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HOLIDAY PARTY TIME

by Doug Nowlin

It's finally here, time for our annual holiday party. This year we will have a new person in charge of our party, **Carol Schott!** She is already hard at work on the planning stages of mounting such a large party and I know it's going to be a great one. Dinner will begin at 6:00PM on Friday, December 9th. That's an hour earlier than last year because everyone was anticipating our feast. We will have it all spread out and ready to go by 6:00PM. Don't go bothering the folks in the kitchen trying to get a snack before that! **Don Wolfe** will be on hand early to make sure the coffee pot is up and ready by the time the party starts. **Kaaren Nowlin** will take charge of the punch bowls so we

will not get too parched, and she will also make the turkey dressing.

We will have a visit from **Santa Claus** as usual, and he and **Ruthe Ingram** will handle the gift raffle and the raffle tickets. Bring a gift worth \$10 or more if you would like to participate in the gift exchange, you never know what kind of surprise you might get! Ruthe will make sure you get a ticket. I hope to see some donated items as well.

Joe Lomax from Austin Hardware and Hardwoods will once again host our feast. Please support our sponsor and thank him for our holiday party the next time you're at Austin Hardware and Hardwoods. Thank you again, Joe Lomax!

ELECTION of 2006 OFFICERS

by James Santhon

The Orange County Woodworkers Association bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation of the State of California require our Association to hold elections for officers for the Board of Directors on a yearly basis. We have traditionally held these elections in the month of November. This election was not held in November, so the Board of Directors have deemed it necessary to hold this election at our OCWA meeting in January 2006. This election of officers will be for the year 2005, and will not affect the status of the elections to be held in November 2006.

Bill Rogers has been appointed to be the nominations chair for this meeting and will announce the slate of candidates for election, which will be: For President; **Doug Nowlin**, for Vice President; **Ed Smet**, for Treasurer; **Ralph Crowther**

and for Secretary; **Ed Straub**. After the slate of candidates has been announced, Mr. Rogers will open the floor for nominations of anyone who wishes to challenge these Candidates for the aforementioned offices. It is important to note that if you wish to nominate someone for office in the OCWA that you check with that person first to see if they want to run for that office to avoid any undue embarrassment.

Elections are a very important and necessary part of any democratic institution, and should never be taken for granted. The Board of Directors of the OCWA feels it is important to hold this election and to encourage member participation in the operation of the Association.

The Board of Directors of the Orange
County Woodworkers Association

WOODTURNERS SHAVINGS

by Craig Chambers

As we move into this busy and joyful time of year, I would like to offer my best wishes for a bountiful and happy holiday season to all of our members, family and friends. This has been a busy month for the Orange County

Woodturners. Our "Gifts From the Lathe" series continued with an information filled demonstration of pen turning by **Fred Wilmott**. He was extraordinarily well prepared and even taught a non-pen turner like me several tricks and tips. Fred brought along a display of pen styles and wood treatments that were truly "eye candy". I particularly appreciate the fact that Fred stepped up at the last minute to cover for an unexpected change of plans from our scheduled demonstrator. At the end of the evening, Fred had completed a very nice Pink Ivory twist pen. You will get a chance to own it at next year's auction.



This month's challenge consisted of a pretty good selection of candlesticks. **James Santhon** selected a very nice entry by **Rip Sanders** as the winner of the challenge and recipient of this month's gift certificate from Woodcraft. Next month's challenge will be, can you guess it...pens. As added incentive, please consider

donating your entry to the Freedom Pen project. See **Ruthe Ingram** for more details.

We held our annual woodturning contest as well, this month. I am grateful for the assistance provided by President, **Paul Bellia** and Vice-president, **Curtis Thompson** of the El Camino Woodturning Guild for judging our event. From the scarcity of entries in the Novice Class, I see I have my work cut out for me to improve participation. If you have constructive suggestions, I welcome them. Absolutely everything is on the table for discussion. The quality of all of the pieces submitted was excellent. I'm glad I didn't have to be the one to choose. I want to thank Craft Supplies, USA for their unflagging support of our, and other, woodturning organizations. Craft Supplies provided \$150 in gift certificates, which, along with some cash from the club's coffers, made up the awards for this year's contest.

Congratulations to the winners:

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| Master: | Novice: |
| First Place - \$75 Paul Rosenau | Ruthe Ingram |
| Second Place - \$50 James Santhon | Rip Sanders |
| Third Place - \$25 Al Whitcomb | Larry Gerber |
| Fred Adam Memorial Polychromatic Award – Bruce Lewellyn | |

Next month, in keeping with the holiday season, I will attempt to make a Christmas ornament. I haven't been doing as many of them as in past years so I will try to knock some of the rust off my technique.

