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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ralph Crowther



First, a big thank you to all who participated in the annual auction by donating, helping run

the event and/or buying up all the items donated. This year our table sales were the biggest ever, bringing in more than twice the best year we have had in the past. I saw some great deals of some high price items and some great auction action on handmade items including the baked goods! We are well funded for another successful year in 2023!

It's hard to believe that it is already November and time for elections for 2023. Len noted that he has found candidates for all positions except President. I would like to see someone step forward to take over this responsibility. You will have plenty of support from the Board and past presidents. If you are considering but not yet ready, then I would like to mentor you during the next year so that you are ready to take over in 2024. The job is made much easier with the great support group we have.

November also brings the annual woodturning contest with it's many prizes. We have five categories

to compete in and I look forward to seeing the entries this year. It is a great opportunity to show off your favorite pieces and compete with other members. Many times you will see these same pieces in the OC Fair the following year.

Speaking of contests, the 2 x 4 contest is only two months away at the January 5th meeting. I have already heard of one very interesting entry that is underway. This contest is more of a challenge to see how to use a common 2 x 4 and make something amazing. Your friends won't believe it came from a 2 x 4. This was a very popular challenge years ago and is back again to a new group of members who probably haven't seen it before. Should be a fun time.

November also means that we only have one last toy workshop prior to the big distribution day on November 25th. So let's finish up those toys you have been working on and get them to Ken so he can count on them for this year's deliveries.

And finally, the start of November means you have about seven weeks to finish up your hand-crafted holiday gifts (or to start working on them). I really enjoy giving and receiving homemade gifts.

So, get out to the shop and make something!





David Tilsen
Joinery

Thursday, October 3

7:00 p.m.



Toy Work Party

Saturday, November 5

9:00 a.m.



Steve Hansen

Turning Basics for Beginners

Thursday, November 30

6:30 p.m.

ANNUAL WOODTURNERS' CONTEST – NOVEMBER 17

WOODTURNING CONTEST RULES

Five contests available for entry:

- Solid Wood Turning
- Embellished Wood Turning
- Pen Turning
- Segmented (polychromatic) Turning
- Beginners Turning

The rules are as follows:

1. All entries must be from an OCWT member in good standing.
 2. All entries must be a members own work.
 3. All entries must be lathe-turned pieces.
 4. All entries must have been created within the past two years.
 5. All entries may have been entered in any contest other than the OCWT Annual Contest.
 6. All contests have a single Masters class except the Beginners contest.
 7. There are four contests open to the Masters Class:
 - a. **Solid Wood Turning** – open or closed form turnings without embellishments
 - b. **Embellished Wood Turning** - open or closed forms which includes embellishments such as carving, coloring, inlay, texturing, burning, etc.
 - c. **Segmented (polychromatic) Turning** - built-up work pieces created by gluing many separate pieces of material together before or during turning. It may include closed segmented, open segmented, stave and any other turned pieces made up of many pieces. A glued up block of three or four pieces is NOT considered to be polychromatic turning.
 - d. **Pen Turning** – open to all types of turned pens.
 8. A **Beginners Class** is available to encourage new turners to participate and be recognized.
 - a. A Beginner is new to turning (less than three years' experience)
 - b. A Beginner may choose to enter as a Master but all their entries would be entered as such.
 - c. A Beginner who wins first place in the annual OCWT Beginners class will be moved to the Masters Class the following year.
 - d. A Beginner may enter a Solid Wood, Embellished Wood, Segmented Wood or Pen item
 9. A member may submit up to three entries, in each of the Woodturning contests, but may only receive one prize in each contest.
 10. Judging will be done by an independent panel(s) selected by the Turning Club president or an assignee of the club president who will evaluate:
 - a. Quality of work
 - b. Design and originality
 - c. Use of material
 - d. Other factors the judges see fit to consider
 - e. The judges may award only 1st, or 1st & 2nd places for any contest with few participants
 - f. The judges' decisions will be final.
 11. Prizes in each class are a combination of cash and gift certificates in the amount determined by the Turning Club president. The judges may award additional honorable mentions.
 12. The winner of the Segmented (polychromatic) Turning contest shall have their name added to the perpetual plaque as the winner of the Fred Adam Polychromatic Award.
 13. The winning pieces from each of the five contests will be judged for a single Best of Show award.
- Prizes in each contest will be as follows:
- Master Class** (in each of the four contests):
1st place – \$75
2nd place – \$50
3rd place – \$25
Honorable Mention – \$15
- Beginner Class:**
1st place – \$50
2nd place – \$30
3rd place – \$20
Honorable Mention – \$10
- Best of Show:**
\$100

