

# The Push Stick

## Bill Haskell



Bill Haskell, wood turning artist, came to WOW's May meeting to tell us how he developed his skills as a woodturner. You can see more of Bill's work on his website <http://www.billhaskell.com>.

I saw Bill's work at the Hillcrest Congregational Church yearly Fine Arts Festival in La Habra Heights. He told us his father built the church and the art festival has been held for 55 years. He has displayed his art there the past 25 years.

Bill was making things even before the woodturning bug bit him in the late 1980's. He showed us different turnings he has done over the years and how his work has evolved. He started with a Sears Dunlap bench lathe. As his skills have improved,

so have his tools. He is now using a lathe made by OneWay.

Bill is known for his hollow form wood turnings with small openings. These take patience and skill, as you can't see when you are cutting inside the piece through a small hole. He is also known for piercing his works with holes. Using a micro air driven die grinder, like a dentist uses, different shapes of burs create unique textures. He likes to try different woods and finishing techniques.

Some of the woods Bill has used are Iron Bark Eucalyptus, Magnolia, Sycamore, Carob Wood and Big Leaf Maple.

Bill has joined various wood turning groups over the years including the Orange County Woodturners and the Inland Woodturners. He said taking woodturning symposiums is a great way improve your skills.

Thank you Bill for sharing your beautiful creations with us!



## Founder's Day

**Dave Reid** reported at the May meeting that the Woodworkers of Whittier was well represented at this years Whittier Founders Day event. It marked the 130th anniversary of the city's birth. WOW had a booth that displayed a wide variety of projects made by members. The main attraction of our booth was Stan Quade who used his scroll saw to create flowers. 35 cars Stan made were given away to kids during the day. WOW Vice President Paul Wilson, who organized the setup of the booth, thanked those members who helped.



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Dave Reid, Jim Sparling, Gene and Shirley Getz, Alan Webster, Stan Quade, Dick Toney and Robert Bilevich were in attendance. It was a drizzly day, but WOW had the best booth there and we brightened up the day. See more pics on the WOW Facebook page [www.facebook.com/woodworkersofwhittier](http://www.facebook.com/woodworkersofwhittier)

## June Meeting

Doctor Presto (WOW member Jim Callen) will entertain us.

**Steering Committee Meeting** WOW has 44 paid members. We have \$1,982 in the bank. Dick Toney purchased 10,000 wheels and axels for WOW at a cost of \$1200, so we are all set for November when we put them on the cars.

Long time member **Harold Ehlers** has had some health problems, so he has not been able to make it to a meeting in some time. He had to stop mailing out the newsletters to those that still get them that way. He has been mailing them for 22 years! Thanks Harold for all your hard work through the years and get well soon!

**Coffee and Cookies- Remember to put money in the kitty when you get some coffee or cookies at the meeting.** The club does not pay Julie McCamey for what she brings. What you put in the jar is what she gets. This helps Julie McCamey pay for the ingredients and her time. **Thanks Julie for all your efforts through the years.**



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**WOW show and tell** Alan Webster showed a scoop he made from olive wood and a bandsaw box. John Okawa showed small bowl he made with a scroll saw from pine. Don Prince showed a dragon puzzle he made with a scroll saw. Robert Bilevich showed 2 bowls he turned, one using Iron Bark Eucalyptus. Stan

Quade showed a centipede he made using some wood apples for feet. A member brought a bag of them to the April meeting and Stan used them creatively.

### Club Calendar

June Meeting- Thursday June 8th 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Steering Committee- Tuesday June 13th 7-8:00p.m.  
July Meeting -Thursday July 13th 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Steering Committee-Tuesday July 18th 7-8:00p.m.  
Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at Adventure Park  
10130 Gunn Avenue Whittier , CA 90605

“If at first you don’t  
succeed....read the directions”

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