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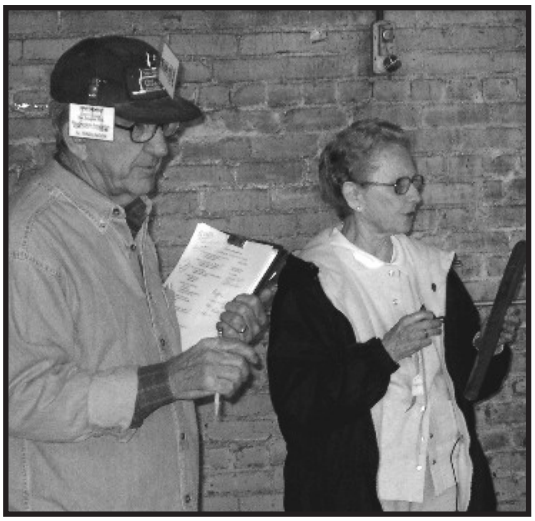
November Meeting

By: David Dunlap

Tony Wortner set us up on a special field trip for the November meeting. We met in Exeter at Sierra Forge and Fire which is located at 130 E. Maple Street. The business is just getting up on its feet and sports a very interesting business plan. Our host was Duran Randolph who explained basically that they want to keep alive the lost arts of craftsmanship. This would include such things as glass blowing, blacksmithing, bladesmithing and woodworking. Later they hope to add such things as ceramics and weaving. The interesting twist that she tossed in though is that they want to not only provide a venue for instruction but also a place for craftsmen to make and market their work. Their plans include a snack shop area and a gallery as well. The building they have purchased is an historic building which originally supported the manufacture of irrigation parts. The 15,000 square foot building is under renovation. It was quite interesting to see it now and hear about all of the plans. The owners are Duran and her husband Christopher Dery. Joe Morel also visited with us about his craft of glass blowing of which he is a 25 year veteran. The business website is www.forgeandfire.com Check it out and stop by to see the work in progress as well. We will have to keep an eye on this up and coming world class crafts school. Duran would be quite interested in talking to anyone who may want to teach, learn, work or volunteer at the center. She can be reached at 559-592-2414.

Guest Lovella Jensen brought along a flute she made and a fist full of pictures showing several other musical instruments she has made including a folding guitar? Very nice work and very interesting creations. Dave Kibler brought a variation of the incredible novelty box that he is perfecting and Al Sindlinger brought in what he thought was a very rare circular saw until it was disclosed that Ed Root had six of them in his shop - somewhere.



"Al Sindlinger and Lovella Johnson"

This was a very well attended meeting pushing 50 people. It will be quite interesting to see what kinds of opportunities and relationships develop between our diverse and skilled membership and Sierra Forge and Fire-quite interesting.

"Duran Randolph and Joe Morel of Sierra Forge and Fire"

President's Message

I will start with our association meeting in Exeter. As all of the members that attended this meeting know, it was a shorter meeting than we had scheduled. The reason for the short meeting was the owner Christopher Dery was called away at the last minute and it was too late to notify all members of a change. We felt it was still a good opportunity to have the members meet at the Sierra Forge & Fire so we could see what these people are trying to accomplish. We need to help them spread the word and help in any way we can to get this worthwhile venture off the ground. The School is called: Sierra Forge & Fire, Located in Exeter at 130 E. Maple St. Telephone # 559-592-2414.

Toys

The toys will be boxed and distributed by the time you read this newsletter. Congratulations to all the members that contributed to this annual event. All the children that receive these hand made toys will have a better Christmas. A special thanks to Glen Gray and Ben Douglas for coordinating the north workshops and Dave Summers for the South workshops.

Special Note: We have wood for the coming year. Some of the wood is at Dave Dunlap's and Wes Hofer's woodshops and the other wood is located at Tulare Western under Dave Summer's supervision. You can call any one of these three for wood any time you wish.