If you're like me, it's time to start planning your project for the Annual Woodturners Contest. This year it will be held on November 17, 6:30 p.m.; but arrive early so officials can register your entry. Get busy and show off your best work.

Ross Gilroy

DECEMBER TIPS, TOOLS, AND JIGS CONTEST

The December 21, 2022 Orange County Woodturner's meeting topic will be tips, tools and jigs. All members are encouraged to bring a jig, tool or a turning tip to present to the membership.

Cash Prizes Will Be Awarded

Guidelines:

- Presentations will be limited to five minutes. Anyone exceeding the time limit will be ineligible for a cash prize.
- All entries must be a tip, tool or a jig that you use for your wood turnings. Tools must be of your own construction or be used in a new way of your own invention.
- One tip, tool or jig per member. If time remains at the end of the presentations, a second or third presentation may be made, but only the first entry is eligible for a prize.
- Depending upon the number of entries, up to four \$25 prizes will be awarded by random drawing of names. One drawing entry per member.

SLATE OF NEW OFFICERS

At our November meeting, we will have the election of new officers for the year of 2023. See below for the list of offices and the person who has come forward to fill each position.

2023 Proposed Slate of New Officers	
Office	Name
President	Ralph Crowther
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WOODTURNER'S SHAVINGS

By Jerry Knight



Our October demonstrator was Robert Morris. Robert started his presentation by showing several books on handmade toy making. There are many good titles available. You can pick up your own titles for almost no money at used book shops, garage and estate

sales.

Toy turning projects suggested by Robert include play fruit, Tower of Hanoi and rocket ship bodies. For his demonstration Robert turned a toy carrot and showed toy cucumbers and apples that he had made previously. One can easily turn any type of round vegetable or fruit.

A feature of Robert's turned vegetables and fruit is making them from a split turning so the child can use a toy spatula or toy knife to "cut" up the fruit during play. Robert either saws a large blank in half or quarters and then glues them back into a single piece with a piece of paper inserted into the glue joint, or glues several small pieces into a large blank, again using paper joints. The

joints work best if all glue surfaces are flat and smooth. Robert suggests that in addition to gluing the split turning pieces, you should secure the pieces together with a screw at each end of your blank.

After turning, the turning is split along the paper joint. Robert then hollows out a shallow indentation on each side of the joint and glues in the two halves of hook-and-loop, one on each side of the joint. The hook-and-loop allows the child to "cut" the fruit or vegetable with their knife or spatula and then put them back together again.

Robert finishes off the project by painting the veggies with appropriately colored, child-safe paints.

During the discussion, the question of choking hazards was raised. I took the time to look up the industry guidelines after the meeting. Quoting Kidshealth.org Toys for toddlers and preschoolers "should be large enough — at least 1¼ inches (3 centimeters) in diameter and 2¼ inches (6 centimeters) in length so — that they can't be swallowed or lodged in the windpipe". Several club members suggested using the tube from a toilet paper roll – Anything that fits into the tube is too small for small children.





**Jim Daniels
New Race Car Design**



SHOW AND TELL



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WOODTURNERS' CHALLENGE



John Sobota



Robert Morris

WOODTURNERS' CHALLENGE



TOY STORY

By Ken Crandall, Chair, Toy Program



Our October work party had our best attendance of the year with 30 toymakers present. Rex Bullock brought in 50 skip-loaders and Ralph Crowther contributed 50 bulldozers. This is a toy he debuted at our toy contest earlier this year. Our toy count to date is just shy of 4100. I know of roughly 700 toys

coming down the pipe this month getting us close to the goal of 5000 I had set for the year. This is a real tribute to the dedication of our group.

