

The Push Stick



Gene Getz

Woodworker of the Year

At the July meeting WOW's highest award, Woodworker of the Year, was presented to Gene Getz. Before presenting the award to Gene, Club President Dave Reid explained why Gene was receiving the award. "Gene has done an outstanding job as raffle chair. Every month he finds useful items for the drawing. He is also a regular as a sander and cutter at Hathaway Ranch and is always on hand to help at our club events, such as our booth at Founder's Day. Of course he is also a very talented woodworker. He makes cars

for our toy project and constructs spectacular gifts for our Christmas Party raffle." Congratulations Gene Getz Woodworker of the Year 2017 - 2018!



Julie McCamey

I visited with long time WOW member Julie McCamey to find out how she got started in woodworking.

Julie started woodworking at La Serna High School here in Whittier. She took a woodworking class back in the time when it was basically just guys in shop classes. She also took an architectural design course. You can see they had a good selection of classes back then. Thirty years ago, after her first daughter was born, she took a Tole Painting class.

Tole painting is the art of decorative painting on tin or wooden objects. They would buy cut out wood items to decorate with paint. She thought, "I can cut out these things myself, save money and not be limited by what is offered". Julie started out with a cheap Craftsman scroll saw. As many did, she saw a demo at the LA County Fair of the RBI scroll saw and bought one. Later she upgraded to a PS Wood scroll saw with a deeper throat. This is her favorite tool.

Julie cuts out items for the Pico Rivera Senior Center Tole Painting class. Julie figures she has been a WOW member for 17 years. Her favorite type of wood is free. She buys scroll saw patterns from Scroller and the Winfield Collection. As many of us, she has many "I am going to make this someday" patterns.

Her younger daughter, who sometimes came to WOW meetings, is in the Air Force loading planes. Her four year stint is almost up. Looking around Julie and her husband's home, that backs up on Adventure Park, you see many "crafty" items like wind chimes made from tumbled glass, fountains and waterfalls.

Thanks Julie for being part of the WOW family!

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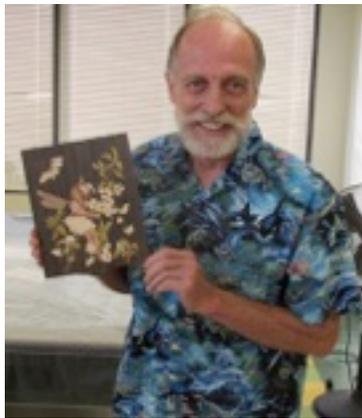
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Magnificent Marquetry

At the July meeting Ken Cowell did a demonstration on Marquetry. Marquetry is the art and craft of applying pieces of veneer to a structure to form decorative patterns, designs or pictures. Ken does beautiful and detailed work.

Ken did residential remodeling for 11 years and then opened a custom cabinet shop from which he retired after 25 years. One of his sons continues that business. He has four children and 10 grandchildren. He says "Being retired means I can continue enjoying life doing what I like". One of the things he likes is Marquetry, which he started 15 years ago. He started teaching classes 10 years ago.

Ken uses thin veneers to create pictures with wood. He likes to use urban wood (tree trimmings) when possible. Looking in old books, he finds pictures to create patterns with. He once went through hundreds of pictures of roses to find one he could make in veneer.

Ken uses double bevel marquetry. Using a scroll saw set at a slight bevel, he cuts the hole and the filler at the same time. By using different types of wood and arranging the grain patterns he paints with wood!

A project he has been working on for some time is making keepsake boxes for his granddaughters. Each box is personalized with a picture of a fairy in the likeness of the recipient. Ken is a real artist! Only when you understand how marquetry is done and look closely at his creations, do you realize how incredible they are. I urge you to go to Ken's website and look at the galleries to see his beautiful work. Ken also offers classes. www.kencowellstudio.com

Thank you Ken for sharing your creations with us.



August Meeting

Dan Wright, owner of D & L Stained Glass in Whittier will bring his 1919 Chevrolet Model 490 light delivery truck with a calliope in back. A year ago he showed us his hand cranked calliopes. Dan will tell us about how wood was used in the early cars and trucks. It is surprising how little metal was used.

Charity Fund-Raiser

Dave Reid got a call from a woman who is a volunteer for the Eastside Center for the Blind. This is a group that works with blind folks in the region. The group is involved in a fund-raising project later this fall, and they are asking to see if any members of the Woodworkers of Whittier would be interested in donating a handcrafted item for a charity drawing.

This group has a non-profit designation, so that any donation would be tax deductible. The lady's name is Bea, and she is at (714) 875-7202.

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

Club Calendar

August Meeting- Thursday Aug. 10th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Steering Committee- Tuesday Aug. 15th 7-8:00p.m.
Sept. Meeting -Thursday Sept. 14th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Steering Committee-Tuesday Sept. 19th 7-8:00p.m.
Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at Adventure Park
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