

# The Push Stick

## Orchard Supply



Jessica Kidderman, store manager of the new Whittier Orchard Supply and Hardware, came to visit at our April meeting. Along with the paint and hardware manager Mikal Johnson, she told us what OSH has to offer the woodworker. They brought some examples- from Titebond glue to small jewelry box sized hinges, they did have quite a selection.

It has already been 17 years since the OSH closed in the Whittier Quad. Orchard Supply is now owned by Lowes and run as a separate entity. Orchard Supply and Hardware was started 85 years ago as a farm supply co-op. Jessica told us that as a smaller store they can offer more unique items and can target a store's contents to the

neighborhood. They even have a "watcha-ma-callit' aisle.

Mikal said that they will recycle old paint if it is returned in the original marked container. OSH employee Doug Schroeder sent along a box of wooden toy parts for WOW members to use. Thanks Doug and thanks to Jessica and Mikal for stopping by and talking to us about their brand new store.



At the April show and tell we had a great selection. All of the item's pictures are posted on our facebook page [www.facebook.com/woodworkersofwhittier/](http://www.facebook.com/woodworkersofwhittier/) John Okawa showed a bowl made from baltic birch plywood, ebony and mahogany. Stan Quade showed a scroll sawn fireplace screen He got s second place ribbon at the Pomona Fair. Julie McCamey showed a scroll sawn pirates ship. Robert Billevich showed multiple turnings including one with a captured ring. Don Prince showed a carved comfort bird (soothes tension). A pipe was carved by a visitor. Bill Covell showed a tool he made for cutting sandpaper. Jim Sparling showed a Christmas tree lawn ornament for lights. Thanks for sharing!

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## May Meeting

At the May meeting we will have Bill Haskell. He is a lathe turning artist. I have seen his work at the Hillcrest Festival of Fine Arts. It is impressive! [www.billhaskell.com](http://www.billhaskell.com)

## General Club News

**Dave Reid** told us the story of the British De Havilland Mosquito airplane built during WWII. It was built primarily of plywood that was balsa wood sandwiched between thin layers of Canadian birch plywood. Put together with fifty thousand brass screws it was built in piano and furniture manufacturing plants. It could be repaired by carpenters and furniture makers.

Powered by two 2,500 horsepower Rolls Royce Merlin engines, they were very fast. Nearly 7000 Mosquitos were built and flew 28,000 missions dropping 35,000 tons of bombs.. So, unlike the “Spruce Goose”, these “Wooden Wonders” flew more than once and helped win the war.



**Steering Committee Meeting** WOW has 42 paid members. We have \$1,952 in the bank. They are a third done with the blocks at Hathaway Ranch. It was approved to buy 10,000 wheels and axels now, instead of waiting until September. There was trouble last year with low supplies. Dick Toney wants to make sure that doesn't happen again. WOW's Bylaws are being updated. WOW will be at the Whittier Founders Day on May 6th.

**Welcome to new member Michael Perovich.** He is interested in making small boxes and furniture.

“I have too many clamps”...said no woodworker ever.

## Selling Tools

by Alan Webster

I have always loved tools and have many different kinds, from metal to woodworking.

Over the years I have sold many thousands of dollars worth of old tools. These are tools I didn't need anymore due to upgrades, did not use or didn't like. This frees up space for something better.

In the olden days, before the internet, I used Pennysaver or The Recycler. These have been replaced by Craigslist. Craigslist is free to use and all you need to set up an account is an email address. Your email address is not seen by anyone else, so you do not get spam by using it. You can set up ads directly on [www.craigslist.com](http://www.craigslist.com) or if you have a smartphone, you can use an application on it. I like

CPlus for Craigslist. There is an advantage to using a phone. You can write your ad and take a picture with your phone at the same time. Pictures are very important. They grab the attention of a potential buyer getting them to look at your ad. If place and ad from your computer, you will have to get a picture on to it. You can email it to yourself or export it from the program used to look at pictures.



### Club Calendar

May Meeting -Thursday May 11th 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
 Steering Committee-Tuesday May 16th 7-8:00p.m.  
 June Meeting- Thursday June 8th 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
 Steering Committee- Tuesday April 13th 7-8:00p.m.  
 Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at Adventure Park  
 10130 Gunn Avenue Whittier , CA 90605

Coming up with a price is hard. I usually do a search on Craigslist to see what others are selling similar items for. You can even go on [www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com) to come up with a price. I usually shoot a little high and lower the price over time. You can renew the ad as often as you want. Never think about what you paid for a tool. No one cares, but you. The only thing that matters is what someone will pay for it now.

I have had it take more than a month to sell some things. Popular items for a good price can sell the same day. The right person has to come along and find your ad. Beware the person that gets back to you fast with a lowball price. These are often resellers and I just ignore them. When someone says they are interested and want to look, tell them to call when they are leaving and ask when will they arrive. I hate waiting around for no-shows. Have change on hand. Say you are selling an item for \$50, some guys play the game of "I only have twentys, will you take \$40" Have a ten in hand. Don't take it personal, it is just a game.

There are many areas to post in. I usually post under Los Angeles County- Long Beach, sometimes Orange County. If I just want to get rid of something I post under For Sale- Free. Freebies can often be gone in hours. I gave away a broken string trimmer recently. The guy that got it repaired them. Fellow WOW member Robert Bilevich sells wood he has left over after making bowls as firewood. He sells a trash can full for \$15.

In 40 years of selling stuff through classifieds, I have not had a bad experience. So sell some tools and make room for something new. If you have any questions, give me a call. I am listed in the sidebar above.

**Coffee and Cookies-** Remember to put some money in the kitty when you get some coffee or cookies at the meeting. This helps Julie McCamey pay for the ingredients. Thanks Julie!

**Woodworkers of Whittier will be 25 years old in 2018.** WOW Vice President Paul Wilson would like pictures from members of unique woodworking projects they have made. Email them to Paul at [gatorwilson68@gmail.com](mailto:gatorwilson68@gmail.com) or give them to him at a meeting.

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