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## TIME TO BEGIN PLANNING

by Doug Nowlin

When I went to the woodworking show in Ontario recently I was surprised when **Ron Goldman**, the editor of *Woodworker West*, handed me a pile of fliers announcing the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Design in Wood exhibition sponsored by the San Diego Fine Woodworkers Association. Was it really that close?

Yes, it really is getting closer and for those who want to exhibit there, it's time to get moving! My concern here is not just for the San Diego show, but instead to encourage all of you to begin planning your projects for entry in the Orange County Fine Woodworking competition.

The last year or two have shown a decline in the quantity (not quality) of projects we've entered. One of the first steps toward improving this situation is to get all of you to begin serious planning for your entry. Now! I will probably ask at the next meeting to see how many of you have already started. As much as I want our club to succeed, I hope those of you who attend classes at Fullerton, Cerritos

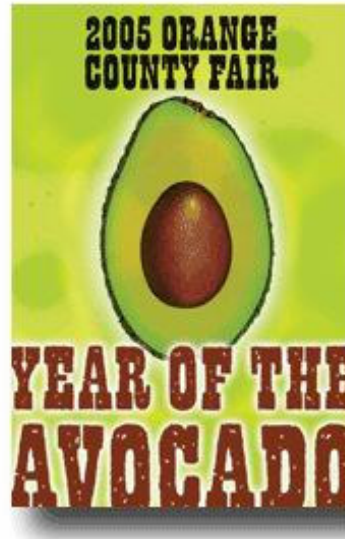
and Orange Coast College will begin to actively encourage others in your classes to also start planning their projects.

Remember, the Orange County Fair runs from July 8 thru the 31<sup>st</sup>. That's only four months away! June 28 is the judging date for Fine Arts Woodworking entries with the drop off date being one day earlier, June 27. The entry deadline has yet to be announced but is usually a month or so earlier.

The theme this year is the Year of the Avocado. Now, I'm beginning to

wish I had paid more attention to the people who owned that big Haas avocado tree. Hmmm.

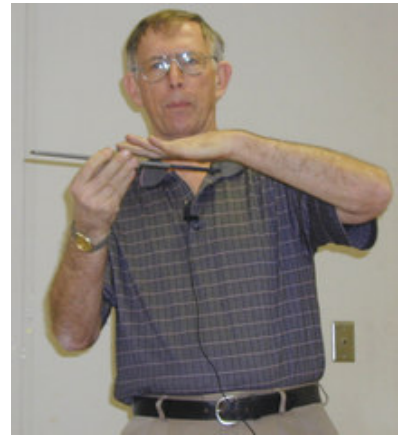
We keep membership dues collection as simple a process as possible, which is why we have a first of the year renewal period. The club relies to a great extent on the member dues to fund our activities. It is now the time for that renewal. Please send your check to the Post Office Box mail address on the back cover, or get it to Ralph Crowther, Treasurer, at the next meeting.



## ***FEBRUARY PRESENTATION***

*by Ed Smet*

February's meeting with **Harry Boggs** was very interesting. He is one of a dying breed of people who sharpens files. His presentation was short but the club discussion was long and interesting. There were lots of questions and he had an answer for everything. I hope the membership will take advantage of his services and shape up your file collection. Thanks, Harry, for an informative program.



## ***MARCH PRESENTATION***

*by Ed Smet*

March meeting will be **Shad Anderson**, Vice President of Anderson Saw Company, Inc. His company sells saw blades made in Germany. They are similar to the Forrest blades for about one third the price. They also sharpen all types of sawblades. He will talk about the types of blades and how to sharpen them for best results.

## ***TOY WORKSHOP***



*by Ed Smet*

We are off to another good start on our Toy Program for 2005. **Tom Polhamus** hosted a small work party on a rainy Sat. in Jan. **George Beach, Earl Horstman, Jim Steinmetz, & Al Whitcomb** made 200 basketball games. Our next workshop was on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, at Tom and Bill's place. Twenty-three workers showed up on another rainy day to help make toys. The rain forced our operation indoors, but that didn't squelch our enthusiasm. We finished 135 cell phones except for the spraying on of the DEFT lacquer.

I had the privilege of speaking at a meeting of the Twigbenders on Feb 18th at the Methodist Church in Orange. **Neal Davis** and his wife **Ruth** are members of that group and they asked me to talk about our Toy Program. The Twigbenders were a small group of about 8 men who met weekly for 35 years to make toys for needy children. One year they made approx. 3,000 toys, which was quite an accomplishment considering that they didn't have all the modern tools we have today. A daughter of one of the original members told us there was an unwritten rule that none of the toys were to be given to their children as they were for the underprivileged kids. However, when the grandchildren came along, they were given a toy without having to ask. Yep, we Grandpas are a soft touch.