Auction

The auction will be held on January 21, 2006 at Wes Hofer's family farm in the Dinuba area. (See map inside newsletter) Please have all the auction items to the Hofer ranch by January 15, 2006. This will give Wes and his boys time to set up the auction items on the computer for a fast and speedy check-out. If you need help to get your donated items to Dinuba, give a board member a call and we will help with transporting the items to the Hofer ranch.

Elections

Elections are coming soon. If you are interested in this organization continuing to be an interesting association we need input and participation from all the members. Please consider a position in this organization.

Project Show

Project show will be in Kingsburg again on May 20, 2006. Dust off those old plans and let's have a great show again this coming year.

Al Sindlinger

The Bean Counter's Corner

By: Ken Kenoyer

Welcome to a new year with the SJFWA. All kinds of things are happening, but first things first.

DUES: I am now collecting dues for the New Year. Dues are the same as in the past, $30. For the new members, and as a reminder to all others, this is the way it works. All dues are actually due and payable by the third Saturday in March. If I have not received your dues by the 15th of April you are dropped from the mailing list. You can still reinstate after that but you take the chance of missing issues of the newsletter and any other correspondence that might take place. After one year if you still have not reinstated you are dropped from the database and must reapply.

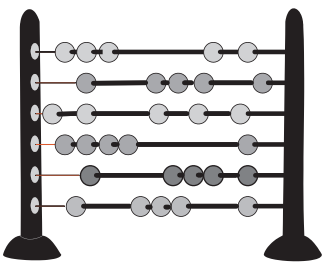
AUCTION: This is without a doubt one of my favorite meetings of the year. If you want a 1000-watt light, how about a chain saw, or maybe some exotic wood or even a thousand and one other items, then the auction is for you. This auction is a major fundraiser for the club and literally supports our toy program. This is the way it works. All items are donated to the club and all proceeds go into the clubs treasury.

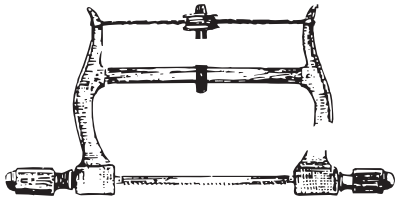
We are fortunate to have Mr. Wes Hofer and family host this auction again this year. Those of you who attend auctions will find that Wes runs this one as professionally as any other. Therefore, open up your hearts, wallets, and storage area where you keep all that usable stuff that you don't use and join in for a great time.

NEWSLETTER: Notice anything new with the newsletter? No advertisements, fewer pages and more concise. Plus it was mailed first class. This is an experiment to test different facets of delivery, continuity, cost and a few other things as well. What do you think?

Hope you had a Merry Christmas (celebrating the true meaning and receiving a lot of neat woodworking tools too) and a Happy start on the New Year.

Happy Woodworking





Board of Director's Meeting
Sun Hong Kong Restaurant
Kingsburg, California
November 16, 2005

President Al Sindlinger called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. Members present were: Al Sindlinger, Ben Douglas, Ken Kenoyer, Ed Root, Chuck Smith, Glen Gray, Tony Wortner, John Snyder, Chris Grothe, David Dunlap, Roger Mc Coy, Mac Macklin, JC Charles, Tom Tucker, and Bruce Auernheimer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the September 14, 2005 meeting were read and approved. MSC/Ken Kenoyer/ Tom Tucker.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Kenoyer reported a bank balance of $5,204.51. All bills are paid. We have 95 paid members. The Red Bead Raffle payout is now $139. The Memorial Fund is now at $332.

VP REPORTS: *(South Region)* Tony Wortner reminded us of the November 19, 2005 meeting that will be at the foundry in Exeter. There will be a demo on forging and glass blowing.

The January 21, 2006 meeting will be the auction at Wes Hofer's shop in Dinuba. Wes won't start taking items for sale until the first part of December.

