

The Wood Rack

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Next Meeting -- December 4 President's Message Smithtown Barn 7:00 P.M.

Frank Klausz

This month's meeting will feature Frank Klausz, a third generation cabinetmaker from Hungary. Frank owns his own cabinet shop in New Jersey that specializes in fine furniture reproductions, restorations and architectural fixtures. He lectures throughout the country for guilds, universities and woodworking stores. His work has been featured in many national publications (*Fine Woodworking*, *American Woodworker*, and others). He has starred in several videos for the Taunton Press including "Dovetail a Drawer," "Wood Finishing," and "Making Mortise and Tenon Joints." Frank will be giving his talk on drawer and cabinet frame design and construction. Frank will also be bringing with him his famous workbench featured in the *Workbench Book* by Scott Landis published by Taunton Press.

In order to allow the maximum time for Frank's talk and the Toys for Tots Presentation, the meeting will begin at 7:00 PM sharp.

-- Howard Whitman

I hope everyone can make the meeting on December 4. We plan on this meeting being the biggest and best of the year.

As of this writing the final touches are being put on the video of my Stanley Tool collection that was filmed a couple of months ago. I should have copies available at the meeting. The video would be a great holiday gift for the tool collector or woodworker who wants to know more about hand planes.

I'd just like to wish everyone in the club and their families a safe and happy holiday season, and I hope to see all of you at the February meeting.

-- Bill Hermanek

Secretary's Report

Our November meeting was held on November 6, 1996, at the Brush Barn. The Meeting was opened at 7:30 PM by Bill Hermanek with approximately 95 members in attendance.

Joe Pascucci advises that the club has \$4,497.00 in the bank. We now have 165 paid members. If you have not paid your membership dues up to date, you will be dropped from the newsletter mailing list.

The LIWC First Annual Membership Exhibition was held on October 26, 1996, and declared a success. Lance Baker, Bob Urso and the committee advised that we had 25 exhibitions. There was a grand total of over 100 items on display. One hundred and fifty visitors attended. Congratulations to the committee and all involved.

January we will not have a meeting, as the first Wednesday of the month falls on New Year's Day.

Show and Tell :

Jim Clancy presented a nice shop-built fence extension suitable for radial arm saws.

Monthly Raffle :

- 1st Prize - Rosewood panel gauge -- Doug Ruggiero
- 2nd Prize - Mini Square -- Lance Baker

Guest Speaker :

Ken Dubey, from Jet Equipment and Tools, gave us a synopsis of the different items provided by Jet: material-handling equipment, woodworking machines, air tools, hand tools, etc.

Some new features include more horsepower on woodworking machines, a table saw capable of tilting to the left, a new precision table saw rip fence -- not only for Jet saws, but retrofit for other brands also. Other items are a vastly improved bandsaw and a shaper priced under \$500.00.

Looks as though Jet is no longer a "copier" in the woodworking machinery business, but now a leader in the industry. Thanks, Ken, for your input!

-- Bob Hall, Secretary

Toys for Tots

Just a reminder to all members that we are participating in our annual Toys for Tots program at our December 4th meeting. We ask each member to bring in at least one handmade wooden toy which will be donated to the United States Marine Reserve Toys for Tots Program. Last year was the first year we actually gave toys directly to the Marines, and it was a huge success. The toys can be as elaborate as a rocking horse or as simple as an animal-shaped crayon holder. It doesn't matter. They all go to the needy. The only restriction is that they don't want guns. So let's please open our hearts and our shops for these kids. Thanks.

--Joe Pascucci

The '96 American Woodworker Show

The 1996 edition of the American Woodworkers Show in Fort Washington, PA, met and possibly exceeded last year's inaugural show.

Joe Pascucci and I arrived at 11:00 AM when the show opened. We stayed until closing at 8:00 PM, and we were still rushing to try and see everything. We could not even find time to attend a seminar. At least two other groups from our club were also there on Friday.

