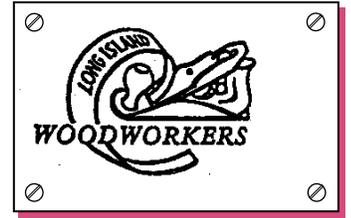


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“Tools are to men what shoes are to women.”

The wit, wisdom, zen and the art of
tool maintenance of **PETER PROFETA**

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Notes from the Editor



Daryl Rosenblatt

This is clearly not a note from Club President Mike Daum. This newsletter is a very short one due to our upcoming Show. I felt it important to have this issue anyway, to maintain continuity, and to demonstrate what a spectacular job Peter Profeta did in educating us on tool maintenance, as well as his unofficial reviews.

Our Club has so many resources in terms of expertise, abilities, experience, it's important to understand that having major presentations by fellow members allows us to do several things:

It allows us to save money, since a major headliner, such as Marc Adams costs a lot to us. This is reflected in our dues being maintained at a low rate. It gives a chance to learn what even the major headliners don't discuss. I have never read an article or heard from any manufacturer or cabinetmaker we pay to speak "the straight dope" on tool maintenance and repair records as Peter did. While there have been articles and books about dust collection, Richard Strickland dummed it all up in terms we could relate to.

As we have grown, it's hard to get to know everyone. This way, many of us get to know someone else. So please volunteer to speak or present. It's an enormous amount of fun.

In this month's issue

**Peter Profeta
Cabinetmakers' SIG
Guild of LI Woodturners**

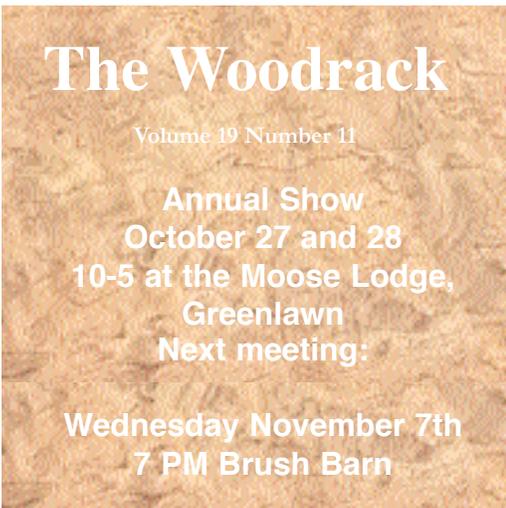
NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT BUS ROADEO

Two of our very own Long Island Woodworkers have once again proven that inside and outside the club we have some REALLY talented people! Every year the New York City Transit has a Bus Roadeo....yes, the spelling is correct. (Get it? Buses run on the ROAD, thus ROAD-EO)

The 2007 Bus Roadeo was held in June at Gateway National Park, Floyd Bennett Field, in Brooklyn. Over 150 operators maintainers and shifters participated. In the Maintenance Division, buses are 'bugged' with different kinds of problems. The task of the mechanics is to find the problems as accurately and quickly as possible.

Our own LIW members took top honors! Stephanos (Steve) Vattes, took first place and Scott Pantano took second! Not only are these guys the "Bobbsey Twins" at the club, but they obviously are "some pair" at work!

Congratulations to both of you!!!!



Secretary's Report



Gabe Jaen

Club President Mike Daum opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. The first order of business was the ratification of the revised club by-laws. The bylaws were printed in the latest issue of the newsletter for all members to review. As Mike had mentioned, the only change to the bylaws was the name of the club and the purpose of the club in order to comply with the purpose of the club from social to charitable and educational. On a call for a vote by the membership on both changes taken individually, the vote was unanimously approved.

Mike mentioned that those members that have not been getting their copy of the newsletter should sit with the Membership chairman to verify their email address.

Volunteers were taken for the nominating committee in preparations for the election of the Board of Directors who take office at the January meeting in 2008. Ed Dillon is heading up the committee.

Show committee chairman Bob Urso and Mike Luciano made an urgent call for volunteers to help with setting up and demonstrating at the Show. As of this writing the response has been less than satisfactory. The purpose of this Show is for members to show off their projects during the past year. This Show is for you, which means you work to make it a success. The entertainment part of the Show is for the attendee, not the club member. This doesn't require a lot of thought, and what direction the

club takes.

NEW MEMBERS:

We welcome Jeremy from Patchogue, and David from Northport.

SHOW AND TELL: Rich Weil brought in a toy train that comes apart. Steve Baum made a beautiful chest, said it's his first project. I wonder what his next one will look like? Matt Stern made a mallet out of a discarded ash baseball bat. Steve Gazes brought in his new table saw. It was smaller than small.

The Saturday workshop at the Barn on November 10 will be on table saws. See more information on the website Events schedule.