(North Region) John Snyder reminded us of the December 17, 2005 meeting at John Manselian's shop at 707 W. Shields, Fresno where Howard Atamian and John Snyder will cover "Finishing Part-1 and Chris Grothe will do a chip carving demo. There will be an exchange of $10 gifts for members who want to participate. Bring your own lunch or you can get food nearby.

The February 18, 2006 meeting will cover "drying type" finishes. The place of the meeting will be announced later.

The April 15, 2006 meeting will cover "active type" finishes. The place of the meeting will be announced later.

NEWSLETTER: David Dunlap reminded us that our articles are due December 10, 2005. Dave apologizes for the North not receiving the Newsletter on time. David and Ken Kenoyer are going to check into changing to periodical mailing. It could expedite the mailing and cost less.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: *(Tulare Fair)* JC Charles said they had a pretty good fair. There was not as much participation from our group. We had 10 members take care of the booth.

(Fresno Fair) Chris Grothe said we had 23 members who took care of the booth.

(Videos) Tom Tucker bought 2 new videos on "Bowl Turning" by Richard Raffin at Linden Publications.

Toys Program-2005 *(South)* Dave Summers said November 26, 2005 is the last toy making meeting.

(North) Glen Gray said the last toy making meeting was November 21, 2005 at David Dunlap's shop. Some of the group will be making toys until December 1. Toy collection is November 25 & toy distribution is on December 2.

The North added 4 new locations to it's Toy Distribution list:

(1)FIRM (Fresno Interdenominational Refuge Ministries) ; 1940 N Fresno St., Fresno 93703

(2) Jefferson Child Development Ctr. ; 202 N Mariposa, Fresno, 93701

(3) Lincoln Child Develpment Ctr; 1100 Mono St. ; Fresno 93706

(4) Anthony Child Development Ctr. ; 1542 E Weber, Fresno 93728

Sierra Forest Products donated wood to the Club for our toy making.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

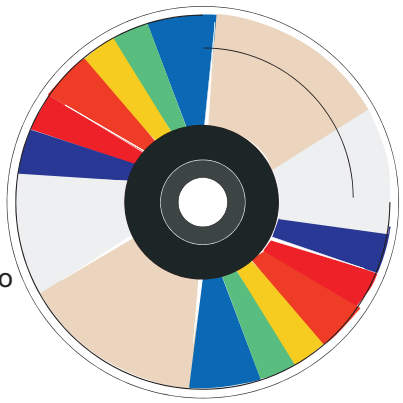
Glen Gray,

Secretary

SJWA VIDEO REVIEW

By: Tom Tucker

Chip Carving with Wayne Barton



Our club has contracted with Mr. Barton to put on a two-day school in February 2006. Wayne is noted to be one of the best teachers in chip carving.

Our club purchased the video of his work some time ago. It is timely that this video review comes just as we are about to have the master right here in Fresno for a private class.

The video By Taunton Press is 52 minutes of great easy to understand instruction. Wayne covers the tools required and explains the use of them. He shows you how to carve lace, flower, and positive and negative as well as zigzag borders.

Wayne carves a 12-point rosette, a swirl rosette and a gothic rosette. He shows you how to design and draw them using a scale and a compass.

The next section of the video covers lettering. He shows three styles, freeform, Roman and old English style and even covers script monograms.

If you have an interest in chip carving this video should get you started. You may decide to come to the class for some personal training by the master himself, Wayne Barton.

