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Next Meeting

Next Meeting - Wed., October 1

Brush Barn - 7:30 PM

FEATURING: Nick Basile of Delta. Our speaker for October will be Nick Basile of Delta. He will do a short video presentation on Delta and then talk about the product line. He will leave plenty of time for questions about the Delta line. Bring your Delta problems and questions.

President's Message

It was nice to see such a large turnout for our September meeting. I know everyone enjoys seeing Sal. I'd like to thank Jim Clancy for having plans for toys for the upcoming Toys for Tots drive. Hopefully, at the next meeting I will be able to tell you who is on the nominating committee for elections. Think about running for a position or just helping out on a committee.

Since our October speaker is a representative from Delta, Club members may be interested in knowing that Delta and Porter-Cable are both owned by Pentair, a diversified manufacturer with total annual sales of \$1.9 billion. Upon completion of a 675,000 square foot distribution center in the first quarter of 2000, both Porter-Cable and Delta will centralize all business functions out of Jackson, TN, and thereby form the Pentair Tool Group. However each of the companies will retain their brand names and remain separate in the marketplace.

Keep the sawdust coming.

-- Charlie Felsen

Secretary's Report

Punctual as ever, Club President Charlie Felsen opened up the meeting at precisely 7:30 p.m. His opening comment was about the new look of the Club's newsletter. The Club members' response was firm approval. Charlie asked Jim Cosgrove, the editor of

the newsletter, to say a few words. Jim asked for the members' support and asked for reports on some of the following: trips members make that others might enjoy; new sources of wood, tools, or project plans; member profiles; woodworking classes attended outside of the usual club-sponsored seminars; classified for sale or giveaway items; jig and fixture ideas or drawings; shop tips; mentors; visits to other members' shops, etc.

Charlie went on to talk about a wood-cutting lubricant that needed evaluating and a follow-up report. A member volunteered. Charlie then made an award presentation to John Hons for his scroll work, which he is always ready, willing and able to demonstrate.

Speaking of scroll saws, Charlie mentioned that he has burned out the motor on his DeWALT saw for the second time. He went on to say that he really uses his saw constantly.

Charlie mentioned that we need volunteers for the nominating committee for the new slate of club officers. Toys for Tots should be on all our minds so that we are ready for the December meeting. Fliers were available for the Queens County Fair. And Bob Grobner spoke about the Huntington Historical Society and its grist mill. Visitors welcome. Flyers and information were distributed to all interested members.

Bob Urso had an encouraging report on the club's forthcoming Exhibition. Vendor participation has doubled, as has its goal for corporate sponsorships, perhaps providing power tools and materials for the demonstration portion of the exhibition.

Charlie mentioned that on October 23, 1999 Sal Marino will give a seminar on sharpening of cutting tools (see related story below). there was a show and tell of a kitchen cutting board and a very interesting clock. The novelty of the clock is that it is an enlarged wristwatch made of wood. The clock, about two inches in diameter, had the belt and its buckle made of wood, as was the case. It was suggested it would make an ideal gift or craft.

-- Gabe Jaen

Notes from the Program Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Oct. 23 | Seminar at the Barn - Sharpening with Sal Marino |
| November | TBA |
| Nov. 19, 20, 21 | American Woodworker Magazine Show at Fort Washington, PA. Carpooling and overnights are best for this show. |

Expo Update: Vendors are signing up, and we anticipate a full exhibition hall. Plans are to take the full facility at Sports Plus. this means we will have seminars both days. Ian Kirby, Sal Marino, and Bill Boxer have agreed to host seminars. If any member feels he/she can host a 1 1/2-hour long seminar, please submit an outline to Bob Urso. Club members are needed both days to staff seminars as well as other Expo events. This year, the garage sale area will be increased, and a members' sale booth will be

added if interest and staffing are available. There will be more info as this develops.

We will go ahead with the toy workshop (chaired by Jim Clancy). We hope for tool company sponsorship, but we will try to operate with equipment furnished by members if necessary. Toys will be donated to Toys for Tots or a similar organization at show's end. As usual, the show will feature an exhibition of members' work. What will you show?

This is a huge undertaking, and the Expo Committee needs to draw on whatever knowledge or expertise club members have. Some ways you can help are publicity, advertising, demonstrations, staffing, exhibiting, sponsorship, procurement, material and/or equipment donations, toy building, toy designing, security, help with setups, break-downs, layout. This list is endless, so please sign up at the next meeting, or call me.

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-- Bob Urso

Meeting Spotlight: Sal Marino discusses sharpening

At the September meeting, the guest speaker was none other than our own Club member, Sal Marino. On several occasions, Sal has given the Club the benefit of his many talents. There was the talk recently on inlays and how to trim and fix them in place. That was a very informative session. This time, Sal's presentation was on some of the basics of tool sharpening. The interesting thing about his method is how it contrasts with Ian Kirby's stresses the use of much slower grinding speeds. Coincidentally, Mike Dunbar, who teaches woodworking up in Hampton, New Hampshire, in the February issue of Fine Woodworking, writes about how he teaches his students to sharpen their tools using a 3/8" thick piece of glass that has silicon carbide wet and dry paper of various grades glued onto it. Despite the differences, these three experts all stress the need to have the tool's cutting surfaces, front and back, highly polished.

Using his grinder, Sal demonstrated the technique he uses to sharpen a chisel. In the case of a scraper, he ground the edge to develop the burr necessary for the correct cutting action. Sal stresses the need to have a good solid tool rest on the grinder. He also points out the need to have the tool rest at the proper angle so that it supports the tool during the grinding process. He uses his index finger to guide the tool across the grinding wheel by placing it underneath the object to be sharpened and against the tool rest.

The demo was a prelude to the seminar Sal will be giving at the Brush Barn on Oct 23, 1999.

- Gabe Jaen

Sal Marino Seminar Up Close

Sal Marino's Seminar on Saturday, Oct 23, will be a hands-on workshop on all aspects of sharpening. This is a club-sponsored seminar. The cost is \$35, which includes lunch. Bring your chisels, plane irons, scrapers, and even knives. In order to have maximum hands-on time, it is suggested that you bring your own stones if you have them. Also bring water boxes or rubber mats for the stones and burnishers for the scrapers. We should all have skills at using hand tools. Therefore, come join us and learn

how to get these hand tools to work correctly. To reserve your place contact me, Brian Hayward at (516) 549-9096.

- Brian Hayward

Attention All Toymakers! Toys For Tots Update

Attention all toy makers, the season of giving is quickly approaching. We at The Long Island Woodworkers Club have been making toys and games for the Marines' Toys for Tots Program for many years. this year, I am asking for your help again. Let's see if we can have more members participate. If every member produced three toys, the end result would be fantastic!

The Marines will attend the Dec. 1 meeting, at which time we will present them with all of our handcrafted items. We will collect your toys that night, or you can arrange to bring them in prior to that date.

Thank you for your anticipated help. Any questions, feel free to call me at (516) 822-8250.

- Jim clancy