**Lou Fabregue** gave us 60 baby rattles at the last turner's meeting. Thank you, Lou, they are beautiful! **Dusty Crook** has already turned in 30 more of his deluxe fire trucks, incredible workmanship! Many others are busy making toys in their own workshops. Keep up the good work! I have received a lot of "Thank You" letters and pictures from the organizations we gave toys to at Christmas. I will bring these to the meetings so you can see and read about how much your efforts are appreciated.

Our next workshop will be on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at Tom and Bill's place at 9:00a.m. Thank you for your on going support. *The Toy Committee*

## ***MARKETPLACE***

FOR SALE: Moving to Leisureworld—need to sell all my tools. All tools are under 3 years old, are on wheeled stands and connected to dust control. Would like to sell everything as a package. Partial list: Bosch 10" table saw; DeWalt 12" chop saw, 20" scroll saw; 8" jointer; Jet DC-100 dust collector, AFS-100B air filtration; Delta 13" planer; Porter Cable Plate joiner, Dovetail jig, finish nailer, air compressor; Hitachi M-12V router; Ryobi router; bandsaw, drill press bench grinder, belt sander, clamps, roller stands, jigsaw...and much more...you get the picture. Highest bid takes it. All tool have manuals or videos. For additional information or to make offer contact: David Richter, 714-434-1144

## WOODTURNERS SHAVINGS

by Craig Chambers

The month of February began in great fashion with an all-day demonstration by the noted Ft. Collins, Colorado artist, **Trent Bosch**. We had about thirty members and guests turn out for an enjoyable day with one of the better turners and teachers in the United States. Trent began the day by showing us how to make his signature Vessel of Illusion using tools not particularly well known in the wood-working community. These appealing hollow forms begin with a nice exterior shape and well-finished interior. He leaves the walls a little thicker than is typical for a form of this size, and then he goes to work on it with a combination of body saws, burr grinders, air sanders and carving tools. In the hands of a master, the organic vessel form that he favors begins to emerge. The handwork to finish the exterior is a laborious process, so Trent limited his demonstration to the basic approach and tools. I'll leave the process for merging two vessels to your imagination. During the demonstration, he discussed and demonstrated open bowl forms and surface enhancements with what can best be described as a sampler of various techniques.

The February turners meeting began the first of a three part series of discussions and demonstrations of bowl design and turning techniques. The first of the series was a treatise on the basic green wood bowl featuring past president **Art Fitzpatrick**. Along with the green wood bowl turned to completion (sort of), Art also did a rough turned bowl that will be finish turned next month after it (hopefully) dries. We will continue the discussion of form



and technique and include some discussion on finishing. In keeping with the topic of bowls, the challenge next month will be a bowl of less than 8" diameter with a finished rim. This is intended to give the mini-lathe owners a level playing field, as size definitely does matter for this challenge. The final part of the bowl series will feature **David Wade** demonstrating natural edge bowls. Future challenges will attempt to follow the demonstration topic by a month, so you might be able to anticipate what I have in mind. Following the bowl series we will move to lidded containers. I will begin the series with basic techniques and we will follow with some advanced topics including thread chasing. Along with topics that we've discussed, such as segmented turning, I'm looking toward a series on mini-lathe magic with a series of

demonstrations that feature this particularly useful machine. If you would like to participate in this series, please give me your ideas for a program.

The sign-up sheet is getting full for the Friday evening demonstration with **Mike Mahoney**. The demonstration will be on Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Tustin Senior Center from 6-9 PM. The cost is only \$5 and is for members only. Due to limited seating, prepaid reservations are required.



Plans for the **Andi Wolfe** demonstration on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> are continuing. You can see examples of Andi's turned forms at her web site at <http://www.andiwolfe.com>. The cost for this demonstration will be \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Once again, we are planning to hold the event at Austin Hardwoods & Hardware, 610 Santiago Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701.



It was particularly gratifying to see the examples of both Mike and Andi's work that **Bill Haskell** shared with those attending the February meeting. He brought a nested set of five natural edge maple burl bowls by Mike Mahoney and a bowl by Andi Wolfe featuring a beautiful Cala Lily as a surface decoration. Both pieces were breathtaking!

Keep your calendar marked for the final demonstration of 2005 with English artist **Chris Stott** on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. As an invited demonstrator, Chris has participated in international seminars on numerous occasions in England, Ireland, Sweden, Germany, and the USA. He is the author of the popular book, "TURNED BOXES: 50 DESIGNS" as well as several videos covering all aspects of turning. The cost for this demo will also be \$20 for members and the usual \$25 for all others.



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".

# SHOW AND TELL

Ted Young describing his olive vase



Les Rogers with a very confused bowl



Olive turnings by David Wade

Al Whitcomb with a unique platter



## IT'S RENEWAL TIME....for the Last time

OK, Woodworkers. It is time for membership renewal. The deadline for membership renewal is the end of March. If you want to continue receiving the newsletter in April you need to renew this month...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.