SJFWA Toy Project 2005

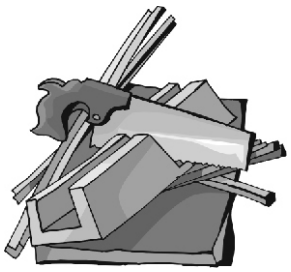
Do you ever wonder how to figure out if something was a success? For example, was this years SJFWA Toy Project a success? Well if you are a numbers freak the club custom built/manufactured right at 4,000 toys. Now, I must admit that I do not know how that number was determined but regardless, it is quite impressive don't you think? If you measure by participation we still score well. There had to be at least 50 people from the group who made toys this year. Your Newsletter Editor, being the chicken that he is, has decided not to even try to mention the names of the participants for fear of leaving someone out, but Dave Summers and Glen Gray as the South and North Toy Committee chairmen certainly earned an honorable mention for all of their efforts. Also deserving a note of thanks is Glen's wife. How is that you say? I stopped by Glen's house to drop off a box of ready-to-finish toys and when Glen opened his front door, instead of seeing that big Glen Gray smile (which he was displaying as usual), my attention was immediately drawn to a living room piled full of boxes of toys! Now think about that. How many boxes of toys could you store in your living room? Thank you Mrs. Gray. We also must thank our friends from the Porterville Quilters and the Quilters of the Hope Lutheran Church. These two groups made the baby/quilt sets to go in the cradles that many of us made. They did such a nice job. (See picture of the lovely Colleen Conroy) Check out the other pictures for some great examples. We made a record 150 cradles this year too.

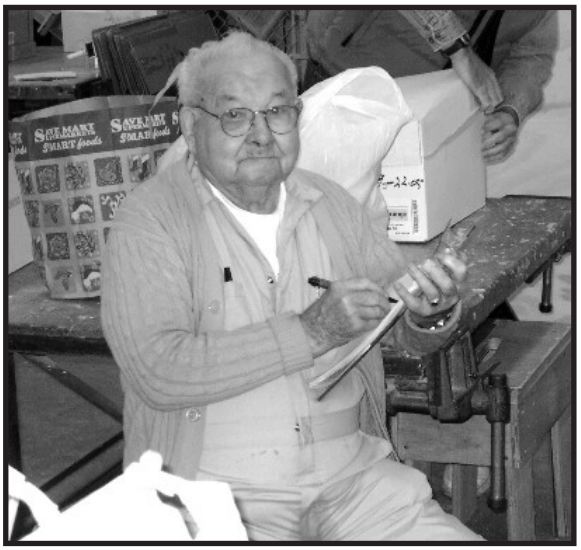
I think I will settle with success being measured by a combination of knowing that our club came together, created these thousands of toys and distributed them to dozens of special organizations across the central valley who, in turn, redistributed them to thousands of kids who will enjoy them for years to come. Pretty cool. Feel proud fellow woodworkers, we did good.

We already have wood for next year too. See The President's Message for more on that.

"Al Sindlinger and Colleen Conroy"

"Isn't this the cutest thing?"





"Ed Root making a list and checking it twice"

December Meeting

By: Dave Dunlap

Our December meeting was, according to tradition, held at John Manselian's shop in West Fresno. The original scheduled topic was to have been the first in a series of presentations on finishing. Don't worry as that series is still coming and is scheduled to start at the February meeting. The main topic for this meeting was an income opportunity for our woodworking members. We had a crowd of nearly 50 in attendance as Bob Brandes (see picture) pitched his proposal to manufacture heavy wooden kitchen utensils made from old wine barrel staves. The companies name is The Carlo Middione Collection of Wine Barrel Kitchen Tools. These folks have a market for this specialized line of utensils but don't have enough people making them as it requires craftsmanship and doesn't lend itself well to mass production. Therein lies the opportunity for some of you. If you want to help fill the demand for these spoons and spatulas Mr. Brandes will fix you up and, with some practice, he thinks you can net around $25/hour before overhead costs for your effort. It was an interesting presentation and Bob can be contacted by calling 415-775-8430 or emailing him at crashbrandes@sbcglobal.net.

