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NEXT MEETING: MAY 25, 1994

**SCHINDLER CHANCE
29 WEST MALL
PLAINVIEW, NEW YORK**

**PROGRAM: SHAKER FURNITURE
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION**

**BOARD AND PROGRAM
COMMITTEE NOTES**

The Board held a joint meeting with the Program Committee on Wednesday, May 11 to discuss future programming. The first item discussed was our traditional June meeting where members display their work. The discussion evolved around selecting the categories in which work would be judged, such as beginner, intermediate, etc. Though there are merits in having items judged, judging could be a deterrent to bringing in work. Consequently, a tentative decision was made not to have items judged, we will merely display our work. The final decision will be put to a vote at our next general meeting.

General programming was the prime focus of the meeting. Since we have a wide range of skills and interests in the club, how do you meet the needs of the more skillful and knowledgeable at the same time as meeting the needs of the beginner? Does the beginner feel as though his needs are being met? What about the more skillful members, is the club offering him an opportunity to expand his skills? These are serious questions that have to be answered to avoid people leaving and for the club to flourish.

Programming this year has attempted to satisfy both groups. The general meetings have been a mixture of home grown talent and outside speakers. We have had Bill Hermanek and Bob Howard talk on Stanley Tools; Charlie Morehouse spoke on refinishing and Peter McKenna will be speaking on Shaker furniture. Outside speakers have been Mario Rodriguez on Windsor chair; Sal Marino on water base finishes and Allen Fischett on veneering. We also planned two special workshops - Understanding Wood Movement by Bruce Hoadly and Bent Laminations by Gere Osgood.

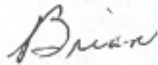
We need your input. How are we doing? Are we meeting your needs? What changes would you like? It is essential that you express your thinking either at the forum at the start of our meetings or privately to any board or program committee member.

The Board also discussed the upcoming elections in September or October. Bob is relocating so we need a new President and John who has been secretary since the club's inception, has resigned. Therefore, not only are these positions open, but other offices are up for reelection. One suggestion was to have a small nominating committee to put up a slate.

Though members on the program committee are not elected, thoughts should be given to supplementing existing members since everyone has already served a year.

Finally, the newsletter. As previously mentioned, we would like to expand this newsletter to be more informational. There should be more sharing between us and other clubs. Our current newsletter doesn't do the club justice. We have 3 volunteers so far to work on this. Any more of you that would like a crack at this?

Don't forget, this is your club. Since we are maturing as a club, there is more structure, more complexities and more work. We need more members to become active.



Brian Hayward
Vice President

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY - MAY 25th

Our own Peter McKenna is an Industrial Arts teacher, remodeling contractors, and furniture maker who has been designing and building Shaker Furniture for ten years and now teaches the subject for the Smithtown Adult Education Division. Peter will explain the basics of Shaker design and construction by assembling a table before your eyes. We will have some of his prize winning pieces on display. Join us for a stimulating evening.

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