In coming months, we are planning the following professional woodturning demonstrations:

Demonstrator	Time	Date	Cost	Location
Alan Lacer	Friday 6-9 PM	February 3, 2006	\$10 Members	Tustin
Irene Grafert	Saturday 9AM-4PM	April 1, 2006	\$20 Members	TBD
Dick Sing	Saturday 9AM-4PM	May 13, 2006	\$20 Members	TBD
Art Liestman	Saturday 9AM-4 PM	August 12, 2006	\$20 Members	TBD

We had our club elections this month. You saw fit to re-elect me to a third term (I thought there was an amendment to the Constitution that addressed that). I am humbled and will attempt to live up to your support. Thanks to **Art Fitzpatrick** for conducting the election. I am looking for themes, workshop ideas and generally, any input you all can provide to continue to make our little club a success. Please tell me what you think.

NOVEMBER MEETING

by Editor

The program for November was a real treat for those of us who revel in precision woodworking. Our guest speaker, **John Talley**, a lifelong woodworker who took as a personal challenge, the task of making a wooden clock. He overcame inaccurate, incomplete plans which had to be re-done, material choices, several iterations of jig making, and sanding. Did I mention sanding...hours and hours of it to get the gears to mesh just so. He designed the clock case using polycarbonate sheet plastic so all the beauty of the mechanism is available for appreciation. As frequently happens, one item begets requests for more and John has had to refine his building process to streamline it.. The only down side to this beauty is that it must be wound daily...and it took ball bearings on the main shaft to achieve that. This is quite a piece of fine woodworking.



Novice Division



Master Division



Woodturning Competition

Polychromatic Division



Yes, it was done all on a lathe

TOY STORY*by Bill Rogers*

As the Christmas Holidays approach, we once again have much for which to be thankful.

We are especially grateful to **Renaissance Doors & Windows** for the on going supply of hardwood. The **DEFT** Corporation provides us with the lacquer we need to put a beautiful finish on all our toys. **Rockwell's Cakes** allows us to use space in their warehouse to store the toys. **Industrial Blades** supplies us with bandsaw blades. **Farr's Custom Tooling** donated a custom carbide bit for cutting parts for our cell phones. **Wendy's Restaurants** gives us spoons for the basketball games. **Anderson International Plywood** gives us any plywood we need for toys. **Jeff Bennett** gives us his cut-offs from his staircase building business. **Brian Sullivan**, a friend of OCWA, gave us a huge supply of maple, plus he donated a lot of gently used tools to our annual

auction, which helps support the toy program.

We want to thank **Craig Chambers** for another fantastic job as auctioneer at our annual auction, which raised \$3500 for our toy program. That along with the monthly 50/50 drawing, plus donations from some of our members has helped to cover the cost of the toy program.

We had fifty-three of our members help us in building toys this year. Over thirty people attend our monthly workshops. Twenty of our members made hundreds of toys in their home shops this year.

We set a goal of 4,500 toys this year and we actually made 4,451.... WOW! Think of all the joy that will bring to the children out there.

Here's a list of the forty-five organizations that received toys from your OCWA this year:

Aids Kids Clinic	GGPD-Community Service Project	Share OurSelves- SOS
Aspen Community Services	H.I.S. House- Placentia	Sheepfold
Assistance League, Orange	Halcyon Interfaith Shelter-Anaheim	Shelter for the Homeless
Blind Children Learning Center	Hands Together-Santa Ana	Southwest Community Center
Breast Cancer Angels	Health Bridge	St Paul's Lutheran Church
Buena Clinton Family Resource Center	Heart of Jesus Retreat Center	St Vincent DePaul-GG
C.A.S.T.	HOPE- GG	St Vincent DePaul-Placentia
Center for Spiritual Discovery	Laura's House	The Alex Center
Child Development Center	Lestonnac Free Clinic	The Gary Center
CHOC	Loma Linda Hospital-Pediatrics	UCI Medical Center-Pediatrics
Church of Christ-Anaheim	NWAC	US Coast Guard Auxiliary
City of Tustin-Community Services	Orange Coast Interfaith Shelter	Youth Cafe-GG Adopt a Family
Epilepsy Alliance of Orange County	Orangewood Children's Home	Y's Men Club-Fullerton
For The Child	Project S.H.U.E.	YWCA-Project Hope
Fullerton Mobile Family Center	Ronald McDonald House	Zion Lutheran Church-Human Care

Thank you to everyone who helped make this the best year ever!

Your Toy Committee,
Jim Balestreri, Jerry Goran, Greg Madrigal,
Tom Polhamus, Les Rogers, DonWolf and
Bill Rogers, Toy Chairman

TOY PROJECT FUND RAISER

by Ruthe Ingram

HO HO HO.....MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! My goodness, I think we are ALL saying the same thing. Where did the year go???

This month is our annual Christmas Party and Santa is on his way and hopefully you've been GOOD!

There will not be the usual raffle drawing this month. Instead it will be our annual gift exchange and this is how it works: Bring a wrapped gift of approximately \$15.00 value. I will be there to receive your gift and give you a numbered ticket. These tickets will go into Santa's North Pole bag and will be drawn one at a time by Santa until everyone who brought a gift receives a gift. Your gift may be a purchase item or something that you made in your woodshop. Personal gifts are very special and cherished if you care to give one.