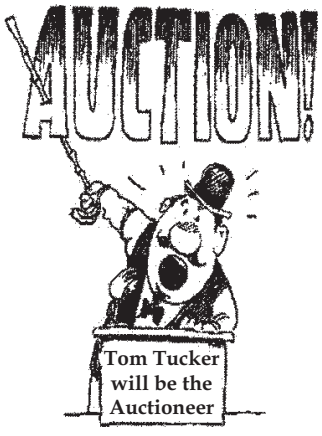
"Bob Brandes"

"Lots of presents for good little woodworkers "

Glen Gray announced that one of the Christmas Toy recipient institutions had donated $50 dollars to our club. Thanks to Roger McCoy for the 2006 Calendars from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. John Snyder told us of another toy making opportunity if you want to take your skills international. John knows a dentist who will be traveling to Armenia in June and would like to take along all of the toys he can. If you would be interested in this program contact John at 559-434-4354. Finally, your Newsletter Editor announced that if you would like an electronic copy of the 2006 SJFWA Calendar that you could print in color, just send him an email and he will promptly return it to you.

The meeting was capped off with our gift exchange. There were around 30 participants in this fun part of our December meeting and I saw some pretty cool stuff floating around. Thanks to John Manselian for being a great host and allowing the group to descend on his shop again.

January Meeting

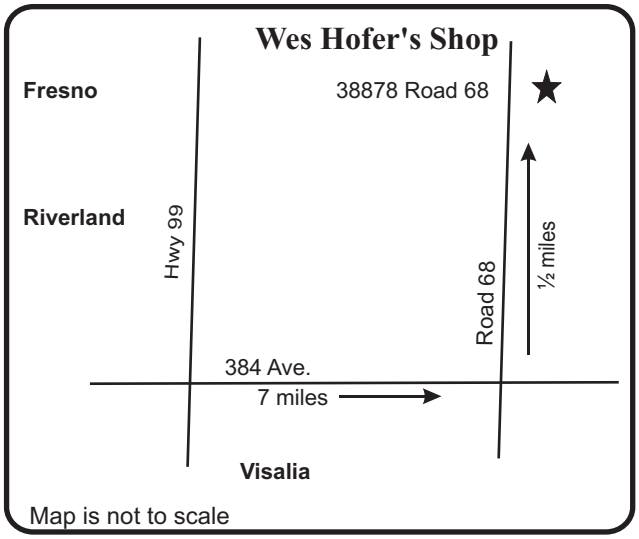


Annual SJFWA Auction
Wes Hofer's Shop • Dinuba

Date: January 14, 2006
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Where: Wes Hofer's shop
38878 Rd 68
Dinuba, CA 93618

The Annual Auction provides you with the opportunity to clean out your shop of items you no longer use or want. The items are donated for the Auction and in return you can get some really good buys for toys, your home or your shop. Items you bring can be anything and does not have to be related to woodworking.

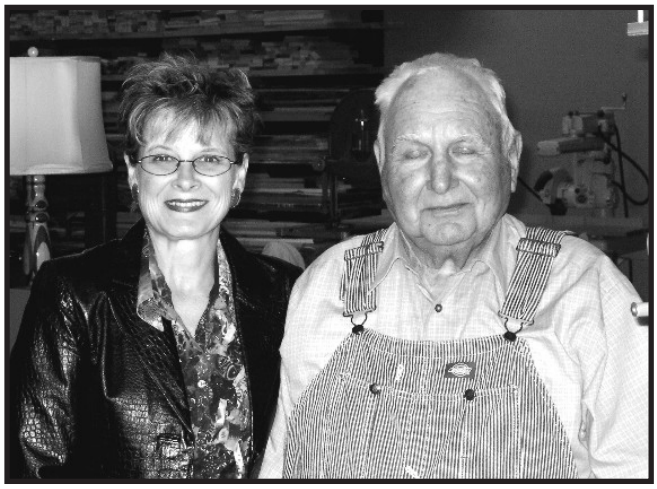
This is one of our most enjoyable meeting programs.



Directions: From Hwy 99, take Ave 384, just south of Riverland, and go east 7 miles to Road 68.Then go ½ mile north to Wes's Ranch on the right side of the road.

