

The Push Stick



Automatons

Dan Wright from D&L Stained glass came by our August meeting to show us his collection of Automatons. Defined as a self operating machine or control mechanism designed to automatically follow a predetermined sequence of operations or respond to predetermined instructions. In other words, they are fun to watch.

Automatons have quite a history, starting with the ancient greeks. Popular ones were and still are singing birds. Cuckoo clocks are a type of automata. The golden age of automatons was the 1800s with many of them coming out of France. Some of the contraptions were complex with gears, levers, cams, bellows, and shutters giving the machine it's intricate movement. Clockmakers were a natural for making these. Here is a site with the history of automatons <https://themadmuseum.co.uk/history-of-automata/> .



Dan brought in the ones he has collected and built. Today you can buy kits with precut parts. It takes a unique mind to be able to conceive and design these kits. Some are extremely intricate, with only the ability to laser cut thin plywood making them possible. Dan gave us a list of sites where kits can be bought. www.artofplay.com www.timberkits.com www.ugears.us . Timberkits can be bought on Amazon and are the ones shown in the picture on the left. Ugears has many complex interlocking gears cut with a laser cutter. Thanks for sharing Dan and we look



forward to seeing you again.

Message From the Prez

At the August club meeting, fellow woodworker Randy Bragg informed me that his niece, Kiera Bregman from Phoenix, Arizona has been missing since August 4th. So far there has been little information on her disappearance. Randy has asked WOW to keep his family in prayer as the search continues. When there is an update, I will let you know.

As a reminder, September 29th is the Whittier Place Show. Set up begins at 8 am. I ask that members wear club shirts and name badges. Thank you, Paul Wilson.

September 13th Meeting

The guys from Accuride will be back showing the various door slides they produce and how they are being used by craftsmen.

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The Passing of Two Good Men



I received news about the passing of two of WOW's past member last month. Both were active in the club and were missed when they left.

Ronald Anderson stopped coming to meetings a couple years ago due to health reasons. He was a long time member. Ronald was active in the club, helping out at the ornament decorating events, club Secretary, made many cars and showed how to make the wheels for them. He received the Hunter Smith award in 2015. Sitting at the front of the room, he was always complimenting and



encouraging those demonstrating. Ronald died August 5, 2018 at the age of 92.

Raul Guerrero was also a long time WOW member. He also received a Hunter Smith award in 2015, just before he moved to Illinois to be near his children. In the above picture he is being presented the award by then President Alan Schwartz. He helped out at Hathaway Ranch constantly. At show-and-tell he would show beautiful segmented bowls he turned and meticulous scroll saw work. Raul died in March 2018. His wife Donna wrote "he missed WOW and all the great guys enormously, especially the ones he worked with at Hathaway Ranch and his good neighbor John Okawa. He would say you guys are the best!"

We hadn't seen Raul or Ronald in a couple years, but they were not forgotten and often came up in conversation. Thank You Gentlemen, rest in peace.

Club News

We have 45 paid members with new member **Ernie Moraga** joining. Welcome Ernie! \$1101 in the bank. 2000 toy cars projected to be given away at Christmas. Toy block construction at Hathaway Ranch is completed for 2018. They have started on 2019! 16 charities get cars and blocks, 8 just get cars.

Don't talk...Please refrain from talking during the demonstrations. It is hard enough to hear as it is.

At the **September meeting** members are encouraged to bring **Christmas raffle gift ideas** to show and tell. You get a raffle ticket if you do. These are the items members produce to give away at the Christmas party. It is encouraged that each member makes three items to give away.

Whittier Place Woodworking Show September 29th

Here is the flyer for the show. Even if you are not showing anything, please show up to support those that do and all the effort that goes into putting on a show like this. The flyer is on our website.

www.woodworkersofwhittier.org

Club Calendar

Sept. Meeting -Thursday Sept. 13th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Steering Committee-Tuesday Sept. 18th 7-8:00p.m
Oct. Meeting-Thursday Oct. 11th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Steering Committee- Tuesday Oct. 16th 7-8:00p.m.
Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at Adventure Park
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