and the next steering committee meeting will be held May 16. Both to be held at the Whittier community center. The next woodcraft classes at Adventure Park are scheduled for May 9th and May 23rd.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Ray Wolven, April 18, 2023.

## 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. Send in your pics and let the club see what you are up to!

## Club Reminders

- Founders Day booth and demonstrations at Central Park. May 13, 9 to 11.
- 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 join the team planning this fun event.
- Reminder to donate for the refreshments at each of the meetings.
- The Adventure Park woodcraft classes need your help. Reach out to Paul for info on how you can help.

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](https://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.

### May Club Calendar

Club Meeting - Thursday May 11, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Whittier Community Center,  
7630 Washington Ave. Room # 2

Steering Committee meeting - Tuesday May 16

7:00 to 8:00 pm. Whittier Community Center

7630 Washington Ave. Room # 5

Hathaway Ranch Toy Project

Monday's May 1, 15, 22. No meetings on the 8th or Memorial day.

9:00 am to approx 11:00 am

11901 Florence Ave. Santa Fe Springs, 90670

Adventure Park Woodcraft Project - Tuesdays, May 9th and 23rd.

10:30 am to 11:30 am - Adventure Park

Memorial Day La Habra Lions club event - May 29.