**TOY PROJECT RAFFLE NEWS***by Ruthe Ingram*

This month we will have a nice selection of drawing prizes thanks to our good friends **Joe Lomax** of Austin Hardwood and **Ingko Oetomo** of Woodcraft. Prizes will be announced at the meeting so be ready for some nice surprises!

The following is the list of lucky winners for last month's drawing prizes:

WILLIAM NG \$100.00 Scholarship & T-Shirt – **Sandy Dix**

WILLIAM NG T-Shirt – **Fred Wilmont**

Liberon Steel Wool – **Burt Underwood**

Bahco Cabinet Scraper – **Lee Kaufholtz**

IN 1 Countersink Set – **David**

4 IN 1 Screwdriver Bit Set – **John Halbur**

Book 'Making Country Furniture' – **Jim Steinmetz**

Sheffield Folding Utility Knife – **Denise Paley**

Bundle of Maple (Donated by Ed Straub) – **Harvey Carr**

Bundle of Hickory (Donated by Ed Straub) – **Chuck Collins**

Bundle of wood (Donated by Ed Straub) – **Ed Goldsmith**

Vise (Donated by Jim Daniels) – **Cheri Durthaler**

Our drawing made \$181.00. Thanks to all of you who generously support the raffle. The 50/50 was \$120 with Gary Morse winning \$60.00 and donating all his winnings to the Toy Program. Thanks you Gary!

**THE FREEDOM PEN PROJECT STATISTICS**

36,496 Pens Received as of February 24, 2005.

865 pens mailed to the Project..

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**Pen Turners:** Ralph Alder (40), Tom Conley (10), Ralph Crowther (10), Jim Daniels (24), Lou Fabregue (30), Fair volunteers (24), Matt Hefron (10), Ruthe Ingram (??), Bruce Lewellyn (30), Gary Morse (20), Denise Paley (20), George Plumber (30), Les Rogers (PEN KING—225!), Ed Smet (20), Ed Straub (40), Armond Tavianini (30), Fred Wilmott (10), Woodworking show (25), Dan (19), No names w/pens (13).

Please bring in your completed pens and I will have more kits for anyone who will help us maintain our NUMBER ONE national status. GOOD JOB and THANKS again!

**2005 OCWA CALENDER**

March 3	<b>Shad Anderson</b> Anderson Saw Co.
March 17	<b>Art Fitzpatrick</b> Finish-turned bowls
April 1	<b>Mike Mahoney</b> Woodturner Guest Presenter
April 7	<b>Rich Bohr</b> 3M Abrasives
April 21	<b>David Wade</b> Natural Edge Bowls
May 5	<b>Mork Bausman</b> Stripping and Refinishing
May 14	<b>Andi Wolfe</b> Woodturning Guest Presenter

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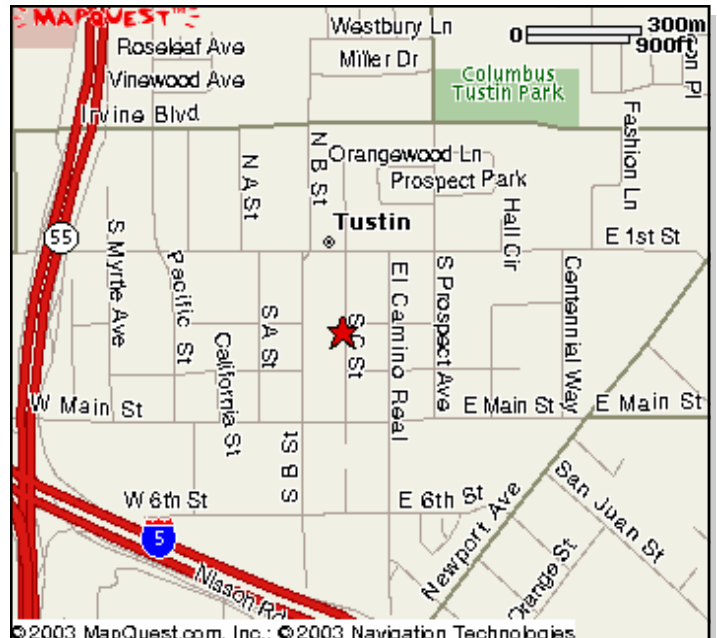
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The Tustin Senior Center  
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Tustin, CA 92680

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### BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 3, 6:00 PM

### GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, March 3, 7:00 PM

### WOODTURNERS MEETING

Thursday, March 17, 7:00 PM

### TOY WORKSHOP



Next workshop:  
Saturday, March 5, 9:00 AM

Call: **Tom Polhamus** — 714-637-5787  
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