

The Wood Rack

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Next Meeting - Wed., Dec. 3 Brush Barn - 7:00 PM

**Holiday Buffet Dinner & Get-together
Toys for Tots Program**

Secretary's Report

On Wednesday November 5, our monthly meeting was held at the Brush Barn in Smithtown. The meeting was opened at 7:30 P.M. with approximately 106 members on hand for the festivities. Treasurer Joe Pascucci advised that our membership now stands at 229 with 34 members having renewed for 1998. Remember to mail in your dues to Joe Pascucci. The total in the treasury stands at \$2496.00

The second annual exhibition on October 25 was reported as a huge success. Between 300 to 400 visitors stopped in to see the show. Thanks to all the members who submitted items for the exhibition. Special thanks to the committee who made all this possible: Bob Urso, Charlie James, Graham Kelly, Lance Baker, Gene Kelly, and Al Schryver.

Our monthly raffle held by Charlie Felsen produced three winners:
Larry Kadan - Stanley level
Charlie James - Stanley square
Doug Ruggiero - Stanley tape measure

The meeting was then turned over to Roger Schroeder, who introduced Gregg Krocka, renowned sign carver. Gregg and Roger coauthored a book on sign carving. This newly published book was on sale for the members to purchase. Gregg then presented a wonderful slide show for all to enjoy. Thanks, Gregg!

On November 4, the DeWalt Company held an informal discussion group at the Hampton Inn in Commack. Members from our club were picked at random to sit in on this session. Two groups were invited on two nights. The purpose was to discuss some new products DeWalt is working on. Thanks to Kendall Smith and Mike O'Banion for holding our club members' opinions in such high esteem.

The December meeting will feature a Christmas and Holiday Buffet Dinner and Get-together along with our annual Toys for Tots program. Remember this meeting starts at 7 P.M. Be sure to come early! There will be a short business meeting, and Arthur Schryver will give a talk on his prize winning train, which he has exhibited. The U.S. Marine Corps will be on hand to accept the toys we have all made. In addition to the regular monthly raffle, a special raffle will be held for the toymakers. One chance will be given out for each toy donated. Make sure you bring in your toys to be eligible. Some toys are already on hand, thanks to Frank Allaire and Jim Ruppel. Special thanks also to Jim Clancy who took charge of the Toys for Tots program this

year. Thanks for the plans made available and also to Bob Urso who had toy parts available at his wholesale cost.

Merry Christmas * Happy Holidays *
Happy New Year

-- Bob Hall

Second Annual LIWC Exhibition

Accolades must go to Bob Urso and his committee for putting on an excellent, professionally organized exhibition. Many high quality items were on display. Nevertheless, I must comment on one piece exhibited by John Keane. I do so, not only because of its excellence, but also because of the work conditions under which it was made. John exhibited a mahogany crotch veneered sideboard (He refers to it as an Irish sideboard.), which had curved doors and inlays. His workshop consisted of a single car garage that is so cluttered that it can barely hold a table saw. A bench was a piece of picket fence supported horizontally. I felt so incompetent. Though John served an apprenticeship in Ireland for cabinet making, and he has developed a wealth of knowledge since then, he still attends workshops. I can't help but recall a statement of Frank Klausz. When he asked his father how he could do things so fast and precisely, his reply was, "Don't worry about it. In ten years you will be a good beginner yourself."

-- Brian Hayward

Third Ian Kirby Workshop December 13

DECEMBER 13: DOVETAIL DYNAMITE

DESIGNING, MAKING & USING DOVETAIL JOINTS : This session deals with the ways of the dovetail joint:

- Its use as a corner joint in boxes & casegoods

- Its use in drawers

- Its odd use in other structures

Dovetail Roundup: Through - Single Lap - Double Lap - Secret Mitre - Hound's Tooth - Lap Dovetails - Dovetail Housings

Designing the Joint: The two aspects of dovetail design -- Strength & Appearance. In both, we consider the gradient and the layout of pins to pins and pins to tails.

Laying Out Dovetails: A sure-fire method to get from design to wood. You will do it while sitting in your seat. All materials provided!

Cutting Dovetails: Cutting tails and pins is no harder than cutting a stick of 3/4" x 3/4" in two. Saws & Sawing - Chisels & Chiseling - Making Mitred Corners - Gluing & Clamping

Case Making: The pure logic of the working methods in action while making cases and solid wood drawers.

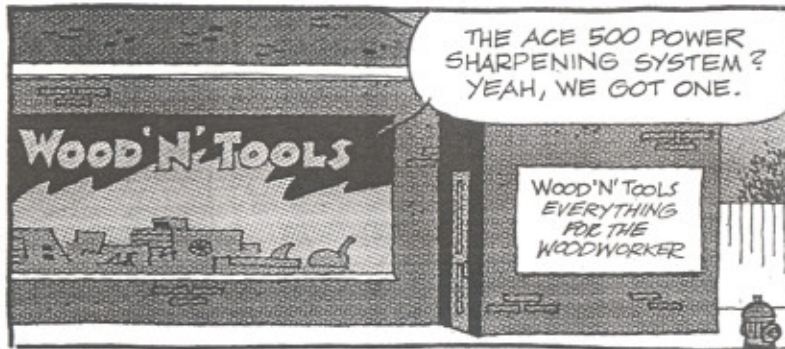
Dovetail Jigs

Notes from Oct. 25 Workshop

Thanks to Graham Kelly, we have excellent notes of the day's seminar. They will be made available.

MOTLEY'S CREW

By BEN TEMPLETON & TOM FORMAN



SMOKING TOBACCO ROLLED IN HUNDRED DOLLAR BILLS MAY BE THE ONLY HOBBY MORE EXPENSIVE AND MORE ADDICTIVE THAN WOODWORKING

Compakboard

Compakboard, a straw-composite particleboard, is scheduled to be introduced into the United States. Made with a combination of MDI resin and straw fibers, it is stronger, lighter, and more moisture-resistant than traditional particleboard. Designed to be used for furniture, cabinetry, and shelving, it is available in 4' x 8' sheets in thicknesses of 3/16" to 3/4". It can be used with a variety of finishes, including paints, varnishes, and laminates. Compakboard's deflection characteristics make it stiffer than particleboard. Its flexural strength resists breakage equally to or better than particleboard, and it has good screw-holding and split resistance. In addition, it is 15-17% lighter than particleboard. Because of its high moisture-resistance, it is ideal for

bathroom and kitchen cabinetry.

--Woodshop News, Nov. 1997, p. T22
(abridged) --Brian Hayward

The Market Place

FOR SALE: Router Table. 24" x 32" laminated mdf board. Fence is 34" extruded aluminum. Stand made of hardwood legs. 31" high. Table insert included. Great condition. \$120.00. Also back issues of *Fine Woodworking*, no.1-114. All in fine condition. \$350.00. Call Roger Schroeder, 691-2095.

FOR SALE: Black and Decker Radial Arm Saw -- 10" blade. Adjustable for crosscut, rip, and angle cuts. Table and stand included. \$150.00. Call Al Schryver, 543-3327.

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