

# THE Woodrack

January 2024

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## BRIAN MONKS GIVES A CARVING DEMO

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**THIS MONTH:****SECRETARY'S NOTES****MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM****SIGS MINUTES****LOCK, STOCK & DARYL****TRAVELS WITH CHARLIE****GREENPORT HOLIDAY FAIR****PUZZLE****SECRETARY'S  
NOTES****MICHAEL  
MITTLEMAN**

LIW President Mike Daum called the December 6th General Meeting to order at 7:12 PM. The session was in-person at the Kings Park Knights of Columbus facility and live-streamed via Zoom.

Show Chair Bob Lerner indicated he was waiting for the signed contract confirming the next Annual Show, which will be held on September 7 – 8, 2024, at the Cradle of Aviation. Bob expects to have the executed contract before the end of the year. He also mentioned that all proceeds from seminars will stay with the LIW.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Negotiations with the Smithtown Historical Society regarding the Brush Barn have been completed. The next General Meeting (1/3/2024) will be at the barn. A chart showing the dates and venues for all monthly meetings will follow these minutes.

We will again make a Marine Corps Toys for Tots program donation of toys and cash. Mike will find more information on program drop-off locations.

Mike and LICFM President Ben Nawrath announced that LICFM meetings at Urban Specialty Woods will end with the February 2024 session. Harry Slutter has been a great member, friend, and supporter of the LIW for years. A heartfelt thanks was offered to Harry for his generosity. Starting with the March 12, 2024, meeting, LICFM sessions will be held at the Brush Barn.

Jean Piotrowski announced that the owner of the Greenport Harbor Brewing Company had invited LIW members to sell wooden toys at their annual makers' market on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

2024 dues are now payable.

**NEW MEMBERS** Two new members were in attendance: **Matt Courtney** of East Meadow was introduced. Matt's focus is hand-tool wood-working. **Margaret Pigliacelli** is from the Huntington area. Margaret is interested in cabinet and furniture making. Margaret, do we have a SIG for you! People, welcome to the LIW.

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Next meeting  
Wednesday January 3rd 7 pm  
Knights of Columbus  
44 Church St. Kings Park

Round  
Robin

**DRAWING** Jim Moloney and Bob Wood were the lucky winners. Congratulations to both.

**OTHER BUSINESS** LICFM Meeting, Ben Nawrath, SIG Pres., 12/12/2023. Holiday Party.

LIWG Meeting, Jim Moloney, SIG Pres., 12/14/2023. Holiday Party.

LISA Meeting, Patti Lerner, SIG Pres., 12/21/2023. Holiday Party.

SSOW Meeting, canceled.

**PRESENTATION** Brian Monks – Furniture Carving

Brian offered a very approachable introduction to the fundamentals of furniture carving by focusing on the Ball & Claw and Fan designs. There was much discussion regarding chisel selection. Of course, the topic of sharpening ensued. Brian mentioned that sharpening tools for carving were more honing than grinding.

Brian emphasized the importance of reading the grain and indicated that cross-grain cuts were more demanding than those with the grain. Mary May's School of Traditional Woodcarving was mentioned as a great resource (<https://www.marymaycarving.com/carvingschool/>). Thank you, Brian, for an exciting and informative presentation.

**UPCOMING EVENTS** The next General Meeting will be at 7 PM on Jan. 3, 2024, in person, at the Brush Barn in Smithtown, NY. A round-robin format will provide a forum for members to show off jigs, tools, projects, and techniques.

There will be a Board Meeting on Jan. 15, 2024. The session will start at 7 PM at the Hauppauge Palace Diner, 525 Smithtown Bypass, Hauppauge, NY 11788. Interested LIW members are invited to attend.