Congratulations to the following winners of the November 3, 2005, drawing:

- Kreg Precision Measuring System Kit – **Dave Brown**
- Computer Keyboard Tray - **Bruce Lewellyn**
- Bessey Clamp – **Neale Davis**
- Bench Dogs – **El Jay Overholt**
- Sanding File – **Tom Polhamus**
- Drawer Mounting Brackets Guide – **Dave Brown**
- Book: Woodworking Techniques & Projects – **Jerry Cline**
- Book: Classic Carving – Bottle Stoppers – **Bob Buchanan**
- Book: Authentic Shaker Furniture – **Jerry Nininger**
- Walnut board (1" X 5" X 37") - **Jerry Cline**

Raffle total \$131.00

50/50 = \$105. **Rip Sanders**, the BIG winner of \$52.00

Freedom Pen Update: Nationwide pens received by the project as of 11-23-05 is 46,132. OCWA total is 2,590. Thanks to all who continue to support our Freedom Pen Project....especially Jim Anderson, Larry and Karen Gerbers donation enabled me to order more pen kits.

During the past two weeks I have received eight emails from service men serving in the Mikkle East. All of these men and women were so grateful for the beautiful pens and the fact that we care and support them. I will bring emails to the Christmas Party for all to read. Bless You All.

Listed below are our faithful pen turners and the number of pens turned.

Alder, Ralph, 40	Fair Volunteers-2005, 217	Paley, Denise, 20
Aut, Warren E., 10	Garrett, Larry, 95	Papemdeck, Jill, 20
Bradford, Brad, 16	Gerber, Karen & Larry , 30	Plumber, George, 50
Burt, Doug, 130	Gibb, Bob, 160	Rogers,Les— 600
Conley, Tom, 10	Gilroy, Ross, 20	Sanders, Rip, 230
Crowthers, Ralph, 10	Hassig, Randall, 40	Smet, Ed, 20
Dan (dan@micndan.com), 19	Hefron, Matt, 10	Straub, Ed, 60
Daniels, Jim, 30	Ingram,Ruthe— 457	Tatham, Jack, 15
Davis, Neale, 1	Lewellyn, Bruce, 90	Tavianini, Armond, 30
Fabreque, Lou, 50	MacPherson, Andy, 10	Wilmott, Fred, 40
Fair Volunteers-2004, 24	Morse, Gary, 20	Whiton, Bob, 40

2005 OCWA CALENDER

- December 9 OCWA Christmas Party
- December 15 **Craig Chambers**
Christmas Turnings
- February 3 **Alan Lacer**
- April 1 **Irene Grafert**
- May 13 **Dick Sing**
- August 12 **Art Liestman**

FRIENDS OF OCWA

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

- Anderson International Trading, Inc.
800-454-6270
- Austin Hardwoods & Hardware Co.
- Craft Supplies, USA
- Deft, Inc.
- Forrest Blades
- Industrial Blade & Products Co., Inc.
- Laguna Tools
- Reel Lumber Service
- Renaissance Door and Windows
- Rockler Woodworking & Hardwoods
714-685-9184
- Skil-Bosch Power Tool Co.
- Woodcraft 714-899-1422



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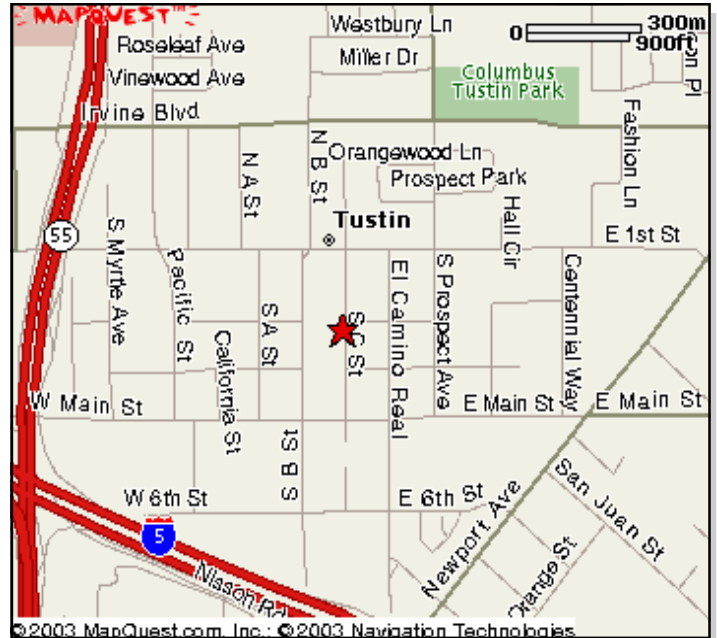
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OUR MEETING PLACE

The Tustin Senior Center
200 South "C" Street
Tustin, CA 92680

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<http://ocwa.freesevers.com/>



BOARD MEETING

No Board Meeting this Month

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Friday, December 9, 7:00 PM

WOODTURNERS MEETING

Thursday, December 15, 7:00 PM

TOY WORKSHOP



Come to the Christmas Dinner
and see the results of your
hard work and donations.