

# The Wood Rack



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## Next Meeting - Wed., Nov. 4 Brush Barn - 7:30 PM

Speaker to be announced.

## President's Message

As I write this the exhibition committee will be meeting tonight. This is the club's third exhibition. Even if you weren't involved, I hope you had a chance to stop by the barn, and say hello.

The next event I ask all to get involved in is Toys for Tots. Think of the children who have nothing. I used to make simple toys for nursery schools, and I can tell you it is very rewarding when you see a child enjoying the toy you have made. Thanks for your support.

The DeWALT Tool Company is looking for individuals to demonstrate the Wizard Tool at Home Depot stores during three weekends this December. Payment for the work will be in money or the equivalent in tools. Please call me if you are interested.

-- Charlie Felsen (351-9634)

## Secretary's Report

The club President Charlie Felsen opened the meeting promptly at 7:30 PM. He announced that due to the cancellation of the Sal Marino Finishing Seminar those members who had paid for the seminar could pick up their refund checks from the treasurer. Sal's seminar has been rescheduled for January 23.

Charlie welcomed new members and asked them to stand up and introduce themselves.

Charlie announced that club member George Lorenz of East Northport had passed on. We send our sincere condolences to the family.

Steve Costello managed to get another member to join him as part of the nominating committee. The "Toys for Tots" campaign is on, and there are toy parts being made available at very good prices for the members. We're looking for a good turnout, such as we had last year. This may be a good way to give a boost to open shop days.

Glen Cove Mayor, Thomas R. Suozzi, is looking for skilled woodcrafters and sailing enthusiasts to volunteer to help restore the 150 foot Clipper- Barquentine, *Regina Maris*, a 90 year-old vessel. For information call 516-676-2004.

Sal Marino volunteered to build a web page for the club, but he needs someone to be the webmaster. This could be a good way to get some more public exposure for the club and its members. See Charlie if interested.

At this reading the Club's Expo has already taken place. Thanks to all who provided woodworks for the presentation and special thanks to those who worked that Friday night to help set things up at around 11:00 PM.

Charlie did a show-n-tell on a cat and pumpkin he makes and sells, which he will also have at the Expo. A printout of the club's library of books and videos was made available to members.

Raffle winners were: Fred Venuti, blade; Ed Dillon, bits; Tony Cavallaro, a caliper.

The presenter during the meeting was a club member, Steve Costello, whose topic of discussion and demonstration was "Veneering for Dummies."

### Coming Events:

Dec. 12: Seminar: Ernie Conover, "The Router"

Dec. 13: Seminar: Ernie Conover, "The Lathe"

There are still a few places left in both Conover workshops. \$35 each or \$60 for both {includes lunch}. We will now open them to the general public.

Jan. 23: Seminar: Sal Marino, "Woodfinishing"

Note: For seminar information and reservations contact Brian Hayward (549-9096) or Steve Costello (427-8070).

-- Gabe Jaen

## **Steve Costello on Veneering**

The presenter for the evening was our own Steve Costello, who shared with us the many benefits of veneering. His opening line of "veneering for dummies" was quickly forgotten after he showed us the many different species of beautiful wood veneers he had purchased locally and used to make small boxes, planter stands and cubes. Steve pointed out that trying to find solid wood with the grain patterns he had would be economically impractical if not impossible. Using ultralight MDF, some wood glue, a plastic bag and a few sheets of veneer he comes up with some really impressive looking boards, from which he makes a variety of products --some of which he demonstrated.

He also commented on how veneering allows you to combine different types of wood grains which are contrasting. Some of the samples he showed combined ebony with birdseye maple, walnut with holly.

Steve demonstrated the technique of bag veneering and how he layers the backing plates with the MDF and veneer, which is then topped with corrugated cardboard. The cardboard is to prevent the bag from tearing on sharp corners of the MDF. Unfortunately, Steve forgot to bring the vacuum pump, but he did show us the bag and how it works. As an added feature Steve

also mentioned that the vacuum pump can effectively be used as a holding fixture for routing. The process for making the combination holding fixture and template uses a sticky back foam rubber glued onto the routing template to form the vacuum chamber. Dowels can be added as hand grips. The pump used is a 1/4 hp pump no bigger than a loaf of sliced bread.

In closing Steve mentioned that he would like to see other club members make presentations to the club in their areas of interest, be it the type of woodworking they do or some specialty they do like finishing, routing, carving, etc. It was a very informative meeting, particularly from the point of economics and the esthetic possibilities. Anyone interested in getting together with Steve at his shop in Huntington to work on veneering using both press and vacuum should contact him at 516-427-8070. Thanks Steve.

