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THE END OF AN ERA

by Doug Nowlin

We have all been very fortunate to have **James Santhon** as our president for the last four years. No one in the history of our association has ever duplicated this feat. We also have a number of other past presidents among our members:

Larry Baum, MD (inactive)	2 years
Carson Davis	2 years
Steve Francis	2 years
Sam Migliazzo	2 years
Len Musgrave	2 years
Mike Neesley	2 years

Most of these men are still actively participating in our association, and they are a benefit to us all in many ways.

This year it will be my privilege to preside as the President of the Orange County Woodworkers Association, and I will have the luxury of a mix of current and new directors who will bring many new ideas to our board. Naturally there are some things we would like to change or improve upon, but none of these have to be done immediately. In the meantime we have lots of work ahead of us keeping the association running smoothly.

The board and I will work through these items as quickly as we can and hopefully you will all be seeing some interesting changes coming soon.

Remember our next meeting is Thursday January 6th 7:00 PM. I know **Ed Smet**, our new program Vice President, has got a really good program lined up for us!



DECEMBER PRESENTATION

by Editor

December was, of course, our annual Christmas Dinner. Hosted by members/spouses **Kaaren Nowlin, Bob Jewell, Roger Balling, Chuck Bunnell, Bill Bruins** (and any others I failed to mention) and again sponsored in large part by **Joe Lomax**, a Jolly Santa (**Ed Straub**) ruled the post-prandial festivities. Special service awards were presented to **Jack Rolison** and **Ruthe Ingram** for their continuing service to OCWA. Soon-to-be-President **Doug Nowlin** presented a very nice commemorative plaque to Soon-to-be-Past President **James Santhon** for his past four years of service as President.



Bill Rogers congratulated the assembled membership for the new club record of 4300 toys completed by the Workshop Elves, to be presented to local children's charities. This is truly a monumental accomplishment...only to be surpassed by this year's

goal of 4500 toys. Bill informed me that the first toy workshop will be on Saturday, January 8.

JANUARY PRESENTATION

by Editor

Ed Smet has begun his new position as Vice President, with responsibility for the content of our monthly meetings, with a knockout presentation. Ed has arranged for local furniture maker/instructor, **William Ng** to be the first out of the starting gate for the New Year. Members who participate in, or attend, the Orange County Fair Fine Arts Woodworking exhibition will be familiar with his creations. They have won numerous awards.



William Ng comes from an engineering background and uses a similar approach in his woodworking. Precision, accuracy and efficiency are emphasized in his teaching. His sense of humor, combined with his passion for woodworking makes for an enjoyable learning experience.



William was an instructor of furniture making at Cerritos College. William's students have won numerous woodworking awards. In addition to being an instructor and the director of his own school, William continues to make custom furniture in his studio.

WOODTURNERS SHAVINGS

by Craig Chambers

The holidays are a wonderful memory and a new year is now upon us. I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments and look forward to this New Year. First, I want to thank the demonstrators who made each meeting enjoyable and taught us something new each month. In January, we enjoyed **Ralph Alder** turning mostly air. We followed with a seminar on cutting techniques led by past President Art **Fitzpatrick** and in March **Jack Rolison** showed us how he uses color in his turnings. Continuing with a theme of surface enhancement, **Pete Carta** gave everyone a headache, and some inspiration with the screeching of his chatter tools and the rumble of the texturing wheel. The May meeting featured one of the woodturning masters in the club, **James Santhon**, with a demonstration of decorative turned elements for furniture design. In June, we were joined by a couple of Kiwi turners, **Dick Veatch** and **Terry Scott**, who stopped in on their way home from Provo. **Steve Francis** shared his experience as a professional photographer to show us how to photograph our turnings...even if we can't afford a Nikon D-100. After seeing his breathtaking entries in the Fine Art Woodworking Competition at the Orange County Fair, we asked **Bill Haskell** to show us the carving and piercing techniques he employs. In the fall, **David Wade** gave an interesting and enjoyable presentation on techniques and problem solving for newer turners. **Art Fitzpatrick** once again shared his skill and knowledge of hollowforms, tools and techniques and **Fred Wilmott** gave one of the best demonstrations of the year with his laminated tool handles. In keeping with the holiday season, in December, I did a demonstration of Christmas ornaments. Thank you to each of you who demonstrated a skill for the club. I hope in the New Year to seek out others in the club who can share their knowledge.

One of the stalwart members who gives freely of his time and skills is **Jack Rolison**. Jack has done so much, it's difficult to know how we would have accomplished everything we did without his help. Jack keeps us in food and drink during the meetings, coordinates professional demonstrations and is always there for us.

We were entertained at two all day demonstrations by international professional turners this year and we are planning on at least two visits in the coming year. The first visit is fast approaching with **Trent Bosch** on February 5th. Trent is a well know professional from Ft.

