

The Push Stick

No October Meeting

See Paul's message for details.



September Meeting had a nice turnout

Message From the Prez

by Paul Wilson

Hello to all, I hope all of you are doing well. This month I have some unfortunate news. The October and November meetings have been cancelled. Until we are able to meet indoors, we are fighting daylight that is getting shorter. Our next opportunity to meet will be the Christmas Party that is so far still a go. As we move into 2022 we will be fighting the same issue with daylight if we are still outside. So for now, future club meetings will be handled on a month to month basis unless we can get back indoors. I will keep you informed.

As a final request, as we work to getting back indoors, I would like to ask if anyone would have an issue with verifying that you are vaccinated. I understand this may be too personal for some to share, but if we can prove that we are all vaccinated, that may get us back indoors sooner. Please let me know via email, postal or phone. I would really appreciate hearing from you. Thanks for your patience and understanding and stay safe.

I will keep you updated on any news regarding the Christmas Party.

...Paul Wilson

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A Great Finish

At the September meeting Steve Lelewer spoke about how he gives his wood projects a great finish. He gave out a handout you can download here <http://woodworkersofwhittier.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Finishes-for-WOW.pdf>

Steve made clear that the first rule in finishing- surface preparation is key. “you can put lipstick on a pig, it’s still a pig”. Work your way through the different grits of sandpaper to get rid of the scratches and you have a smooth finish. Use good quality sandpaper and throw it away when it is worn out. Good sandpaper lasts longer so it is cheaper in the long run. Klingspor and 3M are good, Harbor Freight is junk. It wears out fast.

After you are done with surface prep, the hard part of deciding which finish to use has to be made. Remember when using finishes to follow the manufacturer’s instructions.

Use in a well ventilated area with eye protection and a mask. Dispose of used rags in a safe way. Rags dipped in linseed oil can spontaneously combust.

Selecting a finish depends on what you are making. If you are making small items like pens you can use CA glue (Super Glue) or use wax. Cutting boards can use oils made for that purpose. Large items like furniture you probably want to use polyurethane. For medium sized items Steve likes spray lacquer. Fast to apply and easy to fix mistakes.

Everyone has their own favorite finishes. You have to experiment to find what yours is. If you have questions you can ask Steve or others in the club.

Thanks Steve for sharing your knowledge on wood finishing.



Club News

Hathaway Ranch crew did some deep cleaning (such as it could be considered deep), vacuuming all power tools, giving them a lube and oil, and prepping boxes of toys for distribution day coming up in November.

Thanks to the Hathaway crew who worked to recycle used lumber in making wooden toys for kids in the Whittier area.

Senior Woodworking Craft Class WOW has started a class in co-operation with the Senior Activity Room at Adventure Park. It is a beginners class with no power tools, just kit assembly to start. WOW just started the class in October with 15 showing up for the first meet. Paul Wilson, Steve Romo, Dick Toney and Louis Lopez were there for the kick off. Arie Korporaal and Ray Wolven are also involved. The guys are new to teaching a class to those with no previous experience, so it is make it up as you go. The students are enthusiastic so they are off to a good start.

Christmas Party is still a go. We are having it at a church so we are not dependent on the county to give go ahead. Please make three door prizes.

Club Calendar

October Meeting- None

Steering Committee- Tues. Oct. 19th Call Paul

November Meeting- None

Steering Committee Tues. Nov. 16th Call Paul

Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at Adventure Park
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