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NEXT MEETING: MARCH 23, 1994

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*Sal Marino
Water base finishes*

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Old man winter has ben tough on us all but particularly on our woodworking meetings. As you all know, we've had to cancel the last two meetings due to ice and snow.

The "bad weather" cancellations have made the program committee's job just that much more difficult. In addition, their plans to pre-register for a special Saturday seminar with Gere Osgood on Bent Lamination has also been curtailed due to weather. If you plan on attending the seminar please come prepared to pay the fee at the March meeting! This will help the committee to determine the number interested participants.

We would like to continue the open forum sessions we started earlier this year. I think it is quite helpful to many members to hear the problems, tips, tricks and solutions to a wide array of woodworking situations. It broadens everyone's knowledge and makes you a better woodworker. So I encourage you to please let us know where you are having troubles on a project or what you've done to solve a problem. Bring in those jigs, a new product you really like, or anything else you think will benefit your fellow woodworkers. We encourage you to bring in a project and share how you made it; anything concerning wood goes in our 30 minute open forum sessions. I hope you'll contribute.

While snow is still on the ground, we only have four meetings to our annual barbecue and woodworking show. So get started now with a new project to enter. There will be prizes at all levels.

On a closing note, I thought I would share an experience I've found quite rewarding. In the fall I was asked if I would consider teaching a high school student woodworking. At first I was reluctant as I was not sure how well I would relate to him. Then I found out he was an honor student who felt being able to work with his hands would help round out his knowledge. Well it's been an enjoyable couple of months. Things that I took for granted long ago were fascinating to my new student. So I encourage you to share your knowledge with someone, no matter the age, I'm sure you will both be glad you did.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

I hope all your woodworking is safe and enjoyable.

Bob Wessmiller

BOOK REVIEW:

**Understanding Wood Finishing, by Bob Flexner.
Rosedale Press \$27.95.**

The book answers all the questions about wood finishing that you are ever likely to ask. The author describes the differences between various oil finishes since some oil finishes are oil - varnish blends, some are wiping varnishes, some penetrate and can't build up a finish while others can build a finish.

There is a chapter on the various types of stains - pigments and dyes - and how they work and which to use for various types of work. Another chapter deals with film finishes - shellac, lacquers, varnish, polyurethane and water base.

The author goes into great depth on how stains and finishes work, thus enabling the worker to make knowledgeable choices. There is a chapter describing and showing the effect of using stains and finishes on different types of wood.

The color photographs are excellent and show clearly the different effects. This book is unique. There is an orderly layout, explanations are clear and precise and the photographs clearly indicate what the author is saying. This is a book that I think every woodworker should have as reference.

Brian Haywood

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