SIG'S: (SCHEDULES POSTED ON THE WEBSITE EVENTS AREA)

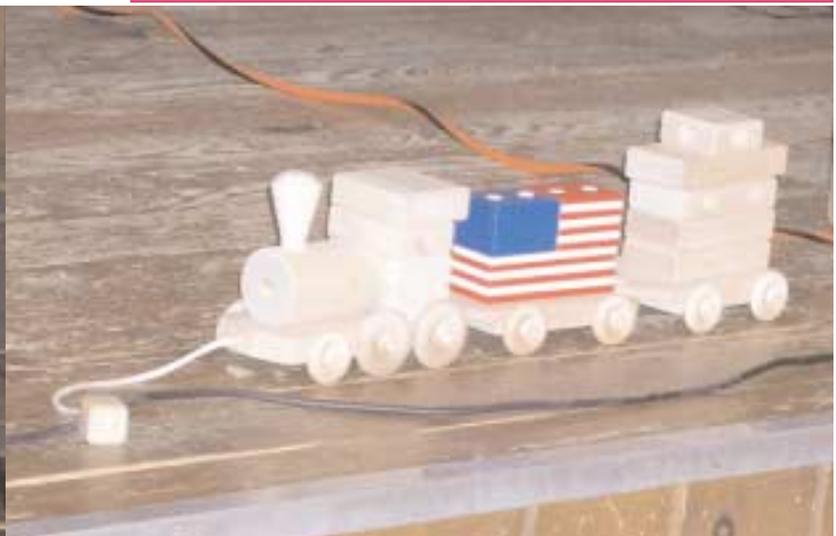
LISA will be working on Toys for Tots in conjunction with the 100 Toy Gang.

TURNERS will be working on miniature turnings, which will be demonstrated by Jim Macallum.

CABINETMAKERS will have a presentation by Daryl Rosenblatt on his shop and its layout.

The Meeting presentation was given by Pete Profeta on tool repair and maintenance. He once again emphasized the need for preventative maintenance and the use of dry lubricants. Remove wood chips and sawdust from screw threads and electrical components and motors. This was indeed a worthwhile subject matter of concern to all of us. He also pointed out the strengths and weaknesses of various product lines and their warranties. This was an excellent and valuable presentation and we thank Pete for sharing this with us.

Below (left), Matt Stern's coping jig; below, Rich Weil's train





Long Island Cabinetmakers

Steve Blakley

The Long Island Cabinetmakers meeting began at 7:10 PM on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 by our President, Matt Stern. Matt opened the meeting by welcoming everyone who attended. Gary Goldberg gave a (general) Treasures report. He also reported that a contact of his that might be able to get us a one time, 10% discount off of everything in the Woodcraft catalog. He will check to see if that offer includes special items, discounted items, and Festool items. Gary will get back to us at the next meeting and take orders in January.

Matt called for Show and Tell, where he showed his coping sled. John Olearchick showed us some paper he was able to get from LLWeans 230 Airport Plaza in Farmindale, and it could be used for drawings. It came in bulk rolls and was about 48" high in various lengths...it was about \$34.00 per roll (for 200 feet long). He also submitted an idea for a logo. There was only one other logo submission and it was again stressed to all that the logo for the LIC is needed and next month we will review the submitted logos.

Gabe Jaen gave a brief overview of his future presentation on scale drawing, which would include how to make a scale drawing from a picture. He reported that to do the scale drawing right you would need the following tools: an architect scale (triangular) with the various scales on it such as 1/8", 1/4"; a 30/60 and 90 degree triangle; a large 45 degree angle (8-10 inches big); a ruby red eraser; a pencil compass; a T-square; a protractor, some 2H pencils and a (size B – 11x17) 1/4" grid sketch pad.

Matt said he was asked to have the LIC put on some kind of presentation together for the LIW show. There was not much of a response. Steve Blakley suggested that we were too "young" (of a group) to put on something worthwhile. Matt said that we were not a young group (meaning age wise), and that we need to do something, because we were asked to do it. Members interested will contact Matt on what they want to do.

We had our raffle and two prizes were given out.

Matt then introduced the presenter for the night, Daryl Rosenblatt. Daryl has had some of his work exhibited in monthly periodicals. Daryl's presentation was "Working in a Small Shop", and while he used a slide presentation he was grateful enough to also provide very informative handouts. Some of the things that Daryl stressed were: Think three dimensionally and look UP for extra space; you can never have enough clamps; dust control; sharp tools and a sliding table for table saws and routers. Daryl first started his presentation showing his garage shop. I was surprised (considering the beautiful items I have seen Daryl make) that his shop was relatively small and that he moved a lot of his tools when he needed them. He did state that moving his 12" Felder jointer was not as easy as it seemed even with his "hover pad" as the jointer is over 1000 lbs!

Daryl spoke of making furniture in "boxes", that is, not making it in one piece so it is easier to move. He has also made many of his clamps to fit the job that he is doing at the time. Other items Daryl talked about were using an Xacto knife with # 11 blades; good roller stands and he stressed the need for a good dust collecting and a dust removal system.

Again, I was most impressed because Daryl said some things that I could definitely relate to...those being that his shop, once he starts a project, quickly becomes a mess and that he has extension cords where they should not be. Daryl makes AMAZING items. It is VERY encouraging to see that we don't need the biggest and baddest shop to accomplish the same things he has!

Thanks Daryl!



PHOTOS FROM THE MONTHS' EVENTS



Top left: Peter Profeta

Top right: Jim Macallum
at the 'Turners' Guild

Left: Jim Macallum's
miniature tools (see the
quarter for scale).