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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Ralph Crowther*



I'd like to start off my first President's message by introducing myself. Most know me as the guy in the

back of the room who takes your money. I joined the club in 1992 when Len Musgrave was president. At the time I think I was the youngest member and still might be! (we need to work on getting some younger members). I had two young kids who kept me busy at the time with Indian Princesses and Indian Guides and then Boy Scouts. At a meeting in 2003, the plea went out for someone to run as Secretary in 2004 and as everyone became very silent and looked away, I put my hand up and the job was mine. After one year I saw the opportunity to become the Treasurer and proceeded to fulfil that role for the next 16 years. When James started talking about stepping down from President (for the third time), I decided it was a good time to take on that responsibility. I have gained so much from being a part of the volunteer leadership of the OCWA over the years and look forward to serving as your President.

Outside of the woodworking world, I moved to California from Massachusetts in 1979 fresh from

UMASS with a BSEE and went to work at Rockwell in Newport Beach as an Electrical Engineer in the Quality group (Rockwell spun off Conexant which spun off Mindspeed which got acquired by MACOM – Same job just a different name on the paycheck). After getting my MBA a few years later I moved from engineering to management and never looked back. It was here that I met my wife, Jan and we have been married for 39 years. We have a grown daughter and son and a 15-month-old grandson (he went from crawling to running so keeps up on our toes). After 41 years of working in the semiconductor industry in Quality management, I'll be retiring in March and looking forward to my hobbies. Besides woodworking I like outdoor activities: hiking, shooting, golf and have been an avid metal detectorist since 1984.

My vision for the OCWA is to continue to grow, get some younger members and continue to support the community with the toy and pen programs. I'd like to see the organization have more special interest groups that can meet formally or informally and give a chance for our membership to grow and learn more about the many aspects of this great hobby. Let me know what you think. I have a great support team and look forward to better times ahead as we get past this pandemic and are able to meet again in person. Finally, a big thanks to James Santhon for his three terms as president and his friendship.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### **Jerry Knight**

*Tuning Up and Maintaining*

*Your Table Saw*

Thursday, January 7

7:00 p.m. - Zoom



### **Cindy Drozda**

Thursday, January 21

*6:30 p.m. - Zoom*



### **Toys**

Postponed - TBA

See Toy Story

# WOODWORKERS' SAWDUST

By Jerry Knight, Vice President and Program Director



## December 2020 Meeting

Our December meeting was a Zoom replacement for the club's annual Christmas Dinner and awards banquet. Ken Crandall gave a short slide presentation showing the toy makers making toys and boxing up more than 5,000 toys for distribution. John Sobota gave a similar

presentation about the pen program, which distributed more than 2,000 pens this year.

Ken Crandall was named our Woodworker of the Year for 2020. Congratulations to Ken for keeping the Toy program going under the adverse conditions of 2020.

A special award was presented to our retiring President, James Santhon for his many years of service to the club. I would like to extend my own thank you to James. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

## Upcoming Meetings

On January 7, I will start the new year with a presentation about tuning up and maintain your table saw.

Fred Wilmot has agreed to give a presentation about tuning up and using your bandsaw at the September meeting. I think it would be great to have similar presentations about other common woodworking equipment. So, please contact me if you might be willing to talk about routers, planers, jointers, sanders, finishing booths, etc.

We are tentatively planning to have a virtual tour of several members' shops during the February meeting. If you would like to show off your shop, or if you would like to peek at another member's shop, please contact me.

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# DUES ARE DUE

By Ralph Crowther

I have debited everyone's account to show that you owe your dues for 2021. The dues are the same, \$40 for an individual and \$50 for a family. The board did discuss the dues for 2021 and if they should be reduced in light of the fact that we haven't met in person since February and probably won't meet again until the summer of 2021. The decision was to keep them the same. We based this on the facts that we are still funding the Toy program (\$5,300) and the pen program (\$3,000) along with hosting Zoom meetings each month (some with paid programs or outside turners), and in general our other income is significantly down. The 2021 budget has us spending \$3,300 more than we plan to bring in and that's assuming everyone renews this year. So please consider renewing and supporting your club through these tough times.

Dues can be paid online using Paypal (you don't need an account - just a credit card) or a check can be sent (made out to OCWA) to:

John Butler  
533 S. Woodland St.  
Orange CA 92869

Hoping you all will have a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## HAL MELITZKY CYCLONE



*Photo by Mitro Hood: <https://www.mitrohood.com>*

This piece, Cyclone, by Hal Metlitzky, is being donated to the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum by Dr. Jeffrey Bernstein and Dr. Judith Chernoff.

