By the time you read this, 2004 will be almost over. This year’s “Toys for Tot’s” effort culminated on December 7th with 1,910 toys being presented to the Salvation Army. That is a 17% increase over 2003, and that was a very good year itself with 1634 toys produced. On behalf of your board of directors, I would like to thank each and everyone who was involved with this effort. This goes not only to all the members who made toys this year, and Rogette’s tole painters, but also to the contribution made by our commercial members, not the least of which is Woodcraft allowing us to use their tools and facilities to produce many of the toys that were in this year’s total.

2005 looks to be off to a good start with our January program. We will be having a presentation of high quality tools from Bridge City Tool Works. If you have ever seen any of their items you already know of their high quality, and now we will all know even more about how they are made and used so plan on being at our January 4th meeting.

Just to get the year off on the right foot, the February birdhouse contest will be the first contest of 2005. The main requirements of this contest is that it be made of wood and be made since last year’s contest. So dust off your plans, warm up your shops and get building. Remember, while the birds may not be picky, the judges can be, so put your best efforts into making this a good year for the birds. And yes Bob, you can use #3 pine for your entry.

Also coming in February will be a presentation on Liptus wood from Weyerhaeuser Corp.

While your board is always looking for quality presentations, we are still interested in what you, our members, would like to see. So, at the January meeting, I will be passing around a sheet so you can give us your input. After all is said and done, it is your club and your board will strive to give you the quality presentations that you want.
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Contact Treasurer Neil Knutsen for more membership information.

NEWSLETTER

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Do you have woodworking related items to sell? Are you looking for something special for your shop? Advertise here:

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Supershop Model 9160 Operation Manual and illustrated Parts List (photocopy ok) or anyone with past experience with this older multifunction tool. Contact Eugene Hayes @ 916-484-78006 or sew-fine95660@yahoo.com
Furniture/Finishing SIG

Contact Person: **Dick Wampach, 530-677-8251**

Our SIG did not meet in December, as most of the others didn't too!

The next meeting of our group will be on Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at the home/shop of Rich & Cathy Glacken. The formal part of the program will be led by the Lemons who will discuss staining.

Maps will be provided at the regular membership meeting in Jan. Per Mapquest take Hy 99 south to Dillard Rd east 6.4 mi; turn left onto Randolph .1 mi, turn right onto Jeffcott Rd 2 mi to 9599 Jeffcott Rd Wilton, CA 95693. Ph. 916-687-6737. We usually go into action at about 7 p.m. and cut off time is about 9 pm.

Bring your project questions and we will try to help out with suggestions and opinions.

Novice SIG

Contact Person: **Floyd Gibson 423-6626**

The Novice SIG did not meet in December but they are off and running for January. The SIG will meet on Saturday, January 15 10a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lloyd Shaw’s shop, 2241 Homewood Way, Carmichael, CA. Lloyd’s phone number is 916-359-1013. The plan is to start for 2005 Toys for Tots by cutting out rocking horses for the project. No assembly at this meeting because the horses get too active if they are left all year long waiting for their owners. Get involved in the Club’s major project by coming to Floyd’s on January 15.

Scrollsaw SIG

Contact Person: **Bob Schieck 381-2641**

Like the other SIGs, Scrollsaw did not meet in December. The January meeting will be held on Saturday, January 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bert Firtier’s shop, 3993 H Street, Sacramento, CA. Bert’s phone number is 916-451-9206. Bert will have at least five scrollsaws available for you to work on and also his lathe if you want to make a pen or some other small turning project. If you do want to make a wooden pen, please go by Woodcraft before the meeting and pick up a kit. None will be available for sale at the meeting. Also, if you have a tool or two that needs sharpening, bring them by. Bert has lots of sharpening equipment that he reports that he will make available.

Tole Painting SIG

Contact Person: **Rogette Sommer 371-5609**

Rogette and the crew were certainly busy last month as anyone who attended the December toy display can see. In January its time to start the new year with new projects. The Tole painting SIG for January will be on January 13 and 27th at the Hart Senior Center, 7p.m. to 9 p.m. All members are welcome and no tools are required to attend. Come out and learn Tole Painting from the experts. Its fun.
LIBRARY

Books, videos, and magazines are available to members for one month at a time when checked out of the library at the back of the meeting room. Be sure to return the items you check out at the next meeting.

BIRDHOUSE CONTEST

Remember when you wanted to build the best birdhouse? Now is the chance to relive your childhood ambitions and get credit for having one that a bird will really want to live in. The February contest will be to build the best birdhouse in the club. There are always a lot of entries for this contest and a project can be a house, feeder, bird tables or a nesting box. Let your imagination be your guide and bring in something that you built out of wood in the last year. Anything from a basic house to a decorative and ornate project will be welcome. To make your project useful as well as decorative, here is a chart to help:

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