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The Wood Rack

Long Island Woodworkers' Club

...dedicated to the pursuit of woodworking



Next Meeting

Program:
Finishing
Techniques

Feb. 22, 1995
7:30 PM

At: Schindler Chance
Hardwoods - The
Wood Store 29 West
Mall, Plainview

For many of us woodworkers, we will gladly spend hours of effort on getting our joinery just right or getting a drawer to glide with almost no effort. But when it comes to finishing our heirloom projects, we often don't have the patience or knowledge to get it just as perfect. Yet, the bottom line on how our work will be judged by others is most often based on the finish.

Please join us at our next meeting where club members will share with all, their secrets and their techniques that they use to create a quality finish on their projects. It's an opportunity for all attending to pick up valuable finishing tips, share their own knowledge, and most of all, have a good time.

Coming Up

In March:

We are pleased to turn theme of the meeting back to something we all have a fondness of - seeing product demonstrations. Stuart Ain, president of H.I.T., Home Industrial Tools, of Lynbrook will be showing 1) Vacuum Clamping and Vacuum Veneer Press equipment, and 2) Performax sanders.

H.I.T. is one of the leading full-service companies on Long Island selling quality woodworking tools and machinery. Stuart Ain will describe the services his company provides, particularly for woodworkers. He will also demonstrate: 1a) Clamping using a vacuum system, 1b) Veneering using a vacuum system, 2) Demonstrate Performax wide-panel sanders, and 3) answer members' questions about these products and other woodworking machinery.

Prior Meeting

Ray Mignone

Due to the tight deadline on getting this issue of *The Wood Rack* to press, the review of Ray Mignone's excellent presentation at our January meeting on building his award-winning table will have to wait until our next issue. For this, I apologize to all members, and especially to Ray. The Editor.

(We need members to write short reviews of the meetings - contact Jay Seligman.)

Inside the Club

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I have found the cure to the winter-time tendency to become sedentary. It's work on new business proposals with complex bid specifications with short turnaround deadlines. My new job is very satisfying, but I do miss meeting with you guys.

After a great deal of discussion and opinion gathering spanning quite a few months, your Board has decided that it is in the best interest of the club to relocate to a new meeting place. Let me share the thinking that went on and describe how we came to select the Smithtown Barn.

Several years ago, our membership was climbing rapidly, reaching 115 members. We were well aware that Dave Chance's store could not accommodate a group much larger than that, counting on the typical attendance at 60% of total membership. So, the Board decided to cap membership at 120 people (not counting the honorary members).

With the passage of time and the benefit of hindsight, the decision to restrain our growth might have been the wrong approach because it limited the base for covering our programming - dollar- and people-wise. But, we had to face the fact that when even 60 people showed up for a meeting, there were problems seeing and hearing the speakers past the first five or six rows. Late arrivals were usually stuck with standing far from the action. Also, there was not enough room to conduct li-

brary business, raffle sales, and display items.

Whether this was all that led to our current situation, or there is more, we are troubled that the membership roster has decreased to 81 since we have really been trying to develop an appealing program.

For the past few months, we searched for an appropriate facility able to handle more people with good viewing and acoustics. We followed up on several suggestions from club members. We explored the possibility of the Elk's club in Hicksville. Joe Marcus did some leg work regarding facilities in Melville and in Hauppauge, too. We looked into Nassau County facilities, as well as considering Chaminade High School.

Since the majority of members live either north and/or east of Dave's store, we felt that it would be more reasonable to favor sites closer rather than further for most of the members. As a final conclusion, we determined that the Smithtown Barn would provide the best combination of features although for the westernmost members, it certainly poses a distance issue.

The Smithtown Barn will offer a much larger meeting area, room to set up tables and equipment, and there is a stage area, too, for the speakers to present from. During the nicer weather, there is room outside to have our annual barbecue.

In consideration of the members who find the distance to Smithtown to be unworkable and wish to resign, we will make a partial refund of the dues already paid. We regret that this decision might result in a parting of company for some of you because we are a club of friends who are woodworkers. I personally hope all of you will get out to the Smithtown Barn and check the place out at the first meeting to be held there on May 3. I'll try to be there too if I can arrange for some vacation time - my travel distance will be around 320 miles, each way. **Jeff Berson**

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

Appreciation to Dave

Chance: The Long Island Woodworkers' Club owes Dave Chance a large debt of gratitude for providing his store and shop location, rent free for the last 4 1/2 years. When the club started, a half a dozen or so of us met in Dave's previous store at the East Mall. I don't think more than a half dozen could have squeezed in there (with all the lumber and all).

Fortunately for the club, Dave moved shortly after into his current location and continued to offer the space to us rent free. Not only has Dave given us his shop, but he has also given us the benefit of his profound knowledge of woodworking, and he has been instrumental in the development and growth of the club. Like growing children, who leave home but remain emotionally attached, we have reached that stage. You have been an integral part of the history of the LIWC. When we start our history book, you will take a prominent position in it. Thank you, **Brian Hayward**

Regular LIWC Board Meeting

Day: The LIWC Board will have its regular board meeting on the Thursday preceding the general LIWC meeting.

New Meeting Day: Starting AFTER the March meeting, the meeting day will be shifted to the first Wednesday of the month, effective May 3 (there is no meeting in April). This will solve two problems: The day is available, and it will not interfere with Thanksgiving or Christmas; it just interferes with New Years and the Fourth of July ever few years.

Directions to the Smithtown

Barn: Directions will be published in the next newsletter. For those who are dying to see the place, it's 200 yards east

of Rt. 111, on Rt. 25, on the north side of the road.