The piece was published in the British Woodturning magazine in 2013. Here is the link to it with facts on size and woods used (metric):

<https://www.woodworkersinstitute.com/wood-turning/features/featured-artist/hal-metlitzky-cyclone/>

Jeff and Judy described the process:

“After years of living with and loving our wood art collection as a whole, we decided we would start the process of deaccessioning part of it. We contacted curators at the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum regarding our desire to add wood art to the Renwick’s permanent collection. After several years of discussion with multiple curators, current

Renwick curators, Mary Savig and Nora Atkinson, were given the green light by the Smithsonian to begin the process of selecting objects from our collection. Mary and Nora had maximum flexibility in what they could choose, visiting our home multiple times for in-depth study. Pieces of interest were researched and eventually put through an extensive review process as dictated by the Smithsonian. This resulted in the selection of over 40 pieces from 29 artists. We are very happy about the pieces they chose and also very pleased that, for 23 artists, this will be their first object(s) accepted into the Renwick’s permanent collection.

The donated pieces will be part of a building-wide exhibition taking place in honor of the Renwick’s 50th Anniversary. It is currently planned to open in May, 2022. The details and planning for the exhibition are still being determined, but all of the pieces we are donating will be on display during the exhibition.”

# WOODTURNERS' SHAVINGS

By Chuck Phillips



Once again, it's woodturning in the Age of Covid. Tonight, we were presented with a video presentation by Roy Reaser. His topic was "Metal Coatings and Patinas", the process of applying a thin metal coating to a piece,

followed by applying a sort of chemical distressing.

As we will be working with fairly strong acids, safety is the first consideration. Always be sure to use PPE that is rated for acid vapors and provides splash-proof eye protection. Working outdoors is a very good idea if you don't have access to a laboratory fume hood.

He classifies patinas into 4 types: Hot, Cold, Burnishing, and Oxide. Due to the temperatures involved, Roy chooses to skip Hot processes. Cold processes vary in speed depending on the chemical reactions involved and can vary from minutes to days. Burnishing is simply a mechanical process, which can vary from a matte brushed finish all the way to a mirror finish gilding. Finally, Oxides are a controlled form of rust.

An easy way to start is the Modern Masters kit from Hobby Lobby or similar shops. (Modern Masters does not appear to sell direct to the public.) The kit will include a metal-bearing paint, primer, and patinating solution. The paint included is very thick to ensure a good layer of available metal. There is a primer in the kit that seals the wood against the acid. Each patinating solution comes with its own atomizer. Don't swap them out.

An alternate company is Sculpt Nouveau (<https://sculptnouvea.com>). You can find their products at Industrial Metal Supply (<https://www.industrialmetalsupply.com/>) or directly from their site.

Surface prep can have a large effect on your finish, so take your time and do it right. Contrary to what you might think, solvent-based cleaners are

not recommended, particularly Acetone or cleaners containing acetone, as it interferes with the acid action. Similarly, blue shop towels for drying copper will do Bad Things.

Other supplies you'll want:

- Sea sponges for modifying the color density. They must be thoroughly cleaned before use.
- Brushes – Use good quality brushes, and dedicate them to the process.
- Craft sticks
- Small storage containers for solutions
- Bondo/body filler. Good for filling gaps and smoothing (or texturing) surfaces.

Basic process:

Apply Primer

Apply 1st copper coat, let dry

Apply 2nd copper coat. This one is worked wet. Spritz with denatured alcohol

Apply patinating solution and give it time to work.

Seal.

Patinas can be stacked. Experimentation is the best way to learn here.

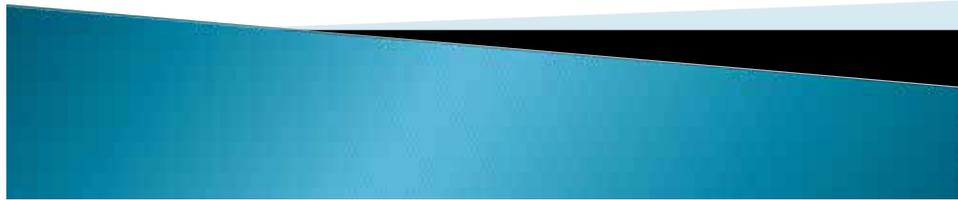
Roy showed a series of sample boards he made while exploring the process. You are encouraged to do the same before committing to a project.

Due to the time required in the process, the only thing he was able to demonstrate was the application of a bit of 2nd copper coat and patinating solution.

We're bringing back the Ironman Challenge. For January, try something out that involves a surface treatment.