Wes Hofer's Open House

On Sunday November 26th there was a very special open house held at Wes Hofer's shop near Dinuba. Wes held this open house for anyone who might like to come by and check out all of the creations he has crafted over the years. There were a lot of items on display! I was fortunate to have a lovely escort (see picture). Now, I had seen many of these nice items before but never all at once and let me assure you that I was still impressed. Peggy on the other hand hadn't seen much of Wes's work and she was very impressed. Nice idea Wes, thank you for sharing your nice work with all of us. At the December meeting, Tony Wortner announced that Wes will have a part in the upcoming March meeting and will discuss segmented turning. Come see the master for this one, you can count on it being an interesting meeting.



"Wes Hofer with the Newsletter Editor's gorgeous wife Peggy"

"Some of Wes's gorgeous work"

Membership

New Members

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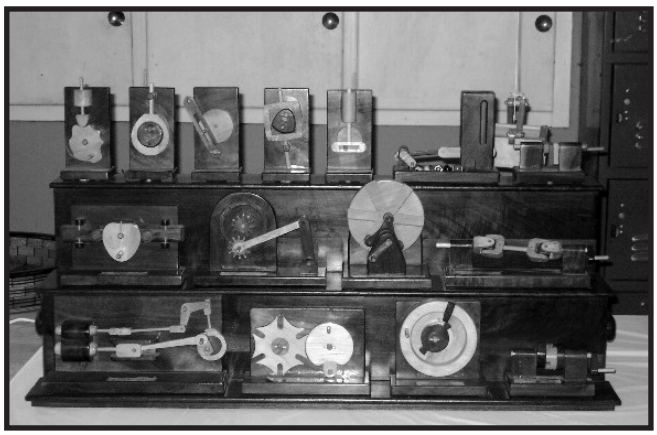
Springville



"More of Wes's gorgeous work"

Remember Chip Carving

Don't forget the Chip Carving class with Wayne Barton scheduled for February 4th and 5th at David Dunlap's shop. There is a full article about this opportunity in the last Newsletter #137 on page 6. Lunch is included for both days. I will send a map and directions to all attendees as we approach the date so as not to use valuable Newsletter space for that.

February Meeting

Date: February 18, 2006
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Where: Ideal Saw
351 O Street
Fresno, CA

The February meeting will feature the first in a series of three meetings about finishing. Howard Atamian and John Snyder, along with other surprise presenters, will put on the show. The meeting will be held at Ideal Saw on O Street in downtown Fresno. It will start at 9:00 as usual and end at noon. Remember to bring a chair. You may also want to bring your note pad as there will likely be a lot of very good information to take back with you to apply (no pun intended) in your own shop.

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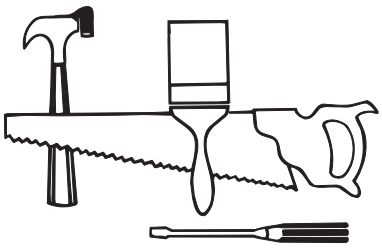

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Author unknown quote "Good judgment comes from experience and experience comes from bad judgment". How true is this??!!

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For Your CALENDAR

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Sequoia Woodturners Meetings
Call Chuck Smith at 226-3433

January 11, 2006

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
SJFWA Board Meeting
Sun Hong Kong Restaurant
Kingsburg, CA
All Members Welcome (Good Food!)

January 14, 2006

9:00 AM to Noon
Association Meeting
Wes Hofer's Shop
Annual Auction featuring Tom Tucker
See attached map

February 4th and 5th, 2006

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day
Chip Carving class with Wayne Barton
Lunch included
David Dunlap's Shop

February 18, 2006

9:00 AM to Noon
Association Meeting
Idea Saw Works - Fresno

February 10, 2006

All articles for the March/April Newsletter #139 are due to the Newsletter Editor.

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