

# Sawdust and Shavings

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Doug Nowlin



## ELECTION of 2006 OFFICERS

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** and **James Santhon**; for Vice President: **Ed Smet** and **John**

**Callos**; 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 that if you wish to nominate someone 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*

Over many years as an educator of sorts, first as a parent, then a Navy instructor and more recently as a teacher of new woodturners, I'm constantly reminded that you learn something each time you try to show someone else. It could be as simple as a nuance of technique or something a little more profound like trying to use a jam chuck that worked just fine in the shop but was way too tight during the demo. A wise man would have taken a few minutes to resize the chuck so it would fit better, but not me. I jammed the piece of wood onto the chuck, finished my turning and then tried to remove the finished piece. It was stuck...tight...I couldn't budge the piece. Thank goodness for **Bill Rogers**, who obviously has greater hand strength than I have. The piece was removed from the chuck undamaged and the project was rescued. Oh, did I mention that the demo for the December meeting was miniature birdhouses in the style of Dick Sing. Luckily, the remainder of the demo was without incident, no broken bones, bleeding or other disasters. There was even a lump of wood that resembled a birdhouse at the end of the evening.

Following last month's great demonstration of pen turning many of you were inspired. **Fred Wilmott** had his hands full judging the entries. The ultimate winner was **David Crawford** with a beautiful segmented pen. Next month's challenge will be Christmas ornaments, so don't pack up the decorations just yet.

There was an amazing amount of work displayed at the show and tell table. I saw everything from hats to bowls with more than a few Christmas ornaments and an occasional bottle cap thrown in. The pieces were of excellent quality; you should all take a bow. I constantly get ideas looking at the work of other turners. Thank you all for being an inspiration.

I am working overtime to try to put together a series of programs for this year and I could use some help. If you have an idea that you would like to see presented, or even better, be the presenter of, just call or email me. Not every program has to be done on the lathe; it just has to relate to turning.

Some of the things I think we should strive to accomplish this year are:

- Greater participation in contests, particularly for new turners.
- Increased mentoring (I'm looking for someone to run with this one as coordinator).
- Focused workshops (look for the first one in the next couple of months).
- Skill building (I'd like to see some demonstrations of different techniques or tools).
- Improved outreach into the community. In particular, how can we give back to Lutheran High School for all of the support they have given us.

On the lighter side here are some ideas to get you all thinking:

- Woodturner's picnic in the summer
- Jigs and fixtures presentation or contest
- Top turning competition
- Tagua nut contest
- Turned object from a 2X4
- Craft show

None of these ideas can work without some help from you all. Each activity is more fun and successful if there is someone driving it. Please step up with your ideas and hopefully your offer to help.

I would like to close by wishing all of you a prosperous and joyful New Year.

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

# JANUARY MEETING

by Editor

We will be starting of the programming for the new year with a back-to-basics presentation by OCWA's own **Bill Bruins**. Bill will be talking about his favorite tool...the hand plane and it's care and proper usage. You will learn a bit about the history of planes. He will ask the question: "why, in this day of power planers, jointers and sanders, do we even need hand planes?" Lest you be concerned, he will answer his own question.



Bill will talk about how to properly bed the blade to the plane body. He will even demonstrate a way to make your average plane into one that will cleanly plane curly and difficult-to-plane woods that are prone to tear-out.. And, of course, Bill will demonstrate proper sharpening techniques. Be you beginner or expert, this meeting will have something of interest for everyone. See you there!



## Christmas Dinner



## Woodturners Show & Tell

← Les Rogers



Pete Carta...the mad hatter



## ***FREEDOM PEN PROJECT***

*by Ruthe Ingram*

This past year has been very rewarding with all the support from my best friends, OCWA! Without the generous financial support and pen makers our project would not have been so successful. It is amazing that we

have completed 2,670 pens since we became involved in the pen project. The nationwide total is now over 50,000 pens. Recently I have received several emails, which I will share with you:

Ruthe,

I received one of your pens today along with other members of my unit. We are stationed in Kuwait. I'm not only thankful but also impressed. The quality is outstanding and from looking at the Freedom Pen website I see that you have done thousands of pens. This is amazing and a truly admirable show of respect and support. I am passing the Freedom Pen website along to several folks I know so hopefully they will get involved.

Again, I want to thank you for your wonderful support of all the men and women serving overseas.

Sincerely,  
Steven Ressler  
CPT, QM

Just wanted to send a big thank you to you and OC Woodworkers for the pen I received today. I appreciate your gift and your support.