-- Gabe Jaen

## **New Member Feels at Home**

I joined the Long Island Woodworkers Club in September of this year, and although I've been to only two meetings, I feel right at home. I started to take woodworking a little more seriously late last year. My new wife Elizabeth, seeing all the tools I have acquired over the years, encouraged me to make a training potty for her granddaughter Leah. Upon completion I felt pretty good. In fact an acquaintance of mine liked it so much he offered to pay me to build him one for a friend of his. I then started branching out to different projects and different themes -- clocks, rockers, cradles and wagons. I know the excitement and pride when a project comes together, and even though I don't consider myself an expert, the enjoyment of working with wood has filled many of my free hours. I would say my greatest accomplishment to date is a sled I built for my granddaughter Chrissy in Colorado. I figure it snows a lot there and she'll get a lot of use out of it.

What do I like most about the club? Well, it may be too early to single out any one thing, but I can say that you never feel inferior and all you

get is encouragement. It's great to listen to people who work with different types of media - Sal with his beautiful inlay work and Steve with his laminates. I look forward to the first Wednesday of each month now in anticipation of the new ideas I will get from my fellow members.

-- Fred Venuti

## Marquetry Exhibition

From October 3, 1998 to January 10, 1999, the Museum of American Folk Art will present an exhibition of American Folk marquetry called "Masterpieces in Wood: American Folk Marquetry from the Hirschhorn Foundation."

Marquetry is a centuries-old technique of ornamenting wood surfaces, such as tables, boxes, clocks, and gameboards, with an overlay of intricately cut and shaped wood veneer pieces arranged in puzzle-like patterns. This exhibition is the first full-scale examination of the history of American folk marquetry, a popular art form during the last half of the 19th century. The exhibit documents generations of artists who masterfully practiced the craft of marquetry and handed down the tradition from father to son.

The Museum is located at 2 Lincoln Square in New York City (Columbus Avenue between 65th and 66th Streets). It is closed on Mondays and open from 11:30 AM to 7:30 PM from Tuesday to Sunday. Admission is free.

-- Brian Hayward (549-9096)

## Editorial:

**The American Woodworker Show  
Ft. Washington, PA  
November 6,7,8, 1997**

If you go to only one woodworking show this year, you should go to Ft. Washington. It's the real thing. Actually, it's worth going just to see the exhibitors, and many products are offered at special show prices. (Bring a credit card.)

This year's special guest will be Roy Underhill, star of the PBS series "The Woodwright's Shop." Roy will be framing an authentic replica of Henry David Thoreau's cabin on Walden Pond, and he will be doing it right on the main Show floor.

As usual, there is a great line-up of seminars. LIWC friend Ian Kirby is presenting two: "Make the Most of Your Tablesaw," and "Design and Build Great Furniture." Frank Klausz - also no stranger to the LIWC - is presenting "Design and Build a Workbench" and "Woodworking Fundamentals." Bill Hylton also has two seminars, "Router Basics" and "Advanced Router Work." Other seminars are "Scrollsaw Savvy" with Steve Vorndran, "Finishing Secrets" with Michael Dresdner, and "Jigs and Fixtures" with Sandor Nagyszalanczy.

General admission is \$10.00 per day, and seminars cost \$30.00, but there are many special deals. Starting time is 10:00 AM each day.

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 website:

[www.americanwoodworker.com](http://www.americanwoodworker.com). You can also call (800) 914-9395. If all else fails, call me at 781-4304.

-- Jim Cosgrove

## Toys for Tots

All toys must be ready for pickup on the night of our December 2 meeting. Let's try to outdo last year's total, which was approximately 250 pieces. Remember, it's just as easy to make three or four as it is to make one.

-- Jim Clancy

## Market Place

For Sale: Kerosene Space Heater; Aladdin Model J280. Excl. Cond. Manual & orig. carton. Ideal for shop. Asking \$80.00. Craftsman 1/2" Drill Press Adapter Stand Mod. No. 335.25987. Convert your 1/2" Drill to a drill press configuration. \$35.00. Graham Kelly - 234-5379.

For Sale: *American Woodworker* magazine, issues 26-64, great condition. \$120.00. Roger Schroeder - 691-2095.

Ryobi Oscillating Spindle Sander with five drums - \$90.00.

Lathe Duplicator -- never used, still in the box - \$50.00. Joe Pascucci - 385-1877.

For Sale: Porter Cable Router Edge Guide. \$8.00. Stainless Steel Calipers. \$5.00. Craftsman 6" Stacked Dado (steel). \$5.00. Craftsman Tablesaw Molding Head w/ cutters (steel). \$10.00. "Jig It" Shelf Pin Drill Jig and Bit System - bit new in box. \$10.00. Porter Cable Profile Sander - brand spankin' new. \$60.00. 100% Rubber Mats - excellent for floors and tabletops - 3 sizes, large quantities, impervious to chemicals, 36"x36". \$10.00. 12"x18". \$7.00. 12"x12". \$5.00. 100% Very Heavy Duty Rubber Gloves for Refinishing - impervious to chemicals - large quantities. One pair will last forever. \$10.00. pr. John Montefusco - 864-6828.

For Sale: Complete set of *Wood* magazines, except for issues # 1 and # 46. \$175.00. Bill Hermanek - 360-1216.

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