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**NEXT MEETING:** APRIL 22, 1992 - 7:30 PM  
SCHINDLER CHANCE HARDWOODS  
29 WEST MALL  
PLAINVIEW, NEW YORK - 756-9292

**PROGRAM:** DESIGNING AND BUILDING CUSTOM  
STAIRCASES - HAROLD FOUNTAIN

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Thank you Steve and Don for your great presentations at our last meeting. By the number of people mingling around afterwards, it really showed that your presentations were warmly received and aroused a great deal of interest. Any more volunteers? We certainly have a lot of skill and talent in the Club so what about sharing it?

Recently I subscribed to a series of books. So far I have received three and they have all been quite good. They have been Routing and Shaping, Joining Wood, and Using the Table Saw. There is a lot of interesting and useful information in them. Here's a tip for when ripping an angle on the table saw. Since the blade tilts towards the fence there is a tendency to get the wood jammed between the blade and the fence. Move the fence to the other side of the blade. Now the blade tilts away from rather than toward the fence. The author suggests to extend the fence for ripping long work. Actually, you don't even need the fence to go right across the table let alone beyond it! The fence really only needs to go a little beyond the gullet of the blade. Once the cut is made, you don't need further support. The chance of the wood jamming or being kicked back is reduced. I've tried this but not successfully. It might be safer

but I found that once the wood has been cut completely through and you continue pushing it to clear the blade there is nothing to prevent the wood from tilting to the right behind where the fence is usually or tilting the front end into the blade.

Here is a trivia question. Do you know why a saw blade is called a combination blade?

I will have the three books on review at our next meeting.

Raffle will be a gift certificate for \$20. for Dave's store.

**APRIL 22ND**

Wednesday, April 22nd: Designing and Building Custom Staircases. Harold Fountain, a custom cabinet maker for over 40 years will share his knowledge and expertise on how to build custom staircases. Anyone who has ever attempted to build a simple set of steps knows what's involved. Harold's work goes way beyond simple steps. His staircases are built using wedges and the spiral turnings are installed using hand-cut dovetails.

Harold promises to bring examples of his work. Join us for a chance to take a glimpse into the work of a true cabinetmaker and learn the art of building custom staircases.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

May: Amana Tool discusses the makings of a quality router bit.

June: Our 2nd Annual Barbecue and Woodworking Show. Come join your fellow woodworkers for a hot dog or hamburger and view the latest projects your fellow woodworkers have made. Cash prizes and judges certificates will be awarded. The Barbecue cost is \$3.00.

## BUS TRIP TO STURBRIDGE VILLAGE CANCELED

Due to the poor overall response the bus trip was canceled between L.I. Woodworkers and LIATCA. We had a total of 28 registered. To breakeven we needed 36 attendees. Because of the tremendous amount of work in preparing these trips and the poor member response, the Board has decided not to have any future trips.

## FALL PLANNING:

If you know someone who is willing to speak at our one of our meetings, please contact Bob Wessmiller.

## DON'T FORGET!!

Take a chance on the monthly raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 and funds go towards prizes at our woodworking contest.

## BUY - SELL - SWAP

Each month we offer members the ability to list tools, books, materials, etc. that they wish to buy, sell or swap. It's also a good place to elicit help in locating information on things like old tool manuals, unusual materials, etc. This service is FREE to members.

WANTED: Old Stanley-made tools, literature, display items, or memorabilia relating to this company. Highest prices paid for planes, levels, chisels, braces etc. Looking especially for tools in their original boxes. Bill Hermanek, 31 Wildwood La., Smithtown, 11787 - 516/360-1216.

WANTED: Powermatic 66 - Contact: Ken LeGrow, 18 North Robert Damm Dr., Bethpage, NY, 11714

FOR SALE: Winco 5000 Watt Generator - NEVER USED - Asking \$600. Contact Don Breinlinger - 669-9432

FOR SALE: Sears 10-inch Table Saw - \$250. Contact Don Breinlinger - 669-9432

FOR SALE: Shopsmith 10 ER - \$350. Contact Don Breinlinger - 669-9432

FOR SALE: Shopsmith Mark V - Asking \$750. Moderately Used. Contact Paul Morris - 665-2508.

FOR SALE: 12" Sears Bandsaw with steel base - sanding attachment - extra blades - good condition. \$175. Contact Steve Stout - 472-9376