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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By James Santhon

The year 2003 was a great year for the Orange County Woodworkers Association. We had a very fine edition of the Fine Art Woodworking Show at the Orange County Fair, which received rave reviews from everyone who attended. We had our first Annual Christmas Toy Program Fund Raiser, which to everyone's amazement was a tremendous success. Of course the ol' Prez knew it would be a success all along. Our Toy makers outdid themselves again, and produced over thirty-six hundred high quality wooden toys for the less fortunate children of Orange County. They were distributed by over thirty relief agencies, and we capped it off with a great Christmas Party. I would have to say that it was a good year.

I think what really made 2003 such a great year was the commitment the members of the OCWA showed in achieving these successes. I doff my chapeau to all of you.

That was 2003, but now it's time to start anew. We have the same crew as last year, but we're going to need a renewed commitment from our members

to make this year even greater than last. I would really like to see more involvement in our Fine Art Woodworking Show this year, from entering your projects to helping in the manning of both our booths at the Fair. It really is a rewarding experience.

If that isn't enough, our Toy people have put even more pressure on us by trying to outdo ourselves again by making Four Thousand toys this year. As you know, that requires funding, but if last year is any indication, I think we'll come through like the champions that we are.



This is an exciting time for the OCWA. We have many challenges ahead, but if we meet them head on with the commitment to do the best we can I think we can achieve great things. So join with us to make this an even greater year than last.

JANUARY PRESENTATION

By Editor

For those of you who attended the recent Woodworking Show at the OC Fairgrounds, and noticed a booth featuring a very techie laser engraving system making very clever handsaw “business cards”, and found it interesting, January is the meeting for you. VP **Doug Nowlin** has arranged with the Epilog Laser people to do a presentation at our *rescheduled January meeting*. It should be a fascinating and informative

meeting. Woodworkers and Woodturners alike, should find something useful in this new technology which can be used, to accent, engrave, even make ornamental appliques, to augment our craftsmanship.

Don't miss it...and certainly don't miss it because of the rescheduled meeting date of Friday, January 9th. Same place...only the date has changed.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Editor

As the Holiday Season sweeps us up in it's excitement, to have the opportunity to meet with friends and acquaintances and share a celebratory meal is a special treat. Once again, **Kaaren and Doug Nowlin** provided the membership with just that opportunity, with a marvelous meal complete from ham and turkey, to Pecan and Pumpkin pie.

Our President **James Santhon** led off the festivities with a special presentation to the hard working Head Elves of the OCWA Toy Program, **Bill Rogers** and **Tom Polhamus**. An after dinner visit from a nattily dressed Santa provided a means to get the present swap going and to distribute presents assembled by Santa's helper **Ruthe Ingram** donated by the Friends of OCWA.



A special Thank You to: **Joe Lomax** of Austin Hardwoods for again sponsoring the delicious meal; **Jim Anderson** of Anderson Plywood and **Joe** were responsible for many of Santa's presents; and to all the volunteers who helped make the dinner a success.



WOODTURNERS SHAVINGS

by Craig Chambers

By the time you read this article, the holiday season will be a pleasant memory while we pat our overly large stomachs and dread the upcoming return to our low carb or low fat existence. I wanted to take a few sentences to reflect on the year just completed and consider the New Year for the Orange County Woodturners. First, let me thank all of you who volunteered to do a demonstration at the monthly meetings. Without your enthusiastic participation, our meetings would be dull indeed. I can honestly say that I learn something each month and I look forward to the new year's crop of demonstrations. In addition to our monthly demonstrations, we were visited by a gifted woodworker and AAW Board Member, **Linda VanGehuchten** for an all day demonstration in August. Linda was quite entertaining and her woodturning artistry was an inspiration to all who attended. Our great friend and benefactor, **Joe Lomax**, provided a delicious lunch. We are planning at least one demonstration in 2004. **Jimmy Clewes** will spend a day with us on Saturday March 6th. As you have doubtless heard from those who have either seen him or been lucky enough to take a class from him, Jimmy is truly a rising star in the international woodturning community. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We may try to schedule another demonstrator in the New Year if the budget and interest is there.

We also had to bid a sad farewell to a couple of long time members who passed away this year. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of **Joe Romero** and **Fred Adam**. Finally, I'd like to particularly thank **Jack & Diane Rolison** for their unflagging effort in providing refreshments for our meetings and events.

Well, what about the upcoming year for the OCWT? Here are a few wishes and thoughts. First, let us all hope for continued health and happiness for our members and their families. Now, for some wishes that are a bit more in the here and now. Number one, we should strive for increased participation by turners in the annual toy program, so ably run by **Bill Rogers**. On that note, there will be a toy workshop on January 10th at **George Plummer's** house. This turning oriented workshop will focus on making tops. Let Bill or one of his elves know if you can attend and help get the new year's program off to a great start. Second, the participation of turners in the Orange County Fair is dismal.

We should pledge to make this the best turnout (pun intended) ever for entries in the fine woodworking contest. We are also always looking to improve our demonstration program at the fair. Keep that in mind when **James Santhorn** starts asking for volunteers to man the booth. Third, we should endeavor to mentor and teach this craft we love to others. I can't begin to tell you how much I benefit from those who mentor me and how much I enjoy teaching others.

As promised, we did indeed have a club election for new officers at the December meeting. For probably the first time in my experience there were actually two nominees for club president. The vote was close and yours truly was elected as OCWT President. I look forward to trying to fill the considerable footprints of the past presidents and continue moving the goals of the club forward. We all owe a great debt of thanks to **Art Fitzpatrick** who has ably guided us for the last three years. I will call upon his and the other past officer's expertise in trying to chart a course of continuing success for the Orange County Woodturners.