### 2024 MEETING DATES

Gen Mtg	Venue	LICFM	Venue	LIWG	Venue	LISA	Venue	SSOW	Venue
3-Jan	Brush Barn	9-Jan	Urban	11-Jan	K of C	18-Jan	K of C	no mtg	
7-Feb	Brush Barn	13-Feb	Urban	8-Feb	K of C	15-Feb	K of C	27-Feb	K of C
6-Mar	Brush Barn	12-Mar	Brush Barn	14-Mar	K of C	21-Mar	K of C	26-Mar	K of C
3-Apr	Brush Barn	9-Apr	Brush Barn	11-Apr	K of C	18-Apr	K of C	30-Apr	K of C
1-May	Brush Barn	14-May	Brush Barn	9-May	K of C	16-May	K of C	28-May	K of C
*5-Jun	Brush Barn	11-Jun	Brush Barn	13-Jun	K of C	20-Jun	K of C	25-Jun	K of C
3-Jul	Brush Barn	9-Jul	K of C	11-Jul	K of C	18-Jul	K of C	30-Jul	K of C
7-Aug	Brush Barn	13-Aug	Brush Barn	8-Aug	K of C	27-Aug	K of C	no mtg	
4-Sep	Brush Barn	10-Sep	Brush Barn	12-Sep	K of C	19-Sep	K of C	24-Sep	K of C
2-Oct	Brush Barn	8-Oct	Brush Barn	10-Oct	K of C	17-Oct	K of C	29-Oct	K of C
6-Nov	K of C	12-Nov	K of C	14-Nov	K of C	21-Nov	K of C	26-Nov	K of C
4-Dec	K of C	10-Dec	K of C	12-Dec	K of C	19-Dec	K of C	no mtg	

1. Note the date of the June 5th meeting, it's the annual picnic, and will be 6 pm to 8 pm. All other meetings are 7 pm to 9 pm.

2. Gen Mtg: the monthly general meeting, the first Wednesday of each month.

3. LICFM: Long Island Cabinemakers and Furniture Makers SIG, it meets the second Tuesday of each month.

4. LIWG: Long Island Woodturners SIG, it meets the second Thursday of each month.

5. LISA: Long Island Scrollsaw SIG, it meets the third Thursday of each month.

6. SSOW: The Secret Society of Woodcarvers SIG, it meets the fourth Thursday of most months.



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## 2024 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Contact Steve Kelman with any questions: [skelman@liwoodworkers.org](mailto:skelman@liwoodworkers.org)

Complete this application by clearly printing the information requested in the spaces below and return the form with a \$75 check (+\$20 spouse/child) payable to **Long Island Woodworkers.**

Mail to:  
**Steve Kelman**  
**79 Katherine St.**  
**Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary woodworking interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Other woodworking related interests: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you rate your skill level: \_\_\_\_\_

What would you hope to gain from the club: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other comments, suggestions, expectations:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Your membership dues include full access to all official SIGs  
Cabinetmakers, Carvers, Scrollers, Turners!**

# SIGS

All the SIGs had their holiday parties so there isn't a lot of news. For the LICFM, The only news for these minutes is that beginning in March 2024, our meetings will be moved to The Brush Barn. We will no longer use Harry's shop. We thank Harry for his hospitality and for letting us use his space for our sessions.

The LISA Party, in the middle of their usual wild carousing...



Jim Clancy



Joe Pascucci adds to the K of C Tree



Gary Mayhew



...the much tamer Turners' Party.



## LOCK, STOCK &amp; DARYL

BEN NAWRATH, MICHAEL  
MITTLEMAN & DARYL ROSENBLATT**Contributor:** Daryl Rosenblatt**Website:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RQYuyHNLPTQ>**Presenter/Author:** Derek Alexander Muller**Title:** Science made easy. OK, not really easy, but it's really good.

**Description:** This isn't an April Fools column, for that you have to go back to last April (one of my favorite Chinese cooking channels) but this is also not woodworking. It IS gadgets though, and we all love gadgets. If you aren't, you are likely in the wrong club. This video finally explained to me how sewing machines work, and it's the kind of thinking that can apply to our own jigs, if we ever want to make them to the score of 35MFs on the jig complexity scale (the MF scale is the officially designated jig complexity score named in honor of the craziest jig designer in human history, Michael Fortune. He holds the world record with his double handed two piece shaped and handed armrest flattening jigs with a score of 37). You don't have to design and build jigs just as you don't have to build your own sewing machine. Never fear, for the price of two mortgages you can get any Woodpecker jig you want; if you have a sewing machine, you can then sew the receipt on your shirt as a reminder it's generally cheaper to build your own.