COMMITTEE NOTES

Program Committee: Howard Whitman and his committee have been doing a great job getting some discounts from local tool stores. LIWC members will be able to get 10% to 15% discounts from Woodworkers' Warehouse and Dynamite Tools. You will be able to prove your membership with the new membership cards which are being generated. These cards will fit into the familiar plastic sleeves for the name badges so they will double as name tags at the meetings. You will be expected to pick up the sleeve, put your card in it during the meeting, and return the sleeve when you leave. A word of warning, these new cards will not be replaced, so don't lose them. You can pick up your card at the next meeting. **Howard Whitman**

Newsletter Committee: All members are invited to send letters, ideas for a column, ideas for articles to the editor for publication.

Material can be sent at any time to Jay Seligman, Editor - address on last page.

Resource Committee: New Hours for Borrowing Materials: 7-7:30 pm and one half hour after the meeting presentation at approximately 9:30 pm.

We have a fine selection of videos, books and magazines! See resource committee chairman Steve Luongo for more information or to submit requests, ideas or materials.

Calendar

LIWC Events:

2/22/95 - Finishing Techniques - a panel and group discussion, starts 7:30 pm at Schindler Chance Hardwoods, Plainview

3/22/95 - Stuart Ain of H.I.T. presents Vacuum Clamping and Veneering, and Performax sanding equipment at Schindler Chance Hardwoods, Plainview

No meeting in April

5/3/95 - First meeting in our new location - topic to be announced

Events We've Heard About:

Long Island Antique Tool Collectors Association:

Meets bi-monthly at the Smithtown Barn. For info contact Bill Hermanek, 516/ 360-1216

Letters From Members

Dear Brian,

A couple of ideas for the LIWC:

We often hear about resawing, but I would guess that more than half of the club members have never done any resawing. At some future meeting, could we impose upon Dave Chance to give a demonstration on resawing?

Another imposition on Dave: Quite often at a meeting there are projects at Dave's shop that are in the process of construction. I'm sure that there are other members like myself that are awe of Dave's abilities, and would be very interested if Dave could explain some of his projects and methods. What might seem like old hat to experts like Dave and some of you other experienced members are held in high admiration by

bug-a-luggers like myself.

A topic of interest that I believe should be explained in the club newsletter, *The Wood Rack*, is the workings of the video library. For example, How does one go about borrowing a video? Is there a fee? If so, how much? How long can a member keep a video out of the library? Is Steve Luongo available for borrowing or returning said video, at other than the monthly meeting? Etc., etc.

Dues. I don't know if Joe Pascucci brings a record of members and their dues status to all the meetings. That might be complicating. Some organizations put a number on the mailing labels of their newsletter to indicate when a member's dues are due. Might it be simpler to name a particular month for all members to renew dues? **Andy Kerzner**

Some responses: Dave, Andy has some good points about things going on in your shop. How about sharing some of your knowledge and know-how?

The video library is such an old institution in the club that we take it for granted that everyone knows how it works. Steve, how about preparing a piece for the next newsletter?

Dues. Dues are due for everyone at the beginning of the club year, so that means that they were due last October. Some of the people that joined in mid-year experienced a half-year credit toward the next year's dues. That only happens once. **Jeff Berson**

Tips and Techniques

How about something from you guys!

News, Views, & Reviews

We've heard that MinWax is going to stop producing the Watco finishes because of the liability issues resulting from spontaneous combustion of the finish-soaked rags. How's that for an Achilles Heel for such a venerable product line!

Product Review: How about something from you guys!

Odds & Ends

LIWC Insignia Wear: At the popular request of the membership last year, The Long Island Woodworkers' Club invested a sizable amount in the creation of full-color rendering of our club logo that can be embroidered on clothing. The company that does our work is excellent and uses top quality hats, shirts, and jackets. Clothing items come in various colors and sizes; shirts and jackets can be personalized with your name, too. There are minimum quantities when we order, so be patient. Thanks to Joe Pascucci, these finely rendered products that you will be proud to wear are available to us.. Con-

Dues Are Due! Club Year: Aug 1-July 31

Submittal form - cut on dash line & include with payment

Payment either in cash or check \$ 20.00

Checks should be made out to: Long Island Woodworkers' Club

Dues should be sent to Joe Pascucci, Treasurer as soon as possible.

Joe Pascucci, 6 Florence Ct., South Huntington, NY 11746

The reverse side has your mailing label - make any corrections necessary - include this stub with your payment. Preserve your right to receive *The Wood Rack!*

tact Joe to place your order.

Patches @ \$4 Caps @ \$10
Shirts @ \$15 Jackets @ \$28

See the special order form that is part of this newsletter.

Marketplace

Bill Hermanek, 516/ 360-1216:

WANTED: Any old "Stanley Tool Co." planes, levels, rules, catalogs or advertising pieces...pretty much anything that happens to deal with this company is wanted.

FOR SALE: **Antique & usable woodworking planes, levels, rules, scrapers, etc.**

Jeff Berson, 703/ 435-4116 1502C Summerchase Ct. Reston, VA 22094:

FOR SALE: **Craftsman Radial Arm Saw, 10"** with large cabinet base, great condition, in NY shop - Best offer.

FOR SALE: **Taiwanese copy of Craftsman 6" belt sander with disc,** great condition, in NY shop - Best offer.

Schindler-Chance Hardwoods, 516/ 756-9292:

FOR LEASE: **Shop Space**

Paul Cappy, 516/ 499-3756:

FOR SALE: **Freud 8" Wobble Dado Blade,** with 24 teeth, hardly used. Best offer.

Good to Know:

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Club meets **year-round**, 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Starting in May, the meetings will be on the first Wednesday of each month.

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