

# The Wood Rack

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**Next Meeting - Wed., Nov. 5** 7:30 PM by Bill Hermanek.  
**Brush Barn - 7:30 PM**

## Carving Signs

Trustee Roger Schroeder and prolific sign carver Greg Krocta recently co-authored a book entitled *Carving Signs: the Woodworker's Guide to Carving, Lettering and Gilding*. Greg will present a slide show based on the photos taken for the book. Though much has to do with carving, there is a great deal of information on wood species, adhesives, clamping, mounting and design. Woodworkers should find this an informative show.

Greg will have copies of the book for purchase. Listed at \$24.95, it is hardcover, spiral-bound and in full color. Price to members is \$20.00.

## Secretary's Report

Our October meeting was held on October 2, at the Brush Barn in Smithtown. Over eighty were on hand to enjoy the evening. The meeting was opened promptly at

Our Treasurer Joe Pascucci advised that we have \$2690.00 in the treasury. Our membership now stands at a record high of 230 members. Dues will be payable in January but may be MAILED IN to Joe at any time. Please be sure to send them in by mail. Do not give them to Joe at a meeting.

**MONTHLY RAFFLE:** The winners were

1st Prize: Jim Clancy, \$50.00 gift certificate to the Woodworkers Store, Rogers, MN.

2nd Prize: Bob Hall, St James Bay rosewood and brass square.

3rd Prize: Jim Cosgrove, pair of Jorgenson clamps.

**HARDWOOD PURCHASE:** Larry Russo reports that we still need a few more orders to meet the minimum requirements. Anyone interested in taking advantage of ordering wood at a discount should be prepared to put in a request at the November meeting. This meeting will be the last chance to place an order.

**AUCTION:** Mrs. Paul Morris generously donated her deceased

husband's collection of *Fine Woodworking* magazines to the club for auction. Several bidders were in hot pursuit with very competitive bidding. The winner was Larry Russo.

The meeting was then turned over to Charlie Morehouse, fellow member and professional furniture refinisher and restorer. He gave a very enlightening presentation on the art of French polishing, padding lacquer, and the materials used for this type of work.

We have a book in our own club library called *The Furniture Doctor*, which treats these same subjects and may be of interest to members. I personally have a table at home with one of those "white rings" on the top, and I know I have gained the confidence to try to repair it.

Thanks, Charlie, for a very interesting and informative talk.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 7,8,9: American Woodworker Show, Fort Washington, PA.

November 22: LIWC, Ian Kirby Seminar at the Brush Barn, Smithtown

December 3: LIWC, December meeting at Brush Barn. Toys for Tots Program with the U.S. Marines.

Be sure to bring in your toys. A special raffle will be held for those who donate a toy. A Holiday buffet dinner will be served. Please note the 7:00 PM starting time for this meeting.

That's all folks. Gotta go make some TOYS!

--Bob Hall

## Ian Kirby Workshop November 22

What follows is an outline of the second in a series of workshops by Ian Kirby.

### November 22: Square Pegs in Square Holes

**Designing, Making & Using Mortise & Tenon Joints:** This session deals with all the joint types used in what's known as rail or stick furniture -- chairs, tables and beds. It will also deal with the frame and panel, so wall panels and paneled cases will be included.

**Mortise & Tenon Joint Round-Up:** Through & Wedged - Stopped - Haunch - Sloping Haunch - Twin - Double - Fox Tail - Tusk - Mitred - Shoulders - Other Peg & Hole Joints - Loose Tenons - Plate Joints - Dowels

**Designing the Joint:** Beginning with the basic design requirement, we will look at the other aspects of each joint design and focus on balancing the strength of the tenon.

**Making Mortise and Tenons:** Using Hand Tools - Using Power Tools - Mortise Machine - Tenon Machines - Slot Mortiser - Routers - Jigs - Any and all ways to want to shape -- what's good, what's not so good

**Gluing and Clamping Mortise & Tenons:** How Clamps Work - Designing Clamping Blocks

**Design:** The design aspect will be sprinkled throughout the day. Once you talk frame & panel, you have to talk design. Proportion and pattern are core elements to this ancient woodworking building block.

## **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. 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.

## **DeWALT Seeks Volunteers**

Mr. Kendall Smith, a representative from the DeWALT tool company, will attend the November meeting of LIWC. He will make a request of the membership for volunteers who would test and give opinions on various DeWALT products.

## **Editorial:**

**The American Woodworker Show  
Ft. Washington, PA  
November 7,8,9, 1997**

If you go to only one woodworking show this year, you should go to Ft. Washington. There's nothing cheesy about this one. It's the real thing. Actually, it's worth going just to see the well over 100 exhibitors. Many products are offered at special show prices. (Bring a credit card.)

There are many great on-going demonstrations and excellent seminars, such as "Getting the Most from Your Router," Ernie Conover; "Getting the Most from Your Tablesaw," Mark Duginske; "Sharpening Secrets," Leonard Lee; "Design and Build Great Furniture," Ian Kirby, "Fearless Finishing," Michael Dresdner, and "Setting Up Shop," Sandor Nagyszalanczy.

General admission is \$10.00 per day, and seminars cost \$30.00, but there are many special deals. For example, a \$55.00 two-day package includes two-day general admission and two seminars. Starting time is 10:00 AM each day.

made an arrangement for special show rates with both Holiday Inn (215) 643-3000 and Hampton Inn (215) 659-4040. Be sure to mention the American Woodworker Show when you call. Call soon if you're serious about going.

Getting there is not difficult. You take the Jersey Turnpike to Exit 6, which is the PA Turnpike, and you go west to Exit 26. Turn right at the first traffic light (Commerce Drive), and follow the signs to the Expo Center. That's it.

For further information about schedules and prices for seminar packages, check the October issue of *American Woodworker* or visit the special show website: [www.americanwoodworkershow.com](http://www.americanwoodworkershow.com). You can also call (800) 914-9395. If all else fails, call me at 781-4304.

If you want to stay overnight, *American Woodworker* magazine has

-- Jim Cosgrove

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