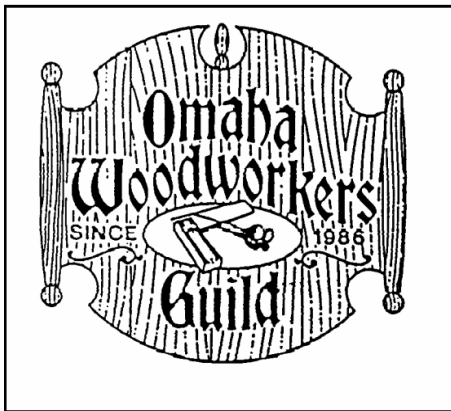


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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

### President's Column.....by Rick Froehlich



The holidays are behind us, and a new year is here. Our Guild, has a new year of activities planned for 2006, as well! No patting ourselves on the back or waving the flag, but we have a great bunch of people in our woodworker organization! I say this, because of the effects of our members who took the time, once more to make toys for our Annual Santa Wooden Toys For Kid's. The weather this November, might of messed us-up for having our regular meeting with Santa, but that didn't stop Santa or our members from gathering and getting the toys to the kid's! Thanks, are in order to, Eugene Carkoski, for volunteering his house, as a drop-off point. Eugene, collected dozens of toys, from many members. One member showed at Eugene's door step with a large box of fifty toy vehicles, and said he has more, if we want them! All members, brought several toys and we want to personally thank each and all...Great Job!

### On another serious note, it's that time of year again....Membership Due Time!

Our organization, usually carries and annual membership between fifty-five and sixty-five members. Not large by any standards, when you compare our numbers, with another area woodwork related organization (Mid-America Woodcarvers Association), which has nearly 700 members, from over a large area of the U.S. and Canada. That gives that fine organization a larger funds, to host shows, classes and other activities, for their members. As with everything else in today world, it takes money! Our organization is smaller, but we also are able to organize guild functions and activities on a more personal basis, with a limited annual budget, totally generated through our dues system! Our organization hosts one major activity each year for our membership and their spouse's. This is our Annual OWG Picnic and Woodcraftsman Contest. Other annual expense's include: Monthly Newsletter and Postage, Liability Insurance, member's Library materials, with a little left over for misc. expenses.

So this is the reason's it is important for us all to pay our annual membership dues in a timely fashion and as soon as we can. As our membership grows, we someday will have many more neat activities, for us all to enjoy, but for now....The OWG is doing just fine!  
See you at the next meeting,

**Month Ending  
December 31, 2005**

Beginning Balance 10/31/05	\$1,458.49
Garden Café	\$62.77
Rick Froelich	\$75.00
Bakers	\$19.99
Total Expenses	\$157.76
Dues	\$120.00
Ending Balance 12/31/05	\$1,420.73

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*New Programs are being scheduled now!*  
 Do you have an idea for a program you would like to see or present?  
 Give Jim Dalen a call at 933-6607 or email him at [jdalen@cox.net](mailto:jdalen@cox.net)

**JANUARY OWG MEETING NOTICE!**



**Santa Claus is at the North Pole for another year. And it's time for the OWG to get back in gear! Our November meeting activities are still in place....minus Santa and toys! The holidays are behind us, so let's set back and enjoy a relax full meeting with some good friends, treats and our Soup Supper!**

**Bring a contribution for the "Treat and Goodies" table! The Guild is furnishing Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup and soda pop! BE SURE TO BRING YOUR SPOUSE OR DATE, as they are sure welcome to a night out with the guys too!**

**After dinner, we will have a special "SHOW AND TELL PRESENTATION"!**

**We want to see everyone bring at least one item or past project, no matter how big or small, to show to**

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**2006 OWG DUES ANNOUNCEMENT!**

**The Membership Chairman, Gene Kathol, is now excepting 2006 OWG dues!**

**Please remember that dues are now \$30.00 a year and a membership form must be filled out and sent with your check. All members are also asked to fill-out one of the OWG Liability Waiver Forms, starting in 2006. If you haven't already picked-up one of the (yellow) Liability Waiver Forms at one of our past meetings. You may do so at the January OWG meeting. By filling out these forms and turning them in with your dues payment it makes sure, that our Guild records keep accurate.....As usual, you may also pay your dues at our regular January meeting!**

**Dues can be sent to: Omaha Woodworkers Guild c/o Gene Kathol, 13423 Corby Circle, Omaha, Nebraska 68164**

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# President's Project

## Omaha Woodworkers Guild 2006 SANTA TOY HANDBOOK

Fellow OWG members and toy makers! I'm in the process of compiling a handbook of the toys our members have made this year and in past years, for our Guild Library as a reference booklet for all OWG members. This reference booklet, would be a big help for new members, as well as older members. The first issue would be made available for checking-out, with the possibility of additional copies printed for individual members, who would like their own personal copy. The publication and it's contents will include the story of why our Guild makes these toys and where they go after they are completed. Volunteer contributor's (OWG members only!), will have a photo of their toy, with construction spec's and details, along with some help hints and comments, from it's maker. You must be willing to share your toy idea with others, to be included in this project! THIS WILL BE AN ONGOING PROJECT FOR 2006, and hopefully ready by late 2006 or early 2007. If you would like to contribute to this effort, and want your toy(s) in the Handbook. I need a good clear photo of your toy(s), or better, the toy itself, to be photographed for your page. In addition, construction measurements and spec's with another short details about your toy(s) and you, as the maker!

**Please contact me soon, to reserve you page space!**

Thanks,

**Rick**

A note from Eugene Carkoski:

The toys have arrived and Santa is on his way to pick them up. We received every thing from airplanes to tops. Some of the simple wobbly pull toys the toddlers will really enjoy. The doll cradles, two that are not in the picture because I ran out of space on the table match the other two. The animal scenes cut out of copper were very skillfully done, (using my skill with a scroll saw as a reference). One box had 50 toys in it of all shapes and sizes.

A large number of the toys were cars, there were some great kaleidoscopes, tops some that the tip could be removed and a felt tip was exposed. (The mothers will enjoy those) The cradles were skillfully done the girls will have fun with them. The puzzle, which is hard to see in the picture, is made of inlayed wood.

I am sorry that I did not get all of the names of the donors, but as one of the givers said it's the giving that counts.

Guarding them from the grand kids and houseguest over the holiday was the hardest part of the job but I enjoyed it my thanks to everyone.

## A Sample of the toys picked up by Santa



**NEXT MEETING**  
January 17th, 2005, 7:00 PM  
At  
Hardwood Heaven

### ***COMING EVENTS...***

February 3-4-5

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