**Contributor:** Mike Mittleman**Website:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vHfc7911IEo&list=WL&index=2>**Presenter/Author:** Wood Products**Title:** Making A Star Knobs with The Knob JIG 4 in 1 / 17:03**Website:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJ\\_6R3GXCnk&list=WL&index=1&t=34s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJ_6R3GXCnk&list=WL&index=1&t=34s)**Presenter/Author:** Wood Products**Title:** Star Knobs JIG 4 in 1 - upgrade and safe rounding Knobs. Final version. Beautiful Wooden Star Knobs / 19:24

**Description:** In the first video, the presenter walks viewers through the several steps he employed to build a jig that produces star knobs, a "gotta have" item for many woodworking projects. Frankly, the build is relatively complex and requires several precision measurements. The final product is a useful, mostly wooden star knob. At one point in the video (13:36), I thought there was an excellent chance to see a gruesome accident while the presenter/demonstrator used a table-mounted router to round over the star knob's arms. While holding the star knob, his fingers were fractions of an inch from the router bit. Another viewer commented on the spectacularly unsafe practice.

The second video is a revelation since it perfects the jig's design and incorporates building a safe partsholder to correct the unsafe practice shown in the previous video. Almost 9 minutes of this video are dedicated to constructing the parts holder. Well done, Wood Products.

Another observation: The design and building of this jig, not to mention the parts holder side project, must have taken many hours across several days. A quick look on Amazon finds star knobs that are arguably better than the shop-made varieties ranging from \$0.60 to less than \$2 each. And delivered to your door in one day... What is the value proposition offered by this project?

**Contributor:** Ben Nawrath

**Website:** <https://youtu.be/HyqhngcWQ1g?si=IqYBG3Lt8FRweIQd>

**Presenter/Author:** ThePapa 1947

**Title:** Huge vortex tornado turning

**Description:** I've featured this guy before, and I truly enjoy his videos. There is no real flair, the occasional interesting fade or something, that's it. I also generally enjoy his work, and I very much appreciate the explanations he gives as he goes. He also replies to comments! So please give his channel a look; it's great for all skill levels. That said, for me, this one is all about the cutting fixture he made to get the slices. Frankly, it's ingenious. You may have to rewind it here and there to watch parts again! Has anyone else made something similar? I'm looking at you, Gary and Jim!

## TRAVELS WITH CHARLIE

Years ago I made a tabletop and assembled the aprons of the table; I was planning to chop out a notch in the top of the apron to use figure 8 tabletop holders. I didn't cherish the work or the use of time that entailed. I came upon the idea of wooden buttons, and since my aprons were already assembled, I used my biscuit joiner to make the corresponding slots in the apron. It's been easy to do, and I've been doing it ever since.

## JEAN PIOTROWSKI

The owner of the Greenport Harbor Brewing Company invited the LI Woodworkers to sell wooden toys at their holiday maker's market. Ed and I attended on Saturday, December 9th, along with Bob & Pam Urso and Dennis Taddeo.

We had a great day, sold toys, drank beer, and met lovely people. I highly recommend visiting this brewery if you're out East. They brew on-site and have food available. They frequently have live music on the weekends.



PUZZLE

MICHAEL R. MITTLEMAN

Enter 2024 Fearlessly!

**How to play:** Complete the numerical grid so that every row, column, and 3 x 3 box contains all digits from 1 to 9.

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3			5				9	
						2		7
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8		6						
	2				1			9
		9		6	5		3	
6	8			2			5	

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<sup>7</sup> H	A	R	A	R	E
<sup>8</sup> A	R	A	B	I	S
<sup>9</sup> D	E	S	I	S	T
<sup>10</sup> I	D	E	A	T	E
<sup>11</sup> C	O	R	N	E	T

Solution to December