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## THE BLADERUNNER

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**DECEMBER MEETING** The December meeting convened as scheduled at 7:00 PM at the Redwood Intermediate School Cafetorium. Forty-six members and 14 guests attended.

**DECEMBER PROGRAM** **Mike DeCaprio** started the meeting by listing the positions that would be open for the Board of Directors election in February and asked the membership to submit any additional nominations as they saw fit. [Ed. There's more on the election process later in the issue.]

**Duane Nightingale** announced that the Sheriff's Academy would be starting a new training session for volunteer police in January. Anyone interested in participating in this once a week, 12-week course should contact Duane at 705-706--1834.

**Bill Waters** announced that he found dust masks that are easy to use, fit well and actually work. They are made by 3M and have a one-way valve to facilitate breathing. They cost \$2.50 each at Décor Color and Design, 2820 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd, (495-7097).

### **SANTA'S WORKSHOP**

**Greg Charles** announced that the 560 toys that the club donated this year overwhelmed the manager of Interface, **Lucinda Connelly**, and her staff. They were magnanimous in their thanks and Greg assured them that we would be helping them again next year.

The following is a summary-in no particular order - of Santa's Helpers' efforts this year.

**Paul Brockway** made and shellacked 60 cars and trucks.

**Larry Thrasher** - 40 trucks.

**Eileen Charles** - 40 tree ornaments and 40 magic wands.

**Gene Strojek** - 2 Christmas trees and a rocking horse.

**Bill Watkins** and **Bill Waters** - 13 kittens.

**Dan Smith** and **Don Johnson** - 40 cribs.

**Robert Coyle, John Knittle** and **Bob Fahrnbach** - 60 helicopters.

**Greg Charles, Bob Fahrnbach, Linda Sands, Loren Stone, Dennis O'Dowd, Jeff Lucia, Robert Coyle** and **Robert Holmquist** - 100 trucks.

**Marshall Nathanson, Dan Gallo, Bill Gourlay, Bob Holmquist, John Knittle, Jack Luhrsen, Ollie Mahannah, Linda Sands, Haily Sands Gene West and Loren Stone** - made 79 cars, 39 heart shaped bandsaw boxes and 39 heart shaped magic wands.  
**Greg and Eileen Charles** made 1070 oak wheels for the above toys.

The Board of Directors thanks all of the participants in the project and you can rest assured that you will brighten the lives of many children on Christmas morning.

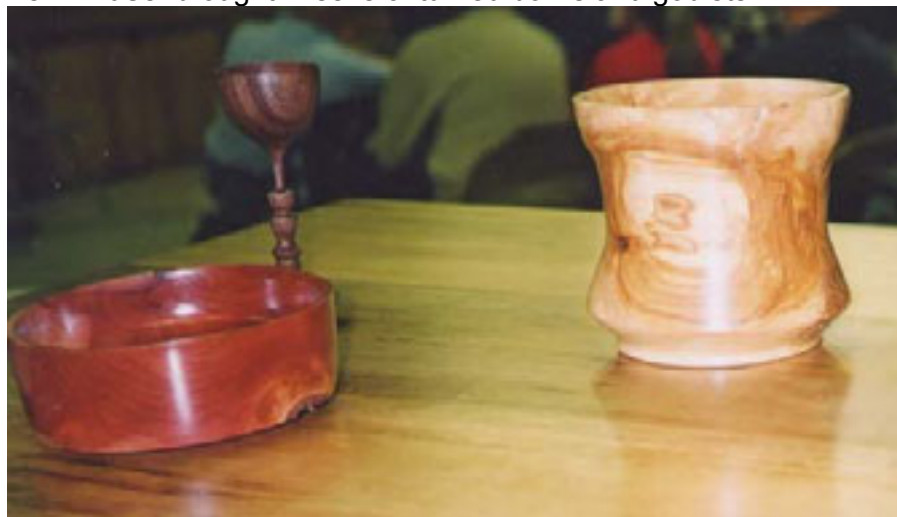
**DECEMBER TRIP** Approximately 40 people invaded **Stephen Case-Pall's** house on the first for The Club's annual holiday party. There was plenty of food and refreshments and a lot of talk, reminiscing and nostalgia. Steve's shop created a great deal of interest for us garage-shop people.

**DECEMBER VISITORS** **Michael Waring, Walter Waring, Roman Przybyla, Kevin Kern, Craig Handberg, Carol Maheux, Dave Hergesheimer, Evan Chapman, Tim Carr, Bill McClelland, Lou Chasse, Pat Holmes, Kelly Macone, and Olivier Velton** visited with us in December. We hope to see you again in January. For the record, this is the largest number of visitors we have had this year.

**DECEMBER NEW MEMBERS** There were no new members this month.

**DECEMBER SHOW AND TELL**

**Felix Masci** brought in several turned bowls and goblets.



**Gene West** brought in his collection of toys, animals and locks. The locks, both keyed and combination, did work.



**Dan Gallo** showed two race cars he made for his son and a 3D forest scene scroll-sawed out of Baltic birch depicting trees and elks.



**Gene Strojeck** brought in a variety of scroll sawed Christmas trees and a rocking horse.

**Dave Blackburn** had a selection of decorated boxes and chopstick holders. The chopsticks were hand made out of purpleheart.



**Richard Kingsbury** exhibited a spaulted maple coffee table.



**Lee Cooper** brought in a similar oak coffee table that had a couple of craftsman period touches to it.

[The two tables were both made at the woodworking class at Cerritos College and came from the same set of plans; the point being, that individual creative touches can be made to existing plans to produce a piece designed for the woodworker's tastes.]

