

The Wood Rack

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Next Meeting -- April 3
Smithtown Barn
7:30 P.M.

A Sharpening Round Table

Les Swann, Tom Petry and Graham Kelly will present a round table discussion on sharpening woodworking tools. They will discuss and demonstrate their approaches to grinding and honing plane blades, chisels, scrapers, and turning tools, as well as helpful jigs.

Members are invited to bring in their favorite grinding and honing jigs, either homemade or purchased.

President's Message

What a great meeting! Any of you who missed the March meeting at The Home Depot in Commack really missed out on something unique and educational. The fellows from DeWALT did a super presentation and hands-on session with the members. This was our biggest meeting to date with over 100 people in attendance and over a dozen new members. This brings our membership up over 150, a goal I had set out to achieve when I took over the

Presidency. It is obvious that our dissemination of membership forms and advertising in woodworking magazines is really paying off. I constantly got phone calls at my home asking me about the club and how someone goes about joining. I see the club now as an integral part of and great contributor to woodworking on Long Island.

Because of the time constraints, Roger Schroeder asked me to postpone the March Woodworking Exhibition until sometime in the Fall. Roger also asked for volunteers so that he can form a committee to chair this endeavor. I was happy to see three members come to Roger's aid to see this event get off the ground.

I would like to thank these men and reassure them that the Board and all other club members should give them whatever help and guidance they may need to make this a success. The three members are Bob Urso, Lance Baker, and Graham Kelly. By the way, Lance has been a member for only a month and he is ready to roll up his sleeves and help out. This just reaffirms the fact that we constantly have to look for new blood entering the club to come up with fresh ideas and new vitality.

Bill Hermanek

Secretary's Report

The March 6th meeting of the LIWC was held at The Home Depot store in Commack. Space, seating, and refreshments were made available courtesy of Home Depot and the DeWALT Co.

DeWALT provided a generous display of their most popular tools. Jordan Berman and his crew of ten DeWALT representatives were on hand to talk about their company and their products.

Bill Hermanek opened the meeting advising the members that our March Exhibition will be delayed until the Fall of the year.

Roger Schroeder announced that forms will be distributed in the May newsletter for members to fill out and return regarding the type of items to be displayed. Roger also asked for a couple of volunteers to assist him with the Exhibition.

Howard Whitman advised members that the April meeting will focus on the sharpening of various types of tools. Our April meeting falls on the first night of Passover; regrettably, this circumstance cannot be changed due to the fact that the Brush Barn is reserved in advance.

Sal Marino has been contacted to conduct seminars in the future on both basic and advanced routing techniques. The cost to members was proposed to

be approximately \$20.00 per session. Details to follow.

John Hons shared some beautiful examples of fretwork done in various woods, including some handsome clocks.

The DeWALT crew then took over the meeting. Carter Williams explained some of their new products to be available later this year including a 2 HP Plunge Router with Dust Collection capabilities, also a Jig Saw that will accept universal type blades as well as the Bosch Style Blades. These blades can be inserted without the use of tools.

Scott Johnson spoke about DeWALT's one year Warranty, including free maintenance and a free "loaner" policy.

Jordan Berman held a raffle for the members. Two beautiful DeWALT jackets were won by Bob McCarthy and Les Bragg. A good time was had by all, and the club gained 13 new members.

Bob Hall

New Woodworking Software!

Animated Data Systems announces the release of a new software program, **Designs in Wood Project Manager V1.0** for the small or one man woodworking shop. This program will run on any IBM compatible computer running Windows 3.1 or greater, including Windows 95!

Designs in Wood Project Manager V1.0 lets the user document and track the material, labor and overhead that goes into every project so that he/she can better understand the costs involved and establish a profitable sale price. Several reports can be generated, including a quotation, which can be presented to the customer directly. A cut list, labor list, estimate, bill of materials and a cost analysis are some of the other reports available.

Designs in Wood Project Manager V1.0 lets the user keep track of his/her customers and suppliers by building a customer list and a supplier list. For convenience, you can even print mailing labels from them. A material list can be maintained, that catalogs all of the user's materials, such as lumber, hardware, stains and finishes. For each item in the material list, a stock number, description, price per quantity, order reference number and a supplier are some of the elements that can be specified. Each woodworking project consists of a project list which contains all of the materials and labor steps involved in making the project. For each item in the list, you can specify a sequence of events number, description, quantity, part dimensions, labor type, and the amount of time required for any step in the process. Each woodworking project can be saved, recalled and modified at any time.

Designs in Wood Project Manager V1.0 lets the user set up his/her company, establish labor and overhead costs, profit margin, waste and a

preferred method for estimating and quoting the cost of his/her project. On-line help can be used at any time for assistance. This software is now available to LIWC members at a 20% discount off of the regular \$49.95 price. The price to members is \$39.96 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling, and the program is shipped on two 3 1/2" discs with an easy-to-use manual!

(The previous article was taken from an Animated Data Systems Press Release. For information on placing an order, call Jim Cosgrove, 781-4304.)

Market Place

Dovetail jig for sale. Never used. \$40.00. Contact Howard Whitman, 586-5815.

Wanted. Any antique woodworking tools or machinery. Bill Hermanek, 360-1216.

Planer for Sale. Older 12" Craftsman. Good shape. Best Offer. Wards Power Craft Table Saw. Best Offer. Call Charlie Felsen. 499-2087.

Band Saw for Sale. 10", 3 wheel Craftsman with stand. Call Bob Hall, 265-5345.

Wood Lathe for sale. Unusual old Model Sears with an extension bed for turning extra long spindles. Many accessories at a good price. \$175.00 Contact Roger Schroeder, 691-2095.

Two Router Workshops

Smithtown Barn

Presenter: Sal Marino

(from Constantine's)

Workshop I -- Beginners

Saturday, May 18: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Workshop II -- Intermediate

Saturday June 15: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Cost: Members - \$20.00
Non-Members - \$25.00**

Maximum per Workshop -- 30
Contact Brian Hayward 549-9096 or Joe Pascucci 796-8768

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