Collins, Colorado and is particularly well known for his Vessels of Illusion. He will not only demonstrate how he makes these wonderful forms, he discusses overall turning and carving techniques. Trent has demonstrated internationally, made two videos and has designed a line of tools. The cost of the demonstration will be \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. We'll be once again hosted by **Joe Lomax** of **Austin Hardwoods**. What more could you ask for a Saturday outing? Please let me know if you plan to attend. Our other currently planned demonstrator is Andi Wolfe on May 14th. I'm looking for one more professional demonstration in 2005. If there is someone you would really like to see, let me know and I'll try to schedule them.

Our general program plan for next year is to try to group topics in to multi-month demonstrations. Beginning in February, we will start our series with bowl turning. We are also planning a series for polychromatic turning. The other two series that are under consideration is a further exploration of surface enhancement and lidded containers. I am looking for new faces to be demonstrators at monthly meeting and will be actively seeking help. Our first demonstrator of the year will be **James Santhon**. James is going to start the year showing us how to do platters. In keeping with that theme, our challenge for January will be platters. For the challenge, a platter must be an open form less than two inches thick.

We will also try to put together at least one all day workshop this year. Planning is just beginning for the subject of the workshop, and I welcome your input. Last year, our novice workshop was hosted by Lutheran High School and coordinated by **Bill Rogers**. It was a great day, both the novice turners and the mentors got a lot out of it.

Our club is a chapter of the AAW and we are listed in the resource directory and on the AAW website. Anyone interested in individual membership in the AAW, please contact me 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, join us for a great time, and bring your turnings for "show & tell".





A selection of OCWA toys.



MARKETPLACE

FOR SALE: Jet 1236 Lathe. Used by the renowned Orange County Woodworkers Association President **James Santhon**. It has been used to make the Wooden Ash Tray Holders and the Ink Bottle holder in the hit **Kevin Kostner** movie "Thirteen Days". Numerous Ojects d'Art have been made on this lathe not to mention a lot of furniture parts. It runs strong, has a pivoting headstock, and can be had for a measley \$22,000.00 dollars, or best offer. Contact: **James Santhon**—949-831-2741 or ocwapres@hotmail.com

FOR SALE: Shopsmith Mark V, ser. no. 279678 (year 1955) Includes jointer, jigsaw and paint sprayer attachments, plus screw center, etc. Drive belt and bearings just replaced. Runs fine, but the lathe needs the upgrade kit to correct spindle play. \$250 or best offer. Contact: **Chet Brisco** 714-730-6688



Ornaments: authors unknown



Top: bowls by Larry Martin Bottom: bowl/forms by David Bishop

TOY WORKSHOP



By Editor

Attention all workshop elves! Vacation is over...time to get back to work. Due to the successful year just past, we have a new goal of 4500 toys this year. The next workshop will be January 8th at 0900 at the Rogers/Polhamus workshops. Call for details.

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. We have some exciting new programs planned for this year...don't miss them.

2005 OCWA CALENDER

January 6	William Ng Jigs, rocking chair
January 20	James Santhon Platters
February 5	Trent Bosch
May 14	Andi Wolfe

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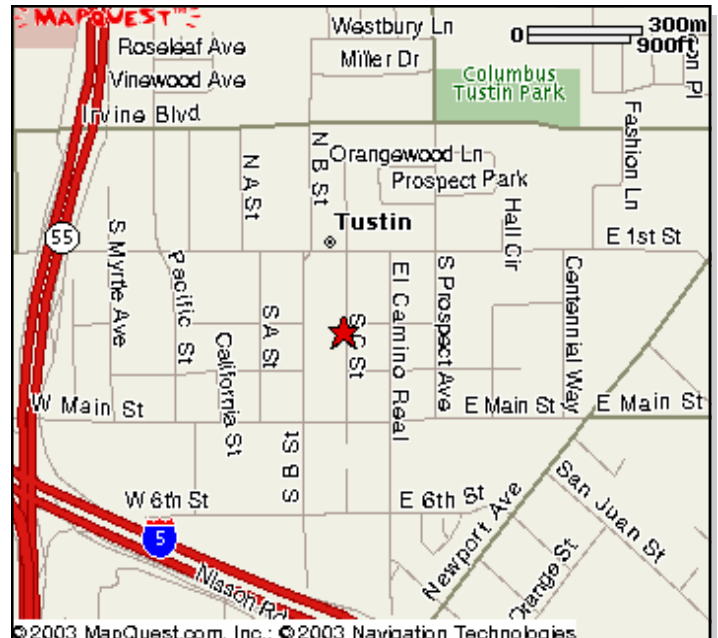
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BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 6, 6:00 PM

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, January 6, 7:00 PM

WOODTURNERS MEETING

Thursday, January 20, 7:00 PM

TOY WORKSHOP



Next workshop:

Saturday, January 8, 9:00 AM

Call: **Tom Polhamus** — 714-637-5787

or

Bill Rogers — 714-637-2912