## DECEMBER PRIZE WINNERS

Black & Decker 20 piece drill set    **Felix Masci**  
Chicago Electric 16.8V drill/driver    **Don Green**  
Black and Decker power planer    **Lee Cooper**  
Black and Decker cordless saw    **Jack Luhsan**  
36 " Speed level    **Bob Holmquist**  
Set of 3 water stones    **Arlen Handberg**

**JANUARY MEETING** The December meeting will be held, as usual, at 7:00 PM at the Redwood Intermediate School Cafetorium.

**JANUARY PROGRAM** **Tony Roman** will give a talk on upholstery at the January meeting. Tony started out recovering car seats 30 years ago. He owned his own shop prior to accepting a job at Point Mugu. There he designed and made coverings for everything from furniture to aircraft part protectors. He has taught for the Oxnard Adult Education program since 1971. He and his work have been the subject of articles in the local press, *The Missile News* and *U.S Professional Upholsterer Magazine*. Needless to say, we have an experienced pro ready to demonstrate his techniques and answer your questions.

**JANUARY PRIZES** Black & Decker 1/3 sheet finishing sander

Black & Decker 1 ¾ HP plunge router  
Black & Decker single speed jigsaw  
Ryobi 6" Thin Line bench grinder with light

**JANUARY TRIP** No trip is scheduled for January

**FEBRUARY PROGRAM** February is election time. Look for the slate in the February Bladerunner.

In addition to the election **Duane Nightingale** will give a talk on making dovetail joints.

**FEBRUARY PRIZES** Not yet available

**FEBRUARY TRIP** None Scheduled

# ANNOUNCEMENTS THANKS AND OTHER STUFF

## Elections

January also starts the election process. The available positions are:

**President**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice president**

**2<sup>nd</sup> vice president**

**Directors at Large – 3**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**Librarian**

The nomination committee, chaired by **Stephan Case-Pall** has established a proposed slate that will be identified at the January meeting. Nominations can be made from the floor and will be accepted if the proposed nominee is present to verbally accept the nomination or has sent, in advance, a statement of acceptance.

All nominations will be closed in January.

All nominations will be published in the February issue of the Bladerunner that will be mailed approximately a week before the February meeting.

The committee will conduct the elections at the February meeting. The results will be published in the March Bladerunner with the elective's taking office at the March meeting.

## Classified

**Bill McClelland** has an extension table from a Delta Unisaw he is giving away. It will also fit the Delta Shaper. It is the solid surface - not ribbed - version of the extension. Give him a call at 805-493-0149.

## Cerritos College

Anyone interested in information about the woodworking classes at Cerritos College can find it at <http://www3.cerritos.edu/wood/>.

## Pen Blanks

Conejo Hardwoods now stocks pen blanks in the following woods: verawood, Texas ebony, desert eucalyptus, Madagascar rosewood, wenge, lacewood, tuya burl, tulipwood, kingwood, African blackwood, pink ivory and olivewood.

## Wood vendors

The following is a list of vendors who provide club members with discounts. Don't forget, you need your card when you ask for the discount.

### **H & M Hardwoods & Moldings**

19 Aviator St.  
Camarillo, CA 93010  
805-987-3877

### **Higgins Lumber**

13290 Paxton Ave.  
Pacoima, CA 91331  
800-241-1883

### **Integrity Wood Products**

7836 Alabama Ave.  
Canoga Park, CA 91304  
818-704-7490

### **Mayan Lumber**

2930 Los Olivos  
Oxnard, CA 93030  
800-937-8890

### **Eisenbrand Hardwoods**

4100 Spenser St.  
Torrance, CA 90503  
800-258-2587

### **Conejo Hardwoods**

31275 La Baya Dr.  
Westlake Village, CA 91362  
805-495-0025

### **Orco Construction Supply and Tools.**

2001 Eastman Ave.  
Oxnard, CA 93030  
805-278-3900

### **Reel Lumber**

1321 N. Kraemer Blvd.  
Anaheim, CA 92806  
714-632-1988

### **Black & Decker**

20940 Victory Blvd.  
Woodland Hills, CA 91367  
818-884-6024

## Comment

One of the questions regularly asked during meetings is about clear finishing. What do you apply to wood to obtain a transparent finish that is durable and easy to apply? Is there one amongst us who can give, or knows someone who can give, a program on varnishes, oils, waxes, brush-ons, wipe-ons and/or spray-ons?

## Footstools

One of the more obscure projects of the CVWA is providing footstools for children with disabilities in the public schools. Over the past years, the club has provided over 60 stools, crafted by members of the club. The following letter speaks for itself.

Dear Mr. DeCaprio:

I would like to thank you for the wonderful wooden footstools that you donated to our school for the Down's Syndrome child who attends this school. It is very thoughtful and generous of you to provide the footstools at no charge to the school. This particular child attends a fourth grade class and has to put his feet on telephone books since the desk is too high for him. The two footstools that you provided will be used in both his regular classroom and the Resource Specialist classroom that he also attends.

The student feels so special to have these footstools that are for his use alone. We told him that some very special people made them just for him.

Once again, thank you very much for the beautifully crafted footstools for this use of our special education student. The workmanship is wonderful and your generosity is greatly appreciated. We all wish you a wonderful holiday.

Signed by the Resource Specialist and Principal of the Santa Rose Elementary School, Camarillo, CA.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President	Mike DeCaprio	805-388-0983	Director	Gene West	805-483-1210
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