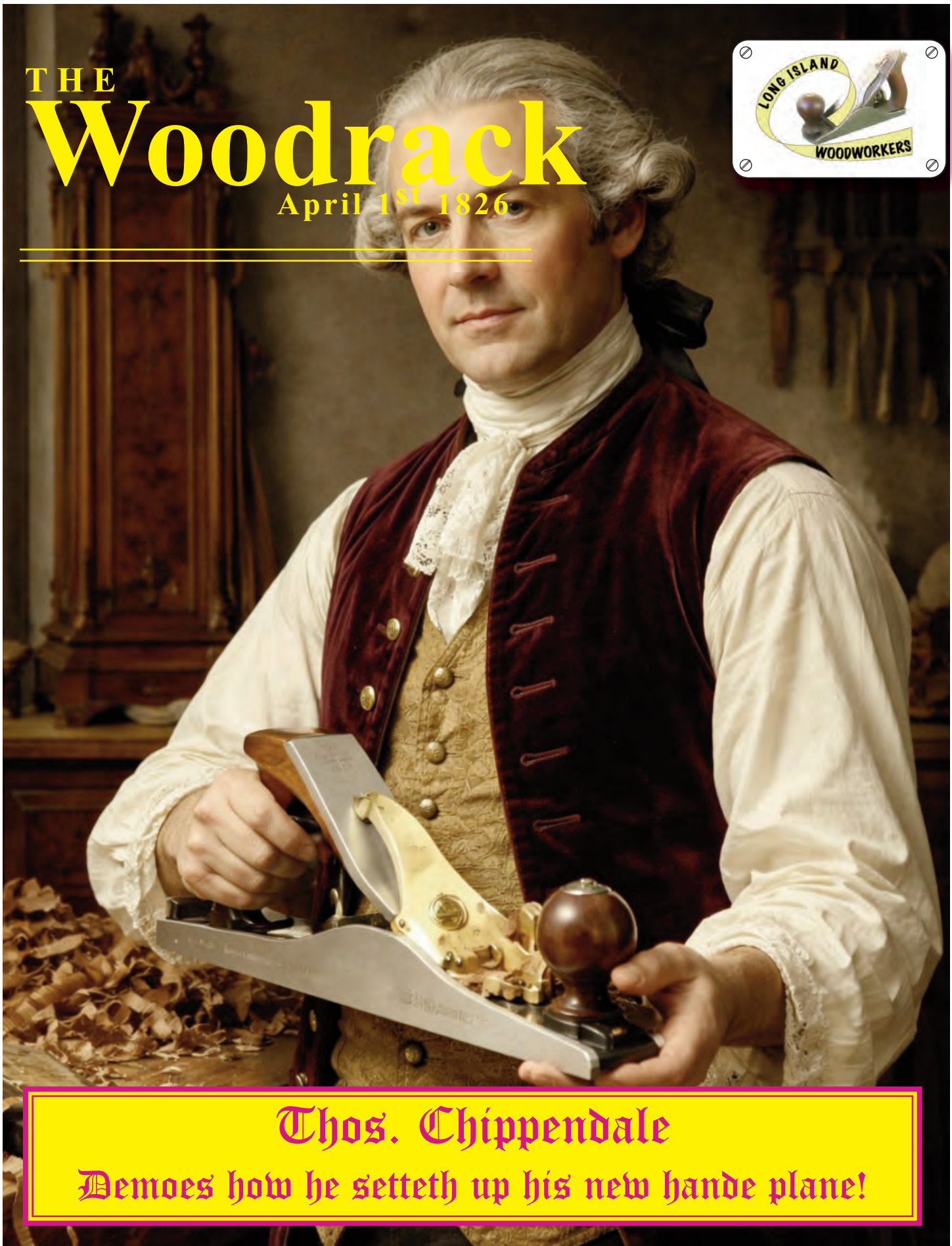


# THE Woodrack

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**Thos. Chippendale**

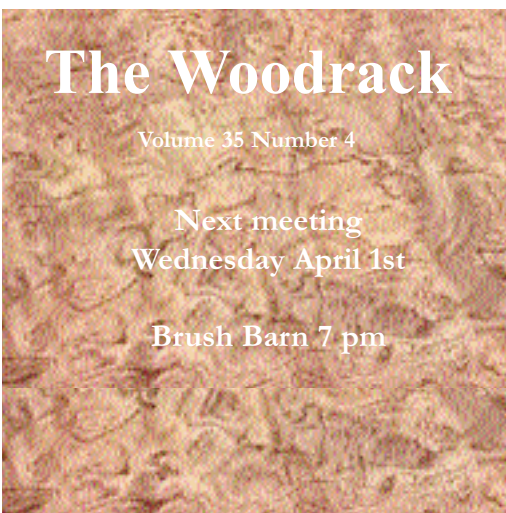
**Demoes how he setteth up his new hande plane!**

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**THIS MONTH:****SECRETARY'S NOTES****LICFM****TRAVELS WITH CHARLIE (QUICK TIP)****LOCK, STOCK & DARYL****PUZZLE**

*Editor's note This issue was almost named New Ozempic Issue, higher dose, until we got Mr. Chippendale to come in for us. You're welcome!*

**SECRETARY'S NOTES****MICHAEL MITTLEMAN**

The March 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. The session was held in person at the Kings Park K of C. LIW President Mike Daum mentioned several items of interest:

The LIW received a donated TV for the Wood Tech SIG from Charlie James. Thanks, Charlie.