*Robert Garcia*

Robert Garcia  
SGT AG  
Casualty Area Command, Kuwait

Hello and THANK YOU for the beautiful freedom pen I received while being deployed!  
If I do not receive another gift, besides Jesus Christ, I am so satisfied with the gift you sent to us soldiers in this country.  
MSG Deidre Hester



Dear Ruth:

I am a deployed Department of the Army civilian here at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, and just received one of your beautifully handcrafted pens. I am a veteran of the Vietnam War.

Thank you for this pen! What a surprise!

I am a Public Affairs Officer for the Army Material Command, South West Asia, and I am here to report on the great accomplishments of our Soldiers and of the great support we here in Kuwait provide them in Iraq and Afghanistan. My regular assignment is at the Desert Chemical Depot Public Affairs Office, Stockton, Utah.

The Pen will be a keepsake and a memento of my experience here, and not something I will carry around in my pocket and lose! Please thank the Orange County Woodworkers for their support for the great Americans serving in Southwest Asia!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Chuck Sprague  
Army Field Support Brigade, South West Asia  
Public Affairs Officer



***TOY PROJECT FUND RAISER****by Ruthe Ingram***DRAWING NEWS:**

I must be having a LOT of fun because this year slipped by so quickly that it is difficult to believe we are starting a NEW YEAR!

There was no drawing in December but there was a wonderful Christmas party. We all had a nice time at the annual Christmas party thanks again to **Joe Lomax** who made it possible for our Elves to prepare a delicious dinner. Santa did a great job of passing out gifts and entertaining us!

Thank you Joe and all the Elves who made this delightful event possible!

Next month we will have our regular drawing with lots of nice items so don't forget to bring your allowance!

***IT'S TIME TO RENEW***

Attention Woodworkers! Yes, another year has slipped from our grasp once again. The New Year is upon us, and so is that time for membership renewal. Sorry, we don't have any early bird specials this time...it is \$30 per year, half priced for students. Avoid the rush, renew early, renew often...but at least renew. I will assume that all members are going to renew and will continue to receive the newsletter...until April...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.

***2005 OCWA CALENDER***

January 5	<b>Elections</b>
January 5	<b>Bill Bruins</b> Plane Talk
February 3	<b>Alan Lacer</b>
April 1	<b>Irene Grafert</b>
May 13	<b>Dick Sing</b>
August 12	<b>Art Liestman</b>

***FRIENDS OF OCWA***

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

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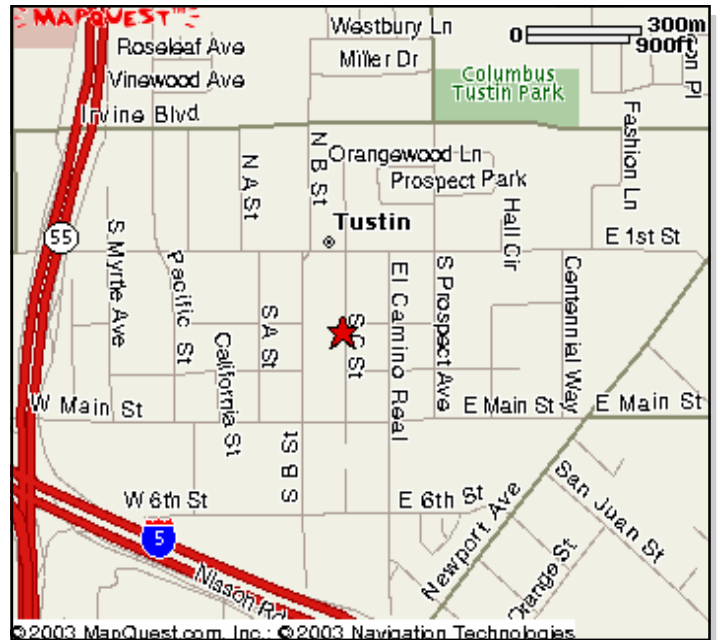
### OUR MEETING PLACE

The Tustin Senior Center  
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Tustin, CA 92680

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<http://www.ocwoodworkers.com>

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### BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 5, 6:00 PM

### WOODWORKERS MEETING

Thursday, January 5, 7:00 PM

### WOODTURNERS MEETING

Thursday, January 19, 7:00 PM

### TOY WORKSHOP



The toy workshop is looking for a new Head Elf. More important than woodworking skills is the ability to organize people and materials. If you are interested in helping to keep this very worthy project alive and productive please contact Bill Rogers or any of the Board members.