Two years of COVID 19, the deaths of Bill Rogers and Charles Steichen and the relocation of several others, have taken a toll on our numbers. Homelessness and food insecurity are consistently in the headlines. Along with this comes a child's

loneliness and insecurity. For many, a small car, truck, push toy or doll cradle may be the only real possession they have. As their numbers rise, so must our output. I wish to put out a call to all OCWA members to join us in our effort to bring some happiness, one child at a time. Come to one of our work parties, talk to one of our group. We will set you up with all you need to begin making toys. It is easy, fun and quite rewarding.

Our last work party will be Saturday, November 5. (We will be dark in December). Bring in any finished projects so they can be included in my spreadsheet plans. I will need a few good men the day before Thanksgiving to do a table set-up dry run, assemble boxes, and do some final assembly of toys. Distribution Day is the day after Thanksgiving and we should begin at 9:00 filling our orders. To the general OCWA membership, I invite you to come and see all of the toys spread out at one time. It is quite impressive.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS PEN PROGRAM

By John Sobota, Chair, Support Our Troops Pen Program



Hello woodworkers and pen makers;

It's hard to believe Veteran's Day is only a couple of weeks away. This is a time of the year when requests are made from several groups involved with various military and veteran organizations for pens for their upcoming events

honoring our active duty military and veterans. To date this year we have distributed 970 pens, a few less than recent years. We still have another 1,000+ ready for distribution in November and December.

One of the events we've contributed pens to for several years is the "Orange Field Of Valor". This is an event held at Handy Park in the city of Orange. Bill Rogers, USAF veteran, was instrumental in getting the OCWA Support Our Troops pen program as a contributor/supporter of the event for several years. I was able to attend the event last year and was very impressed how they did such a nice job honoring our veterans. Flags may be purchased honoring veterans. The flags are all displayed with information about the veteran for which the flag is dedicated. The opening ceremony is scheduled for November 5th, at 3:00PM. This is just one of the many organizations our pen program contributes to during the year.

For those readers that may not be aware, the OCWA Support Our Troops Program donates custom

turned wood pens to active duty & veteran military organizations. The club provides pen kits and wood blanks as needed for the members to take home to their shops and turn pens. Once the pens are returned to the club they are distributed to various organizations for their events. We have provided between two and three thousand pens per year for the last several years and over forty eight thousand pens since the programs inception.

If you have any questions regarding making the pens, please contact me. I'll be more than happy to discuss the processes I use on the pens I contribute to the program. My contact information is in the member area of the club's website.

The club always welcomes and encourages any members that would be interested in making quality wood pens as a small token of our appreciation for our military men and women. Any pens turned in are greatly appreciated. The recipients of pens from our program are very thankful for them as evidenced by the emails, letters and photos we receive.

THANKS again for your support of our program.



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Adams, David	Missbrenner, Alfred
Andrews, Frank	Musgrave, Len
Aut, Warren	Neesley, Michael
Bruins, William	Nininger, Jerry
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Crowther, Ralph	Overholt, ElJay
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Eid, Antoine	Rogers, Les
Fitzpatrick, Art	Santhon, James
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James Santhon	Al Whitcomb
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Craig Chambers	
Carson Davis	
Andy Goldman	
Len Musgrave	
Michael Neesley	
Ingko Oetomo	
George Plummer	

WOODWORKER OF THE YEAR

2021	Richard Kalman
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
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PAST PRESIDENTS

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 Neesley
1993 - 1994	Larry Baum
1991 - 1992	Len Musgrave
1988 - 1990	Al Griffin
1987	Andy Goldman
1986	Greg Martin
1985	Dough Christie
1984	Bob Pederson



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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

Deadline for submissions is the Monday after the Woodturners meeting.

A BIG WELCOME

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Will Seibt, Rancho Santa Margarita

Christopher Siegal, Mission Viejo

John Sparrow, Orange

Michael Yukihiro, Orange

John Miller, Corona

Richard Schoeninger, Long Beach

Gary Taylor, Mission Viejo