

# Crafts worth a try in new year

When the new year starts  
And the old one ends  
It's a special time  
To remember friends.

Once again we open the book of a new year. The page is blank, what we inscribe upon it is up to each one of us and in a way it is exciting to face a brand new year. The Christmas wrapping is gone, the toys are either broken or put away, the children are back to school (thank goodness) and life resumes its normal pattern. Now is the time to change that pattern and add a bit of zest. Take up a new hobby — meet new people — get out of the house more often — enlarge your horizon.

The Guild can help in all the above. Our new courses are beginning in January and can be a great help in getting you over the 'blahs' that come with the let-down from the busy Christmas season.

The list of some of our proposed courses is in the Parks and Recreation brochure you received in November. However, I would like to bring a few more to your attention which were added after the brochure was printed.

Papier Tole — This is the art of taking a flat print and bringing it to life by cutting out the detail and elevating it to create a three dimensional effect. It is a craft that is becoming more and more popular. If you loved paper doll



## CRAFTINOTES

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cut-outs as a child, this course is right up your alley.

Spinning — This is the technique of using a spinning wheel and all that goes into changing sheep's wool into lovely yarn. It is an old craft and with the present interest in hand knit garments, the idea of going from the sheep's coat to one of your own is not only practical but fascinating as well and the Guild owns all the necessary equipment for the accomplishment of his feat.

Weaving — Not only can you learn how to spin your own yarn at the Guild, but we have an excellent teacher who will lead you through the intricacies of weaving on a loom. The Guild has looms too.

Bargello — This is a needlepoint

technique using upright stitches worked in repeat patterns over 2-6 horizontal canvas threads. It is usually done in several shades of one color. The results are breathtakingly beautiful. It can be used on household or personal articles.

Fabric and Stitches — In this course you will make an ensemble — a slip-on top and matching cardigan using fabric, knitting or crocheting and embroidery.

Tole Painting — We were disappointed that we did not have a teacher for this craft in the Fall, however this has been rectified and the courses will definitely be available now.

The registration time for these and 25 other courses is Thursday, Jan. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday

Jan. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At this time all the teachers will be on hand to answer your questions. They will have samples of the work covered in the course on display.

We are holding an Open House at the same times, with other work done by Guild members on display and for sale. Come to 98 Church Street and see what we are planning for 1986.

A comment for the New Year — Grow where you are planted — don't just put down roots.

### CRAFTY TIPS

- When following a stitch graph, cover it with a sheet of clear plastic. As you do each row, mark it off with a washable marker. When you finish the project,

just wipe off the sheet with a damp cloth.

- When sewing the opening closed on a stuffed toy or pillow, lay a piece of used fabric softener sheet over the stuffing directly below the opening before you sew it closed. This prevents pieces of fiberfill from sticking out of the opening and also prevents the needle from getting caught in the filling.

- Many Christmas home decorations are suitable all year round simply by changing the bow. It seems a shame that these beautiful things have to be stored for a whole year.

May 1986 be a fulfilling and happy year for you and may we find peace in our time.

## Tree taken from yard

front yard of a Markham business.

Between 5 p.m. Dec. 19 and 8 a.m. Dec. 20 a spruce tree was taken from Brent Printcup at 121 Bentley St. Police said the front yard was damaged during the heist. The tree is valued at \$200.

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