

The Wood Rack



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

LIWC member Steve Costello will give a presentation on Vacuum Veneering and Clamping.

President's Message

After many years of dedicated service, Bob Hall has asked to be relieved of his duties as LIWC Secretary. Club member Gabe Jaen has graciously agreed to become our new Secretary.

We all owe a great debt of gratitude to Bob, whose minutes were always accurate, complete, and on time. As a member of the LIWC Board, Bob worked hard behind the scenes to build the club and make it prosper. Thanks, Bob, and we wish you the best of luck in the future.

— Charlie Felsen

Secretary's Report

Our first meeting after the summer vacation was held at the Brush Barn on Wednesday, September 2. The meeting was opened at 7:30 PM by the club president, Charlie Felsen. Charlie welcomed the members back and spoke briefly about the two summer meetings that were held in July and August.

Charlie mentioned that there was wood available for the members to take for the "Toys for Tots" effort. This wood has been donated by Home Depot. Jim Clancy is heading up this committee. Last year's turn-out for this event was excellent, and we would like to see an even better one this year.

Charlie presented the "Best-in-Show" award to Arthur Schryver for the June woodworking contest.

A nominating committee has been formed for the next slate of officers. Steve Costello is on the committee and looking for one or two volunteers to help.

A suggestion was made that a "garage sale" be held where the members would put up for sale tools they no longer use. There was a good response from the members, and so a search for a site for the sale is necessary. Suggestions are needed.

In the July 23 issue of the *NY Times*, our past president Bill Hermanek and his extensive collection of antique planes was featured in an article of a page and a half.

Shop Tours We're looking for volunteers from the members to show their shops and give us an insight into their woodworking interests. Visiting groups would be small (5-6 persons). Please contact Bob Urso or Charlie Felsen.

Monthly Raffle : The winners were Fred Barrett, Vince McCabe and Al Schryver.

Show and Tell : Charlie James brought in a feather board he uses on his table saw. It looked like a cigar box banjo. It consisted of several strips of Cherry about 1/8"x3/4"x20" long. The strips were glued to a board about 8"x8" which he clamps to his table. Bob says it works great. He also had a sharpening station made from clear plastic which is based on Ian Kirby's version.

Membership: Frank Gaizo mentioned that any member who wants a copy of the club roster should contact him.

Summer Trips Joe Pascucci and friends spent three days in Akron, Ohio, attending a woodturning symposium which enjoys an international attendance. The sessions were filled with instructions and demonstrations by professionals available for questions and seminars. Also Alain Tiercy attended a "Scroll Saw Picnic" which is an

annual event held in June which also gives you the opportunity to make contact with professionals and see some excellent demonstrations.

Conover Seminars: Ernie Conover will give two full day seminars in December. Saturday, December 12 – the Router. Sunday, December 13 – the Lathe. Cost: One day - \$35. Two days - \$60.

– Gabe Jaen

Sal Marino Speaks on Inlays

The guest speaker at the September meeting was a well-known and respected woodworking professional, Sal Marino of Constantine's, a woodworkers' supply house in the Bronx which specializes in veneers and finishing products. Mr. Marino's presentation was about inlays and their uses and method of application in woodworking.

Sal spoke about the various types of inlays and how they can enhance a woodworking project. The inlays are packaged in a variety of shapes, such as squares, rounds, diamond and elliptical shapes, including irregular. Some users will inlay the shape as delivered by the manufacturer, but Sal recommends cutting out the distinct shape within the inlay using a #11 Xacto knife. He also recommends using the inlay in solid wood or solid substrate.

The cavity that is cut out for the inlay should be shallower than the thickness of the inlay, causing the inlay to stand proud of the wood it is to be inserted into. The outline of the inlay should be cut into the wood carefully using the Xacto knife. A router can be used to remove the bulk of the material within the outline, while staying away from the outline. Use a dog leg chisel to remove the balance. Close-grained wood is the best base material.

