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The Wood Rack

Long Island Woodworkers' Club

...dedicated to the pursuit of woodworking



NEXT MEETING PROGRAM:

Ray Mignone - The In's and Out's of Designing and Building an award winning table.

January 25, 1995 7:30pm
At: Schindler Chance
Hardwoods - The Wood
Store 29 West Mall,
Plainview

Ray Mignone, a professional woodworker and long time club member, will describe and discuss all aspects of creating the elegant table with which he won first prize in our year-end competition. In this sure to be informative presentation, Ray will cover the many challenges of creating a piece from an original design. Among the topics he will cover, are creating an original design, making scale and full size drawings, using templates, bent lamination techniques, angled mortise and tenon joints, inlays on a curved surface, book-matching veneers, turning table legs and finishing.

IT'S BACK!!!

Due to popular demand, our \$1.00 raffle is back. The first meeting

of 1995 will also be the restarting of our monthly raffle. To mark the occasion, the program committee has come up with; a fine quality, 10" Freud, rip blade, as the prize. Future items to be raffled include, a dial calibre and a dial indicator. **GOOD LUCK!!!**

Coming Up

The Program Committee has been very busy setting up a series of interesting activities for the club. These include:

February Meeting: Finishing

Special Interest discussion groups on **Finishing**. The format of this meeting will be similar to our September meeting. The Club will split up into four groups with each covering a different aspect of finishing. Remember the purpose of this freewheeling format will be to get to know people in the LIWC who share your interests as well as to pick up valuable finishing information.

March Meeting: Vacuum Clamping and Veneering

Our guest speaker for the evening will be Stuart Ain, President of Home Industrial Tools (HIT), located in Lynbrook. HIT is one of the leading full-service companies on Long Island, selling tools and machinery. As well as discussing the services his company provides for woodworkers, Stuart will demonstrate clamping and veneering using a vacuum press.

April Meeting: Jigs and Fixtures

Of importance to all woodworkers is to obtain; **safety, accuracy, consistency** and to utilize the full potential of our tools and machines. To accomplish these goals, we must develop skills in **faking and using jigs and fixtures**. With this in mind, our meeting will be devoted to jigs and fixtures used and made by you, our membership. All members are urged to bring in jigs and fixtures they have made and use, and to share this valuable knowledge

with the club.

Prior Meeting

Our last meeting gave us an opportunity to both share our best wishes for the holiday season among the club and within the community through the Toys-For-Tots program. Once again, the fabulous Toy Making Members were greatly appreciated by those in need (See letter at end of President's Corner). Also, we had our annual Christmas party.

Inside The Club

If you have not paid your dues, they are now past due. Only paid-up members will receive future newsletters. See payment form in this newsletter.

President's Corner

I want to wish everyone a healthy, happy new year and I hope each of you had a safe and joyful holiday break. I also want to thank everyone that so generously contributed to our 1994 Toy For Tots program which truly made the recipients happy. The text of one of the letters of appreciation follows this column.

On a topic many of you are becoming aware of, my local job has been in doubt for many months with the outcome that I am now working full time in Virginia. Due to the obvious distance problem, I am no longer able to attend week night board, committee, and regular meetings which I have enjoyed so much since our beginning. However, our LIWC Board is filled with dedicated and competent people,

and they are going to keep things on a positive track. Brian Hayward, others and I will be working as closely as possible on weekends to keep the new ideas and changes flowing. In the May-June period, we will present the new slate of officers and conduct elections.

You should all know that I am still very interested in the success of this club and will remain a member - your first out-of-state member.

Back to shoptalk: I had a very frustrating experience while I was redoing a bathroom. A old unopened tube of GE Silicone II caulk from a few years ago had gone bad, but I didn't find that out until after I had spread the whole thing. The glop will not cure, it is cracking, and I've got a big rework problem.

The moral of this tale is to take the time to test your "mission critical" materials before you use them! It wasn't until I realized the stuff wouldn't cure that I remembered what Frank Klausz had told us about his testing each batch of glue he gets no matter what. A little precaution could have saved a lot of extra work.

Jeff Berson

1994 Toys For Tots
Harbor Day Care Center
999 Herricks Rd., New
Hyde Park

Dear Mr. Berson,

I would like to thank you and the Long Island Woodworkers' Club for your fabulous donation of handmade toys for our children at Harbor Day Care Center. The children and staff were overwhelmed with the selection. There were toys appropriate for every age group that we serve, infants to school age. The younger children wait patiently for a ride on "horse" and the older children are playing fish for hours. The cars, boats, trucks, and puzzles are enjoyed greatly. They are truly works of art! One group of 5 year olds were inspired to create their own wood sculptures.

Your generosity and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. A special Thank you to Bob Eilbacher who brought the toys to us. I wish you and all the members of the club a very happy, healthy New Year. Sincerely, Gail Blumengarten, Parent Coordinator

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

Regular LIWC Board

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

The last Board meeting was held on Wednesday, December 28, 1994. All members of the Board were present. The main issues dealt with were:

Steps will be taken to increase the size of the club.

A membership card will be created and distributed to members who have paid their dues. We will also try to obtain discounts by presenting the card to companies selling products we use. Details to follow.

Brian Hayward put together a rough draft for the Club's constitution. To finalize this document, a sub-committee has been formed. Members are: Brian Hayward, Steve Luongo and Howard Whitman.

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You Should Know

The Club library will be

purchasing new videos. If you have any ideas, see Steve Luongo.

All members looking to participate in the forming of an INCA Jig special interest group, should see Howard Whitman.

Leo Meilak has joined the Newsletter Committee.

For the Club to continue to grow, we need your involvement. Due to career changes, a few members of the Board and various Committees, are finding it very difficult keeping the same high level of commitment to the Club. We need other members to get involved and to share the work load. It's time to stand up and be counted. See a Board or Committee member for more details.

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. Contact Joe to place your order.

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

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!*

Letters From Members

Dear Editor:

One of the best ways to develop or improve woodworking skills is to attend a course or seminar. Some of the courses that are well known are available at Garret Wade, Constantines, our own LIWC and the New York YMCA. Particularly interesting courses that some of the members might not be aware of are given by Mario Rodriguez (who teaches woodworking at F.I.T. and is an editor of Fine Woodworking) at Warwick Country Workshops, in Warwick, New York.

Mario specializes in courses involved with making and using hand tools, particularly planes. I found the course on Dovetails and 18th Century Millwork particularly interesting.

For more information about these courses, call Mario at (914) 986-6636

Very Truly Yours,

Frank M. Marcigliano

Dear Editor:

Recently I responded to an advertisement for a free trial subscription with no obligation to the magazine, "American How

To". After receiving the first issue, I decided that it wasn't for me. Therefore, I returned the card indicating such. However, I continued to receive two unsolicited issues. Then, I received a very damning letter accusing me of not living up to my obligation and demanding that I end my subscription forthwith.

Brian Hayward

Marketplace

Bill Hermanek, 516/360-1216:

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

Dave Chance, 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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