Our other great fun of the evening was a demonstration by Tim Marx. Tim took us through the often-illuminating process of turning miniature cowboy hats. They are turned extraordinarily thin for proper shaping, with the final thickness being determined by how much light passes through the wood. If you have never seen this process, you would be amazed at how accurate it is for determining wall thinness. Unfortunately, we had to close the meeting before Tim finished the hat, but he promised the door prize winner that he would finish it...all on Tim Time. Next month our intrepid



newsletter editor, Ralph Alder, will be the featured demonstrator. I'm not sure what Ralph has in mind but you can bet it will be interesting and original.

OCWT is affiliated with the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) and our club is listed in the resource directory and the AAW website. Anyone interested in individual membership in the AAW please contact Art Fitzpatrick for additional information. Our meetings are held starting at 7:00 PM, on the third Thursday of each month at the Tustin Senior Center. Come and join us for a great time and bring your turnings for "show & tell".

Mentor Program List

These fine individuals have offered up their respective fields of expertise to the Orange County Woodworker's Association's Mentor Program. If you would like to learn more about their specialties and get to know some more of our fine members, just contact any one of them for assistance. Don't worry! These individuals have *volunteered* their time because they love woodworking and *they want to share their knowledge*, so be sure to call or e-mail them now! If you would like to be added as a mentor please e-mail Jim Steinmetz at "nanooga@aol.com", or call me at 714 842 8793

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TOY WORKSHOPS

by *Bill Rogers*

We had a great year making toys for the needy children in the area. We set a goal at the beginning of the year to make 3600 toys...and we did it! Congratulations to all of you who helped us with this worthwhile endeavor.



Twenty-one people helped us distribute the toys to thirty-eight organizations. There are so many caregivers working with the less fortunate people on a daily basis. If you haven't experienced the joy of seeing a child holding one of our beautiful wooden toys and the expression of joy on their face, please join us and find out how you can help.

We have monthly toy-making work parties, which will be held on the 1st Saturday following the regular OCWA meeting each month. There is no better way to get to know your fellow members than to spend an afternoon working next to them, doing what we all love most...making things from wood. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn and to teach.

IT'S RENEWAL TIME

Attention Woodworkers! Yes, another year has slipped from our grasp once again. The New Year is upon us, and so is that time for membership renewal. Sorry, we don't have any early bird specials this time...it is \$30 per year. Avoid the rush, renew early...but at least renew. I will assume that all members are going to renew and will continue to receive the newsletter...until April...no bucks by April, no more newsletter. You will miss not only this sterling newsletter but also the camaraderie of your fellow woodworkers/turners...and a solid excuse to get out of the house two nights a month, if you need it.

***GROANER OF THE MONTH...***

(pay attention...there are actually two ...extra points for both)

A Buddhist walks up to a hot dog vendor on a New York City street and says "Make me one with everything."

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The hot dog vendor makes the Buddhist his dog and says, "That'll be \$3.50." The Buddhist hands the vendor a five, and the vendor simply puts it into his pocket and starts helping the next person.

"Where's my change?" the Buddhist asks, to which the vendor replies "Ahhh... Change must come from within."

**2003 OCWA
PRESENTATIONS
SCHEDULE**

January 9th	Epilog Systems Laser Engraving
January 15th	Ralph Alder Turning Mostly Air
February 5th	TBA
February 19th	TBA
March 4th	Violin making
March 18th	TBA
April 1st	Joe Lomax on Plywood
April 15th	TBA
May 6th	Jim Anderson on Plywood
May 20th	TBA

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Our Friends are generous in supporting OCWA. Supporting them too is the right thing to do!

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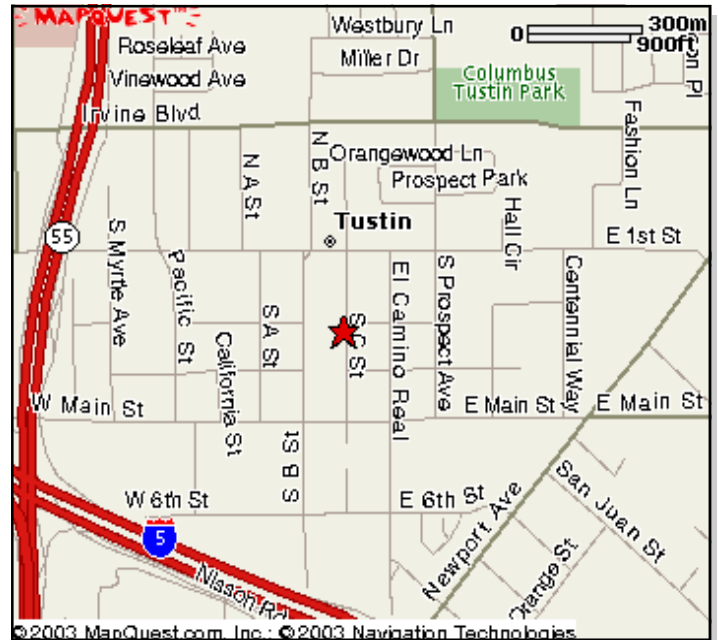
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OUR MEETING PLACE

THE TUSTIN SENIOR CENTER
200 SOUTH "C" STREET
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GENERAL MEETING

Friday, January 9, 7:00 PM

BOARD MEETING

Friday, January 9, 6:00 PM

WOODTURNERS MEETING

Thursday, January 15, 7:00 PM

Due to the audacity of New Year's Day falling on the same day as the regularly scheduled OCWA monthly meeting and the likelihood of many members being occupied elsewhere that day, the first meeting of the year has been moved to **JANUARY 9**, a week and a day later than usual. Don't miss it...it will be a very interesting demonstration.