

The Wood Rack

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Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 3, Brush Barn - 7:30pm

Compressed Air in the Workshop

Gene McKenna from K&G Power Equipment, an authorized trainer for Ingersoll-Rand, will be the presenter. He will have a small compressor with him and will talk on all aspects of shop use for compressed air, including size and type of compressors, filtering, lubricating, line size, etc. If you have air in your shop now or were thinking of installing a system this is a must-see meeting.

Secretary's Report

At 7:30 PM sharp on January 6, 1999, Charlie Felsen started the meeting by wishing all the members a Happy New Year. But by this time the meeting room was already in motion. Some of the club demonstrators were on a roll setting up their machines in preparation for the evening's event. Charlie announced the agenda for the evening, which was demos by some of the club members and the opportunity to ask questions of the demonstrators.

Charlie thanked Fred Venuti for taking care of the January publication of the newsletter while Jim Cosgrove was in California. Jim Clancy informed the members that Jesada Tools is willing to provide some generous discounts to the club's bulk order. The discounts get more generous as the dollar value of the order gets higher. Constantine's provided donations for raffle prizes for the meeting.

New Members

Welcome to Sanjay Kapur, who just wants to work wood; Melissa Bishop, who is interested in the scroll saw (Here brother did a lot of the building of the Brush Barn); and Bill Savage, whose interest is fretwork.

Raffle Winners

Frank Russ - wooden parallel clamps

Graham Kelly - Steel Clamps

Mike Bender - 3 *Fine Woodworking* books

Tool Demonstrators

Joe Pascucci - PS Machine Scroll Saw

About two-thirds of the Brush Barn's walls were crowded with woodworking machinery. Just past the coffee pot there was a scroll saw made by P.S. Machine. This saw looked like a Hegner in its construction and design. It was beautifully built, the casting cleanly painted and smooth - free of the casting flash typically found in off-shore products. The saw ran smoothly, though the floor did vibrate during saw operation. The saw blade had a cutting action that cut on the down stroke and pulled back on the return stroke. Joe Pascucci allowed trial runs by members.

Steve Costello - Stationary Biscuit Joiner

Next stop was Steve Costello with his holding fixtures using vacuum pumps. His bench-top mounted biscuit cutter featured a foot-actuated switch, and a Vermont router table with its versatile fence system that can be used for jointing.

Graham Kelly - Ryobi Thickness Planer

Next stop was Graham Kelly with a surface planer. It was what Graham shared with you that made you take a second look at you planer. first he uses melamine shelves that he bought for about 8-10 bucks as a table extension for the planer. The melamine reduces the friction and provides a longer table for the planer. Graham shared several tricks using the planer. One was as you insert the board to be planned, lift the opposite end slightly and push forward. This action will reduce the possibility of snipe. Another tip, if you have a board that's cupped across it's width, span the width with a straight edge so as to measure the depth of the cup, known as the chordal distance. Then cut a strip of wood about one inch wide to the thickness of the cup depth and as long as your board.. Spray the cupped side of the board with 3M adhesive. Let it dry to the touch; place the one inch strip in the cup. Now turn this board over and plane the opposite side (crowned) until it's flat; then remove the strip and plane the cup until flat. there is more, but ask Graham next time you see him.

Howard Whitman - Incra Jig

Next stop was Howard Whitman with his router table and one of the original Incra precision fences. He demonstrated the use of the Incra fence and its various removable rulers that are used for indexing the spacing for a multitude of joints like box and dovetail. Aside from the joints, the fixture had many other uses with its adjustable stops.

Bob Urso - Jet Mini-Lathe

The next stop was Bob Urso, using a brand new Jet lathe. Bob was turning all kinds of beads and ogees on what might have

been a table leg. The lathe design is ideally suited for the bench because it looks really solid. What Bob has to his credit for that night was that he generated the most wood chips. Just ask the sweepers.

Joel Rakower - Tormak Wet Grinder

Last but not least was Joel Rakower with a wet grinder. He was sharpening lathe tools, his and those of anyone else who had the smarts to bring them in.

All in all it was a great evening. There was plenty of talk, exchange of information, checking out woodworking equipment and meeting lots of new acquaintances. Let's hope everyone learned something. Maybe next time there will be more demonstrators and we can see some carving, or hand tool work, which always is helpful. Good job all around. We plan on doing this type of presentation at least once a year.

--Gabe Jaen

Name Tag Contest

The LIWC will be sponsoring a name tag contest. Judging will probably be at the March meeting. Judges will be three members of the Program Committee and three other club members (three volunteers needed). Cash prizes (gift certificates) will be awarded to first, second and third place winners.

The rules will be as follows:

- All tags must be worn into the meeting. (i.e. They must have some means of attaching to the wearer's garment, such as a pin, clip, etc.)
- Maximum size is 3" x 5"
- Tags must be predominately wood. Other materials may be used as accents only.
- Member's name or nickname must be included. Last name or other info is optional.
- Tags can be carved, cut out, routed out, applied, veneered, inlaid, painted, etc.