The inlay should be glued in place with a white glue with the tape side up. Apply the glue in a thin even coat to prevent squeeze out. Place a plastic sheet over the inlay, clamp and leave overnight. To remove, dampen tape and scrape off, but don't add a lot of water. Finish sand using 150 grit sandpaper. Use sawdust to fill voids and finish with your topcoat.

Sal says that with time you will develop your

own techniques. All in all, Sal kept up the pace without missing a breath. He had some examples to show the members and hung around for some one-to-one discussions with interested members.

–Gabe Jaen

Third Annual LIWC Exhibition

This year's LIWC Exhibition will take place on October 24th at the Brush Barn. If you plan to exhibit, please contact a committee member immediately. The show is less than one month away, and we still do not have everyone's exhibits in place. We need to know details on projects, including size, materials used, and the best method to display. This is a members' show, so let's participate by displaying and by helping to make the third annual the best show ever. We plan on having day-long demonstrations, including our guest exhibitor Sal Marino. As in past years, we will be inviting the woodcarvers and woodturners to join us. All members are invited to exhibit. Simple crafts or fine furniture, it doesn't matter!

– Bob Urso (724-4625)

Judy Ditmer Addresses Woodturners

The Long Island Woodturners are having a one day workshop on Saturday, Oct.17, 1998. The guest speaker is Judy Ditmer, a noted author and turner, known for her jewelry and small turnings. She is an excellent and interesting speaker. Space is very limited, but the Woodturners would like to open up the seminar to the first five members of our club to sign up. The fee is twenty dollars and includes lunch. If interested, please contact Joel Rakover at home-462-1186 or work-543-1333.

New Library Rules

The following new library rules have been adopted by the club to give all members access to tapes and books in a reasonable amount of time.

– A maximum of two (2) books and two (2) tapes may be borrowed per member. (Only members

may sign out books or tapes.)

- A deposit of ten dollars (\$10) must be left for each book or tape borrowed.

- If it is returned by the next meeting, there is no charge for borrowing a book or tape. (The full deposit will be returned.)

- A charge of two dollars (\$2) per month will be deducted from the deposit for each month, after the first, that a book or tape is not returned.

- Jim Macallum

June Contest Winners

The following were the winners of the annual LIWC Woodworking Contest in June:

Furniture Division:

First Place: Mike Bonchansky - Sofa Table

Second Place: Brian Hayward - End Table

Third Place: Howard Whitman - Clock

Table-top Division:

First Place: Fred Barrett - Guitar

Second Place: Arthur Schryver - Table-top Train

Third Place: Ted Lehecka - Clock

Crafts Division:

First Place: Alain Tiercy - Scroll Saw Clock

Second Place: Rich Weil - Truck

Third Place: Bill Hermanek - Rocking Horse
(That evening Bill also won the Jet 6" Jointer donated to the club by *Woodworkers Journal*.)

The Invention of the TableSaw

In the last newsletter Brian Hayward invited any member to research the origin of the table saw. Gabe Jaen in his talk on August 5th had credited its origin to the Shaker sect, and on August 15th at a seminar on the table saw I explained that whilst loyal "citizens" like the fuzzy feel of this story, it is a myth. I must say at the outset that there is a degree of perversity in my telling of the tale which doesn't often get shared with the audience, but here it is.

The Shaker movement originated in Manchester, England, in 1747, by secession from the Quakers and became a religious celibate sect living in the U.S.A. This much you will find by the commonest

of references, such as a dictionary.

However, if you want to know the history of man's technological achievements you turn to the standard work of reference on the subject, which is "A History of Technology," published by Queens University Press in 1958 and authored by four gentlemen, Singer, Holmgard, Hall, and Williams. There in Volume Four on page 437 you will find the table saw credited to Walter Taylor (1734-1803), an Englishman.

You should know that the four authors are American. If there is lingering loyalty to the Shaker story, I hope any good citizen can let the whole thing rest with a smile, knowing that it took a group of American scholars to set the record straight.

--Ian Kirby

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.

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SATURDAY - OCTOBER 24, 1998

10 AM - 4 PM

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