

# The Wood Rack

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**Next Meeting - Wed., Oct. 1  
Brush Barn - 7:30 PM**

## Refinishing with French Padding

The speaker at the October meeting will be Charlie Morehouse, who is a professional wood finisher. Charlie spoke to the club a number of years ago about using water-based finishes. Since then he has given up the use of these products and returned to oil-based finishes. It will be interesting to find out why.

## Secretary's Report

Our opening meeting following our summer recess was held at the Brush Barn in Smithtown on Wednesday, September 3, 1997. The meeting was opened at 7:45 PM by Bill Hermanek. Over 100 members were in attendance.

The meeting was then turned over to Joe Pascucci, Treasurer. Joe advised that our bank balance stands at \$2760.00. Our membership is now at 220 members -- highest to date. Our new fiscal year will start on January 1, 1998, and dues will be due then, not now as in the past. Joe also mentioned the recent passing of fellow member Paul Morris. The board and membership express their

condolences to the family. Mrs. Morris has generously donated some copies of *Fine Woodworking* magazine, which will be auctioned off at the October meeting, with monies received to be divided between Mrs. Morris and the club.

The speaker for the evening was Mr. Ed Ferri of Quality VAKuum Products, Inc, Concord, MA. Special thanks to Ed, who gave a very enlightening talk on his company's products that was enjoyed by all the membership. Please feel free to call Mr. Ferri at 1-800-547-5484 if you have questions.

The Woodworkers Store in Rogers, MN, has offered the club a discount on their products. For information please contact Pete Gudenzi at 265-8396.

**NEWSLETTER:** Our editor Jim Cosgrove needs articles for upcoming newsletters. Please contribute something, something about things you have read about, things you have made, tips, jigs and fixtures -- anything of interest.

**TOYS FOR TOTS:** Jim Clancy reports that plans for toys will be available. Also, Bob Urso will have wheels and toy parts available at wholesale prices.

**FIGURE THIS ONE OUT!** 220 members x a couple of toys each = A WHOLE BUNCH.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION: Bob Urso requests that everyone planning to show something fill out the forms that were supplied -- if you haven't already done so. Planning for space, tables, etc., must be finished. Lance Baker reports that notice of the exhibition will be in *Newsday*, *Fine Woodworking*, etc. I received *Workshop News*, and it's in there, along with the Ian Kirby workshop information.

Our monthly raffle was held by Charlie Felsen, and the following were winners:

First Prize -- George Lorenz -- a pair of quick clamps.

Second Prize -- Lance Baker -- a pair of Jorgenson clamps.

Third Prize -- Joe Pascucci -- an air-powered vacuum clamp donated by our guest speaker.

Fourth Prize -- Frank Kiefer -- a digital tape measure.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 27: First Ian Kirby Workshop -- "Day One" (full)

October 1: LIWC meeting -- Charlie Morehouse -- Refinishing

October 8: LIATCA meeting -- Sargeant Tools, by Jim Bigham

October 25: LIWC Annual Exhibition

November 7,8,9: American Woodworking Show at Ft. Washington, PA.

November 22: Second Ian Kirby Workshop -- "Square Pegs in Square Holes" (full)

December 13: Third Ian Kirby Workshop -- "Dovetail Dynamite"

December: Toys for Tots and Holiday

#### Get-together

December: LIATCA 10th Anniversary Party

An election committee has been formed to nominate anyone wishing to run for a position on the board. Please contact Charlie Jones, Gabe Jaen, Al Schryver.

Now that the weather is starting to turn towards fall, I am looking forward to some SHOP TIME!

Everyone please make a lot of sawdust, and something for the kids for TOYS FOR TOTS.

-- Bob Hall

### Notice from the Nominating Committee

A three member nominating committee for the upcoming December elections was formed at the September meeting. As you know, both our President, Bill Hermanek, and our Vice President/Program Chairman, Howard Whitman will be stepping down. Qualified people are needed to fill these positions. If you are interested, please let us know at the October meeting. Please keep in mind that these positions require the sacrifice of personal time, as there are regular board meetings to attend, many phone calls to be made, etc. Several evenings per month will need to be devoted to this job. We will introduce ourselves at the next meeting. Until then, please give your consideration to this matter. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

--Charlie James, Gabe Jaen, Al Schryver

## Wholesale Lumber, Tri-Order Schedule

Please make selections and bring this paper to the November 5th meeting. Thanks.

The first September wholesale lumber requests did not yield enough responses to place an order. The comment I received from many was that it was too early, and the members just weren't in the lumber purchase mode yet. I am going to try extending the time frame between orders. If I get a lot of orders I'll decrease the time frame. Tentative ordering schedule is 11/15/97, 2/15/98, and 5/15/98.

We have settled on a few variables that we will carry through to this purchase:

1. We will buy 4/4 FAS\* grade with a yield of at least 91% (91%-100%) good lumber. This means that buying wholesale you should add 10% to the lumber requirements for your project.
2. We are having it surfaced to 7/8" - 15/16" thick\*. This adds about \$0.10 per board foot. This "one pass" planed surface will be smooth, but not perfect. Slight tearout does occur. We get thicker lumber this way, and we have the ability to determine how the surface is finished.
3. Wholesale lumber is sold in random widths/lengths. The minimum width is 5 inches, and the minimum length is 6 feet. The maximums are 12 inches wide and 12 feet long. We can try to accommodate needs when sorting, but there is no guarantee that a specific size can be accommodated.

Note: First delivery was a little slower than expected. The mill is in PA, so naturally they want to combine several loads in the vicinity to make the delivery as economical as possible. I expect delivery times to improve.

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I'm offering three types of wood and will base the order on the commitments that I get for wood types offered. You can select one, two or all three. Just specify quantities.

The wood offerings are

Cherry	@ \$3.65 bf**	_____	bf	qty
Walnut	@ \$3.05 bf**	_____	bf	qty
White Oak	@ \$2.20 bf**	_____	bf	qty

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you have any special requests or comments, please let me know. I want this to work for everyone.

\*\* Estimate. We won't be ordering till mid November, so it's tough for the mill to be exact in September. I'll confirm pricing at the November meeting.

Also if you have a large project coming up and you need a large quantity of something not offered this month, let me know and I'll see what I can work out.

Special thanks to all who participated in the first WS-Lumber purchase. If you need to contact me: Larry Russo, Home Phone: 567-4097 or E-mail Address: lawrence.russo@peri.com

## **Market Place**

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.

## **Woodworking Tip**

If you should ever need wide boards to be sanded flat after gluing, contact Sweetwater Studio in Ronkonkoma, 588-9663. They have a sander which can handle up to 34" wide boards.

- Brian Hayward

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