Use your imagination! The top three entries will be kept until the annual members' exhibition and returned after the exhibit. Members are encouraged to wear their name tags to monthly meetings, and anyone who creates a name tag is invited to display it at the exhibition. Further details at the next meeting!

Notes from the Program Committee

March: Doug Kenny of South Dennis, MA

Doug will talk about his wooden scale model trains and fire engine as featured in several issues of Fine Woodworking magazine. He is a member of the International Wood Collectors Society and a frequent attendee and speaker at many woodworking shows.

April: Mario Rodriquez

The topic has yet to be determined, but it will have to do with hand, not power woodworking. Mario is a frequent contributor to fine

Woodworking and an instructor at The Fashion Institute in N.Y.C. He specializes in hand tool use and design and has operated a school in upstate New York.

May:

Constantine's and possibly FISCH Precision Tools, manufacturers of high quality drill bits, including the "Vortex" brand featured by many retailers.

Fourth Annual Membership Exhibition

I hope everyone is working on a project this year. the exhibition has been tentatively scheduled for this spring. We will let members know when details are finalized. If a larger location can be found at a reasonable price, we will incorporate the tool garage sale and other events. Any members having information on such a place please contact Bob Urso ASAP. Ideally we would like a place about 50% or more larger than the barn, located east of Bethpage and west of Lake Grove.

Club Discounts

The following merchants offer discounts to LIWC members:

- Dynamite Tools (not power tools)
- Wood-Ply (Freeport)
- Roberts Plywood (Deer Park)
- Kirkup Lumber (Bayshore)
- A&J Lumber (Bohemia)

In addition:

Jesada is offering discounts on bulk orders. See Jim Clancy.

Garrett Wade: I was told club members would receive discounts, although some members have had difficulty. ASK.

Suffolk Machinery (Timber Wolf brand saw blades). While club discounts per se are not offered, substantial savings can be had by ordering in quantity. Inquire if you would like to assemble a club order.

Craft Supplies. Club discounts (substantial) for total orders of \$1000.00+ (not hard to do).

Although they do not have an official policy, **Constantine's** and **Armor Products** have given members discounts.

The following companies have donated items to the club in the past:

- **Constantine's** - toys for Tots and general raffle prizes. Several and substantial discounts.
- **Armor** - Toys-for-Tots.
- **Jesada Tools** - Rabbeting bit set.

- **Fisch Tools** - Vortex Brad Point bit set.
- **Turbinaire** - Speed control.
- **Quality Vacuum Products** - Vacuum pump.
- **DeWalt** - Several tools, jackets, promotional items.
- **Roberts Ply wood** - Factory tour and coffee and cake.

Please support these companies!

Constantine's

Bob Urso and I went to the American Woodworker Show in Fort Washington this past November where we met Glen Docherty, the owner of Constantine's. We told him about our woodworking club, and he was very interested in helping us out. We purchased most of the raffle prizes that we gave out for our Toys for Tots from Constantine's. Glen was very helpful. He gave the club a nice discount and donated many items. Bob and I went to the main store in the Bronx to buy raffle prizes for our monthly meetings. We were greeted by Glen and again he helped out the club, giving us a nice discount and donating many items.

We also met Sal Marino upstairs at Constantine's in their classroom. Sal also had some items for our raffle. The best thing about this trip to the Bronx was to find out that Constantine's is very easy to get to, literally ten minutes from the Throgs Neck Bridge. I had been wanting to go there for a long time, but I didn't want any long trip into the Bronx. That certainly wasn't the case. They have private parking in the rear. The classroom where they hold their classes was very nice also. I just wanted to let everyone know how nice Constantine's has been to us and how easy it is to get to.

-- Joe Pascucci

Can You Help?

Editor's Note: What follows is a letter received from Rev. Garrett Long, a longtime member of the LIWC. Father Long teaches at Charminade High School in Mineola, where he is also the advisor to the Woodworking Club.

The Little Sisters of the Poor, an international order of Sisters devoted to the care of the elderly, operate Queen of Peace Residence in Queens Village for over one-hundred senior men and women. As part of their wonderful program of care for these seniors, the Sisters sponsor arts and crafts sessions. The residents produce beautiful craft work which is subsequently sold at their fairs to help cover the cost of running the residence.

Sister Rose, who coordinates the arts and crafts program at the residence, is looking for help in cutting out patterns in pine for some of the craftwork that the residents do. Most of the patterns could easily be cut on a bandsaw with a thin blade, or a scroll saw. Students in the Woodworking Club at Charminade High School will be helping to cut some of these patterns as part of their service projects. If you are able to help out in any way with this project, please contact Sister Rose at Queen of Peace. Your help would be most appreciated.

Thanks,

Fr. Garrett

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