The exhibitors and demonstrators were the Who's Who of Woodworking -- Ian Kirby, Frank Klausz, Ernie Conover, Mark Duginske, Patrick Spielman, and Frank Pollaro -- just to name a few. Also the "Furniture Guys" (Ed Feldman and

Joe L'Erario) were giving free seminars. We were able to make some connections that could possibly lead to future club programs.

Personally, I was able to view and purchase some hard-to-find items, such as a roller guide set for my bandsaw, an air filtration helmet, and a new HVLP spray gun. It's fortunate I only attended one day. I could not afford any more fun.

-- Bob Urso

Market Place

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

Wanted. Back issues of *Fine Woodworking* magazine, issues 10-16. Call Steve Abatzidis, 421-0657.

For Sale: Craftsman 10" Bandsaw, 3 Wheel with stand -- \$85.00.

Craftsman 10" Radial Arm Saw with stand and casters -- \$235.00.

Shopsmith 4" Jointer with stand, casters, motor and dust port -- \$300.00.

Bench Planes -- Stanley, Sargent, etc. Antique, collectible or excellent user quality, Block, Smooth, Fore, Jack, and Jointer. Some wood bottoms available. -- Reasonable. Call Bob Hall. 265-5345.

Porter Cable Plate Joiner, Model 555. Used, but still in good shape. Includes metal case. I'll throw in 200 #20 biscuits. Price \$80.00. Contact Jim Cosgrove, 781-4304.

Shopsmith Mark 5 System for Sale. Includes every available accessory! A lot of extras! Worth \$5000.00, asking

\$3500.00. Call Steve Paulo, 796-6076. Beeper Number, 335-7965.

WANTED: Volume # 8 of *Fine Woodworking* series entitled Techniques. Anxious to finish my set. Contact Roger Schroeder, 691-2095.

FOR SALE: Four steel legs from Record lathe. Never used. Useful for workbench. Legs can be bolted together using dimensional lumber. \$15.00. Porter Cable dovetail template. Excellent condition. \$40.00. contact Roger Schroeder, 691-2095.

FOR SALE: Table Saw, Compressor, Wood Lathe, and Generator. Best Offer. Call Charlie Felsen, 499-2087.

Woodworking tools and books for sale. Planes, drills, clamps and more. Twenty-six titles, FWW, FHB, and videos. \$200.00 takes all. Call Don Breinlinger, 669-9432.

Wood Shaper on stand with cutters. \$100.00. Call Paul Voels, 561-2190.

Craftsman 10" Radial Arm Saw. Stand with wheels, vacuum attachments, blades, misc. Tools, molding and dado attachments, universal jig (tenoning joints). Asking \$325.00. Call Dennis, evenings and weekends, 929-3634.

The Complete Woodfinishing Course with Sal Marino

If you are serious about learning all the right steps from surface preparation to rubbing out and polishing, you won't want to miss this course. All the

necessary tools and materials will be made available to each student along with a hardwood panel.

Week One - Learn how to properly prepare the wood by sanding and scraping. Next you will use a dye or stain to add color.

Week Two -- This session covers sealing the color in, filling the pores and applying the finish. Between Week Two and Week Three you will need to apply additional coats of finish at home.

Week Three -- This session will cover wet sanding and rubbing out the topcoats using rubbing oil, pumice powder, rottenstone and/or polishing compound

or Micro Mesh superfine polishing paper. Additional topics covered will include the use and application of oil finishes, how to mix your own dyes and stains, color matching, pickling, using toners and glazes.

Each session runs from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Tuition is \$75.00 per student (covers three sessions). Due to limited space, tuition is not refundable. The dates are March 8, 15, and 22, 1997. If interested, contact Albert Constantine and Son Inc., 2050 Eastchester Road, Bronx, NY 10461.

Editor's Note: The material regarding Sal Marino's course was copied from a flier sent out by Constantine's.

Season's Greetings

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