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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

By Ralph Crowther



Hope everyone enjoyed a little time off from the regular meetings. I know many of you were busy working at the OC Fair while others took vacations (I did both!). Speaking of the fair, I believe it was a very successful return to having our booth and being docents. Our booth was in the middle of the Fine Arts building and was always busy. We had our two lathe stations going most of the day and had two areas with puzzles that kept the fairgoers busy. I'm sure many of you saw that some fairgoers would spend more than a half hour just trying out the puzzles! One night we had two teenage girls come by twice on their own for about an hour total but then came back later with their parents! Our toy display table was another huge hit. The kids loved to play with the toys while the parents were impressed with how many toys we made each year for such a worthy cause. And then we had our friends from the scroll saw club doing their demonstrations, which kept the booth looking very busy. I know we handed out a bunch of club brochures and should see some new members come September.

It was also good to see the return of industry awards this year. We had some good conversations with those in charge of the Fine Arts contests and can expect more improvements next year, like the return of some of the missing categories and maybe more judges. The goal is to grow the show to what it was a few years ago and more. A big thank you to all those who participated!

Our next big event will be the annual Auction at the October 5th meeting. We have always done well with the auction and homemade items do the best so consider donating an item or two to this part of the auction. Also, it is important to get non-members to show up. There are always great deals on items that most of us already have and that is why it would be great to invite others who can get some great bargains. So my ask to you is to reach out to your friends and family and invite someone new to the auction. We are using the big room and will have plenty of room for all. November 24th will see our annual toy program distribution day which doesn't leave much time to work on those toys. And save the date of December 8th (a Friday night) for our annual Christmas party.

As we enter the hottest couple of months of the year, keep cool, keep hydrated and keep making sawdust.



Recap of the OC Fair

Thursday September 7

6:30 p.m.



Toy Work Party

Saturday, August 5

9:00 a.m.



Ralph Crowther

Thursday September 21

6:30 p.m.

TOY STORY

By Ken Crandall, Chair, Toy Program



August saw two new members join our merry band of Toymakers. Mitchell West came to our work party and has begun production. At the behest of his wife he has started making doll cradles. Several years

back, an old toymaker who was ceasing participation bequeathed to me a special jig for drilling holes in the ends of the cradle sides. I loaned this to Mitchell after making sure he knew how valuable it was to me. He, being a retired aerospace engineer and CNC owner, returned it to me along with three perfect clones each with metal drilling sleeves. Wow! He also used his CNC to make 60 cradle ends each with a heart shaped embellishment carved in. His wife, working from a sample handkerchief doll made by Maggie Musgrave, made 24 dolls for the cradles. Strong work Mitchells!!

Steven Higgins also contacted me about working with our toy program. He indicated that his work schedule will not permit attending our Saturday events, however I met with him and gave him a project to work on at home. Welcome aboard new toymakers.

Our August affair ended early when all available projects were finished. We need more members to bring in work for our participation. Our next work party is Saturday, September 9th at 9:00 a.m. Our present toy count is 2,800. Keep the sawdust flying.



JOHN BEAVER DEMONSTRATION

Acclaimed turning artist John Beaver will demonstrate some of his inventive techniques to OCWA on September 10. John is famous for his wave bowls, flying wing vases, wave bangles and many other fantastic turning creations. Come, watch, and learn. This will be a really fun and exciting demonstration.

Registration is now open. To register, login to the member's section of the OCWA website and click on the red "John Beaver" button at the top right of the page.

BYOC: This is a bring your own chair event. Bring along your favorite folding chair. Other seating will be limited.

Date: Sunday, September 10, 2023

Time: 9 AM to 4 PM, including 1 hour lunch break.

Cost: \$40 per person. Feel free to bring non-member guests.

Meals: Morning coffee, doughnuts and lunch included.

Location: Ken Crandall's workshop (home of the Toy Work Parties). Driving instructions will be emailed to you before the event.

Questions: Contact Jerry Knight (JerryEKnight@gmail.com) (562) 477-1756



OC FAIR

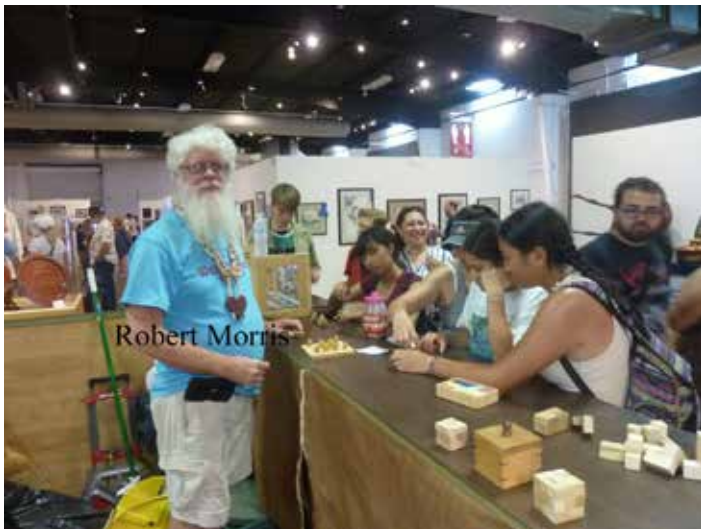
It was great being back at the Fair after missing three years. We had a 20' x 30' booth that was located in the center of the Visual Arts Building 16 which contained the photos, paintings, ceramics and woodworking. We staffed the booth for 11 hours a day for 23 days and everyone had a great time. We had two tables with toys that the kids could touch and play with. Several times the smaller children had melt downs when they had to leave. We had many puzzles and tricks to entertain both the visitors and ourselves. The rubber band trick was a big hit and several times people would bring their friends by to just play the trick on their friends. The lathe demonstrations were a great hit and they always drew a crowd. We need to pay a special thank you to Valeria Tinoco, Visual Arts Coordinator, for her efforts to make sure we had everything we needed to have a great Fair experience. She wrote a special personal note to everyone who staffed the booth and they will be handed out at our September meeting.

Len Musgrave









“CLUB ROOTS” (25 YEARS)

Bruins, William
Couch, Sam
Crowther, Ralph
Daniels, James
Davis, Carson
Gamo, Gilbert
Goldman, Andy
Ingram, Ruth
Kaufholtz, Lee
Neesley, Michael,
Plummer, George
Rogers, Les
Smet, Edward
Wade, David

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James Santhon
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Al Whitcomb
Larry Marley
Ralph Crowther

WOODWORKER OF THE YEAR

2022	John Sobota
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
2009	Ed Straub

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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



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