

The Wood Rack

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Next Meeting

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

The speaker will be Doug Kenny of South Dennis, MA. Doug will talk about wood collecting and his scale model trains and fire engines. His models have been featured in several issues of [Fine Woodworking](#) magazine. He is a member of the International Wood Collectors Society and a frequent speaker at many wood shows.

Presidents Message

Hi, I hope everyone is having a good month and working on their name tags. I'd like to thank John Montefusco for helping the Program Committee line up our guest speaker for last month. If anyone would like to suggest a speaker, please see a member of the Program Committee. It was great to see more show and tell items. First there was one plant stand as I was setting up. then one by one they kept growing until there were eight or ten. It's nice to know club members get together on their own. I would also like to thank the volunteers who took the patterns for the wooden cut-outs, which will go to the Little Sisters of the Poor, to help run their residence for the elderly. Please bring the patterns back so that we can exchange them or new volunteers can step in and help out.

What's your name? No name tag on ?!! Please wear your name tag, and don't forget the name tag contest rules and guidelines are in last month's newsletter. there will be prizes for First, Second and third places as judged by members.

Keep the sawdust coming.

Secretary's Report

The meeting started promptly at 7:30 PM with the Club President Charlie Felsen's opening request for volunteers to make some cut-outs of craft objects for senior citizens to assemble and sell. The seniors are cared for by a religious order of Nuns. Several members took the patterns supplied and will return the parts next meeting.

Membership cards were handed out to new members.

Bob Urso announced the Club's exhibition date as May 8, 1999, to be held at Sports Plus located on Route 347 in Stony Brook. The committee is working on the details, such as trying to get suppliers to rent space, and Club members to demonstrate and exhibit their work.

The Club's Web Page is being developed by Larry Russo. It will carry profiles of members, FAQ's and possibly the Club's monthly news for those members who have Internet access.

Show-n-tell brought in some nice projects, like John Hon's scroll saw box, Charlie Felsen's scroll saw cut-outs and Alain Tiercy's scroll sawed reindeer. We could use more of those show-n-tells. Talk about projects, Steve Costello, in his continuing quest to encourage more group projects, brought in about six planters. Steve made about four, and Charlie James and I brought in one each. We got together at each other's houses, shared the various templates and approaches to how best to make the item and enjoyed the whole process. Now my daughter wants one!

Raffle: Bill Savage won a clamp, Doug Ruggiero a spindle gouge, Graham Kelly an Incra rule and Bob Urso lacquer paints and sandpaper.

On the lighter side, I was curious what some of our Club members' day jobs were about. Woodworking attracts people from many different vocations. I've read where some people have left a supposedly good-paying vocation to start a smaller less lucrative business in woodworking. But again, taking no names but asking, "Hey, what's your day job", here's what I found. Maintenance supervisor, design engineer, construction laborer, woodworker, computer system analyst, police officer, electrical engineer, fireman, copier repairman, systems engineer, safety engineer, insurance investigator, chemist, software developer, teacher, finish carpenter, detective instructor, police officer-turned custodian. I talked to only eighteen individuals. Can you imagine the list I'd come up with if I did the entire club? Next meeting I'd like to do a "profile"; anyone interested please contact me.

-- Gabe Jaen

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 Rodriguez

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.