

The Push Stick



Nohad Sabbagh

Sculptor Nohad Sabbagh came to visit us at our March meeting. She has been a sculptor all her life. Growing up in New York City, she was a part of the city's active art community. Nohad attended the High School of Art Design in Manhattan. She then earned a degree from the Pratt Institute majoring in Sculpting and Industrial Design.

She has sculpted for many places including Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, American Museum of Natural History and Mattel Toys. She also does portrait busts in bronze. She shared with us some of the smaller items she has done and pictures of the large ones. Some were full size dinosaurs. Something she has been doing recently is making edible sculptures using "fondant". Fondant is used in cake decorating and has the texture of clay.



Nohad showed us the steps involved in getting a final piece in sculpting. It starts with clay. Clay can be easily shaped with the hands and tools. It can be added to and easily modified. This is where Nohad's sculpting talents shine. Once the clay is the desired shape, a silicone or plaster mold can be made from it. With this mold a duplicate of the original can be made in plaster, resin, fiberglass or even bronze. Large bronze figures are cast in sections and welded together at a foundry.

Nohad feels very fortunate to have been doing what she loves all of her life. She also likes to teach sculpting. To see a portfolio of what she has done and the classes she offers, go to her website www.sculpturebynohad.com.

Thank you Nohad for sharing your passion for sculpting with us!

Herb Ludeking

I recently spoke to Herb Ludeking to find out how he got into woodworking. He didn't start early in life as some do. He got into the hobby after retiring.

Growing up his family moved from Canada to Michigan and then to the Los Angeles area of California. His father was a tool and die maker so jobs were plentiful here with the defense industry. Herb was drafted into the Army in 1959 and was stationed at Fort Ord until getting out in 1961. He started working at Safeway and was there for 35 years until retiring in 1996. This is about the time he got into woodworking.

Herb bought a Shopsmith woodworking machine and figured he would make and

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sell some crafts to help pay for it. The craft movement was big at the time and country style decorating was the thing. Herb and his wife Sue started a little company called The Wooden Toy Store to sell at craft shows. Herb made toys using plans from Toys and Joys www.toysandjoys.com. They sold at craft shows from Ventura to Carlsbad. Things went well until Chinese imports invaded the craft shows, forcing prices down until it was no longer worth the time and effort.

Herb is self-taught, never taking a woodworking class. He now uses his Shopsmith for the belt/disk sander and drill press. He uses a table saw with an 80 tooth blade to get those smooth cuts. Cherry wood cuts well with walnut used for accent trim on the beautiful toy cars he builds.

Thanks Herb for being a part of the WOW family and sharing your story.

April 12th Meeting

Joshua S. C. Fang makes violins, bows and does string instrument restorations in Hacienda Heights. He was last with us in September 2014. It was a very popular demonstration.

General Club News

We have 39 paid member so far.

Bring a friend. Many of our members were introduced to WOW through a friend. Do you have a friend interested in woodworking? Do them a favor, bring them to a meeting.

Don't forget to attend a **Steering Committee Meeting**. All members can attend. See what goes on behind the scenes of WOW. We meet at the Whittier Senior Center, 13225 Walnut St., off of Painter. Time and dates listed below.

The WOW **Facebook page** is being updated often with club news, videos, announcements between meetings. Give it a look and a "like". www.facebook.com/woodworkersofwhittier

Stop the Dust

I mentioned last month that I like using a dust cyclone separator with my shop vac to stop chips and dust from clogging up the vacuum's filter. I have been using an Oneida Dust Deputy for four years, emptying it many times. Checking the filter bag in my shop vac there is less than an inch of dust in there, so the Dust Deputy works great. Problem is it costs \$105 and is top heavy.

I see Home Depot has one that is low profile and snaps on to one of their 5 gallon buckets. Called the Dustopper it gets good reviews on their site. Not sold in their stores yet, it can be ordered on Home Depot's website with free shipping for \$40! Sounds like a good option.



Woodworking is 1/3 Planning, 1/3 Execution and 1/3 figuring out how to change your plan to cover up the mistake you just made.

Thanks to Julie McCamey for bringing the snacks and Gene Getz for the raffle.

Club Calendar

April Meeting-Thursday April 12th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Steering Committee- Tuesday April 17th 7-8:00p.m.
 May Meeting -Thursday May 10th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Steering Committee-Tuesday May 15th 7-8:00p.m
 Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at Adventure Park
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