## Orange County Wood Turner's December 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting



Len Musgrave



Len Musgrave



Ross Gilroy

Andy Goldman



Ralph Crowther



Jerry Ninger



Jerry Ninger



Jerry Nininger



Jim Graham



Jim Graham



Larry Marley



## WINNERS!

At the Christmas party, we had a computer-generated, totally random, drawing. The lucky winners of Rockler gift certificates were:

### \$25 winners:

Jackie Stoler	Loraine Fiori	Pepe Ulluo
Joe Fiori	Al Ward	Jim Mains
Jesse Mergenthaler	Harold Hardy	

### \$50 winners

Larry Marley	James Santhon
Rory Geil	Charlie Lupul

### \$100 winner

Ken Crandall

## PENS

Pens go to veterans and military groups, groups deploying from Camp Pendleton, and the Dark Horse Project which helps severely damaged soldiers. They are given when we are contacted by a veteran group or are alerted by one of our members to a special need.

Per John Sobota, we had 11 guys hard at work producing pens this year. They cranked out (pun intended) 2,080.

Our thanks go out to:

Eric Thorson	Ross Gilroy	John Sobota
Dan Whelan	Al Ward	Bruce Siriani

Mike Johnson	Tom Borusky	Les Rogers
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Jim Graham	Gary Phipps
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### TOP PRODUCERS

Eric Thorson	780	John Sobota	430
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Mike Johnson	325
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## V.I.P.s

### Past Presidents of OCWA

2013 - 2020	James Santhon
2012	Vic Cohn
2010 - 2011	Craig Chambers
2006 - 2009	James Santhon
2005	Doug Nowlin
2001 - 2004	James Santhon
1999 - 2000	Carson Davis
1997 - 1998	Sam Migliazzo
1995 - 1996	Mike Neesly
1993 - 1994	Larry Baum
1991 - 1992	Len Musgrave
1988 - 1990	Al Griffin
1987	Andy Goldman
1986	Greg Martin
1985	Dough Christie
1984	Bob Pederson

### Woodworker of the Year

2020	Ken Crandall
2019	Ken Cowell
2018	Bill Rogers
2017	John Marshall
2016	Len Musgrave
2015	Ken Cowell
2014	Larry Marley
2013	Ralph Crowther
2012	Ed Smet
2011	Len Musgrave

### Person of the Year

2010	Al Whitcomb
2009	Ed Straub

# TOY STORY

By Ken Crandall, Toy Chairman



Here you go. Distribution day has come and gone and I feel that it was most successful. The weatherman was kind and allowed us to spread out on the driveway. As usual, everyone seemed to know what to do and we “got ‘er done”. 5,000 toys out the door to make 5,000 children a little happier this Christmas. Many of our non-profits

upped their requests this year and we were able to accommodate them. Additionally we sent 1,000 toys to the Costa Mesa and Fountain Valley fire departments for their “Sparks of Love” programs. I can’t thank you all enough for your support of the Toy Program this year. Both the quality and quantity of your efforts amazes me and makes me proud to be a part of it..

As the talk of a new “surge” of COVID 19 activity increases, I feel that discretion dictates that we do not have a work party in January. I will take it month by month going forward. Hopefully vaccinations and a slow-down will get us back together soon. Read the Newsletter and communicate with each other. In the meantime, do as you did last year, and keep producing at home. Call me if you need wood or other supplies. There is no reason why we can’t make 2021 even better than 2020. Stay safe.

## 2020 Toymakers

Al Misbrenner, Earl Horstman, John Butler, Wes King, Joe Fiori, Jeff Crockett, Bill Rogers, Les Rogers, Jeff Rogers, Don Winans, Mike Kamper, John Westberg, Doug Turner, Jerry Knight, Tom and Patti Heiman, Bill and Margaret Hogarth, Cathy Koukl, Bruce Thonpson, Jerome Blackan, Richard Kalman, Isha Grinenko, Len Musgrave, Ed Smet, Greg Schulz, Ross Gilroy, Al Whitcomb, Jeff Bennett, Lee Kaufholz, Ken Cowell



Photo by Al Misbrenner



OCWA is now registered with AmazonSmile which allows OCWA eligible to receive a .5% donation from all eligible purchases through the AmazonSmiles.com. If you'd like to participate, simply go onto Amazon.com, search and click on AmazonSmile, and once on the AmazonSmile's site select Orange County Woodworkers from the list of charities. There is no need to change settings – all your account info/settings remain the same. You'll have access to the same products as found on Amazon.com. Thank you for participating.

For more information please contact Ralph Crowther.

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Do you have an idea for an article, shop tip, or tool review? Please send articles to: [newsletter@ocwoodworkers.org](mailto:newsletter@ocwoodworkers.org)

Deadline for submissions is the Monday after the Woodturners meeting.



#### NEW MEMBERS

**A big welcome to our new members:**

Steve Kotzbauer, San Clemente