

The Wood Rack

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Next Meeting -- October 2 Smithtown Barn 7:30 P.M.

Chuck Grodski builds some of the most unusual and sought-after birdhouses in the country. This St. James resident has filled his yard with a fascinating collection of Victorian, modern, Ancient Greek and improvised styles of houses. There his customers can wander and delight in Chuck's creativity while deciding what kind of houses they want to buy.

Using slides supplied by Roger Schroeder, Chuck will give a talk about what started as a means of controlling the insect population in his backyard and became a fulltime job. If you have never built a birdhouse, you will build one after seeing what Chuck can do with some scrap lumber and a fertile imagination.

-- Roger Schroeder

Secretary's Report

Our September meeting was held on Sept. 4, 1996, at the Brush Barn. Bill Hermanek opened the meeting highlighting the upcoming events that may be of interest to our members:

The Metropolitan New York Woodworking Show will be held Sept. 20, 21, & 22 at the Westchester County Center, White Plains, NY.

The Smithtown Historical Society (the organization we rent the Brush Barn from) needs a representative from our club for their Sept. 21, 1996 Smithtown Heritage Festival to demonstrate hand woodworking tools. If anyone can do this, please contact Bill Hermanek.

Either a chainsaw carver or a fancy birdhouse maker will be the speaker for the LIWC October meeting.

Ken Dubey, a representative for Jet Equipment, will be the speaker for the LIWC November meeting.

The LIWC December meeting will feature the renowned cabinet maker Frank Klausz and our annual Toys-for-Tots Program.

Treasurer Joe Pascucci reports that we have \$4200 in the bank and nine new members, bringing our membership to 184.

Frank Kiefer asks those who have not filled out our membership interest forms to do so and return them to him.

The raffle results from the September

meeting were as follows:

1st Prize - Joel Rakower - St. James Bay Square

2nd Prize - Joe Adams - Jorgenson Clamps

3rd Prize - Frank Kiefer - Glue Bottle

Show & Tell: Joe Bottigliere brought in a magnificent CD rack made of oak with raised panels, a turntable and splined base, hand finished in oil and then waxed. This unit holds 260 CD's and required 125 hours labor. Excellent job, Joe!

Hard items to locate: If you need beeswax, try ACE Hardware, Central Islip. For Deft Products go to Aboff's or Burt Lumber in Huntington.

Our thanks to Round Robin Demonstrators:

Mini Lathe - Joel Rakower

Planes - Graham Kelly

Scroll Saw - Alain Tiercy

A good job. Well done!

-- Bob Hall, Secretary

LIWC Board Meeting

On August 15, 1996, a Board Meeting was held. Those present were the following: Bill Hermanek, Bob Hall, Joe Pascucci, Jim Cosgrove, Charlie Felsen, Roger Schroeder, Brian Hayward, Al Schryver, and Howard Whitman.

Topic Discussed: The LIWC 1st Annual Exhibition will be held on Oct. 26,

1996, at the Brush Barn. The Board approved expenditure for a permanent professionally made sign for the exhibition and rental of display tables and covers. Lance Baker heads the Exhibition Committee, and he asks members to submit their list of items to be displayed if they have not already done so.

-- Bob Hall

President's Message

I was glad to see such a good turnout at our first meeting of the year. We had three demonstrations put on by our own membership. One was on using hand planes, another on turning pens on a lathe, and the third was on scroll sawing. Everyone was very impressed with the knowledge all of our demonstrators had and the enthusiasm that they showed

It looks like our first annual woodworking exhibition is well underway with many great pieces being consigned to the show. The committee, which is headed up by Lance Baker, is doing a bang-up job of getting this event off the ground. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, or if you would like to help with setup or security, please contact Lance. The date for this event is Oct. 26, from 10:00 AM -- 5:00 PM.

Remember it is not too early to start making toys for our December Toys-for-Tots program which is sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps. Toys of any

shape, size or color will be greatly appreciated by these needy children. I've received the first toy already from one of our members who knows he can't make the next three meetings, so I think we're off to a good start already.

If anyone went to the woodworking show in Westchester in September, it would be greatly appreciated if you could give the rest of the membership a critique of the show at our October meeting.

-- Bill Hermanek

LIWC First Annual Exhibition

Exhibition Committee Chairman Lance Baker reports that the exhibition will feature over one hundred pieces crafted by twenty-five different woodworkers. Security will be provided for items on display.

A special feature of the exhibition will be the presence of three specialists -- a woodcarver, a woodturner, and LIWC's own Alain Tiercy, who is an expert in fretwork.

A major effort has been made to insure that the event will receive adequate publicity. The following publications will carry announcements: North Shore Today, The Pennysaver, Suffolk Life, The Huntington News, Woodshop News (November issue) and Newsday. There will also be announcements on Cablevision Channel One, Photo-Bulletin Board.

Please show your support by attending on Saturday, October 26, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

-- Jim Cosgrove

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.

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

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. 256-5345.

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.

Original Incra Jig for Sale. Includes homemade base and fence, jig handbook and templates. \$30.00. Call Brian Hayward, 549-9096.

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.

Dues Submission Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

All members are requested to pay dues by mail, using the form printed above. Please fill out the form and send it, along with a check for \$20.00 made out to Long Island Woodworkers' Club, to Joe Pascucci, Treasurer. Joe's address is

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