There is a possibility of a field trip to a New Jersey woodworking site; more information to follow.

There is an upcoming Saturday workshop, An Introduction to Marquetry, which Chris Mallon will lead. It is scheduled for April 25. The cost is \$20. Interested members can register with Mike Mittleman.

2026 dues are now payable.

**NEW MEMBERS** Bob Rottkamp is from the Farmingdale area. He has a small shop at home and is interested in general woodworking. Bob, be sure to check out the LIW special interest groups. Welcome aboard.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Treasurer Steve Fulgoni reported the LIW financials remain sound.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** Membership Director Steve Kelman indicated that our membership has remained constant. He also mentioned that some individuals have not yet paid their 2026 dues. Come on, folks. Renew now.

**SHOW AND TELL** Jim Tauby used palette wood to cut dovetail joinery for the toolbox initiative using a multitool.

Daryl Rosenblatt discussed a crosscut sled he made for cutting finger and box joints.

**OTHER BUSINESS** LICFM Meeting, Ben Nawrath, SIG Pres., 3/10/2026, starting at 7 PM. LICFM will be continuing the discussion on toolboxes. Brian Monks will hopefully give a basic presenta-



tion on the anatomy and construction of a box to help the newer folks get started.

LIWG Meeting, Jim Moloney, SIG Pres., 3/12/2026. The Turners will have a remote, interactive demonstration on Zoom by Bert Delisle from Alberta, Canada. Bert will demonstrate turning a wig stand for donation to cancer patients on Long Island, as part of a joint venture with the LI Woodturners Assoc. The meeting will be held at the Kings Park K of C and start at 7 PM.

Wood Tech Meeting, Brian Monks, SIG Pres., 3/11/2026. No other information. The meeting is at Joe Daley's shop, 35 Doyle Court, Unit 2, East Northport, and will begin at 7 PM.

LISA Meeting, Patti Lerner, SIG Pres., 3/19/2026. The meeting is at the Kings Park K of C and starts at 7 PM. The scrollers will discuss and demonstrate the various ways to cut sharp corners using the scroll saw.

SSOW Meeting, Frank Napoli, SIG Pres. 3/26/2026. Open individual carving and show-and-tell. Meeting location: The Woodturning Store Warehouse: 81A E Jefryn Blvd, Deer Park, NY 11729. Time 11 AM – 1 PM.



Brian Monks

Toys Meeting, Larry Wagner, Chair, 3/14/2026. The meeting is located at 12 Hamilton Lane, Huntington, NY, and will start at 9 AM. A second session will be held on 3/18/2026 at the same location, beginning at 6:30 PM.

### PRESENTATION Drawer Construction

Several members discussed various aspects of drawer construction. Brian Monks led off by addressing special considerations when making drawers for period furniture. Corey Tighe focused on slides. He had an example of a brand that was much stouter than typical big-box-store brands. Bill Leonhardt discussed using half-blind dovetail joinery. Mike Daum showed the purpose of drawer sides that extend to the rear, well beyond the back section – this feature allows the drawer to be opened fully. Tom Ryan displayed some of his drawer-making handiwork. Nice work, gentlemen. Thank you.

**UPCOMING EVENTS** The next General Meeting will be held at the Brush Barn in Smithtown, starting at 7:00 PM on April 1, 2026.



**EDITOR'S NOTE** Due to the ongoing famine, the scrollers could not meet. Then the plague hit, and Bob Lerner was not available to take any turner's minutes. Fortunately, at the last minute, we were able to secure legendary, yet still dead, Thomas Chippendale, who came to fill in. Thanks to Corey for conducting such a fine seance to bring Thomas here, and the noted photographer, Hiram ChatGBT, who showed us how he fettles a Lie-Nielsen no. 5 jack plane. After showing us his sharpening techniques, he told us, "Odds bodkins, methinks this is finer yette than any madeth by those scamps Norris and Spiers." Little noted by anyone but your humble editor how many fine toolmakers are named Thomas (Norris, Lie-Nielsen and Mr. Chippendale himself). Thank you again Corey for raising such a fine spirit to fill in for the month.



## 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 family member over 18) payable to:

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**Mail to:**

Steve Kelman  
79 Katherine St.  
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**Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your membership dues include full access to all official SIGs:  
Cabinetmakers, Carvers, Scrollers, Turners, Modern Tech and the Toy Committee  
Visit our website for meeting dates, times, locations and topics: [liwoodworkers.org](http://liwoodworkers.org)**

LICFM



BOB WOOD

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** The March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting began with the introduction of three new members. Bob from Farmingdale attended the show and is interested in cabinetmaking and technology. Terry from Garden City saw the club on Facebook and is interested in cutting boards and shop furniture. Ryan from Bethpage also attended the show and is interested in furniture, cabinetmaking, and hand tools. I apologize for not getting your last names. The Show is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

**SHOW AND TELL** For Show and Tell, Jim Tauby showed a toolbox for garden tools. It was suggested that the handle could be made to swivel down to the side.

**PRESENTATION** The toolbox project continues, and Brian Monks presented the various aspects of “box building.” Brian quoted Frank Klausz and said, not verbatim, that woodworkers are basically “boxologists.” We make boxes.

Hand tools were mentioned, and Brian uses them, but in combination with power tools. Brian said that if one is making a single item, use a hand tool. Also, use the right tool for the job.

Brian emphasized that construction is a process. First sketch and scale out what one wants to make. One should make an overall sketch of the construction and also draw up plans for different parts of the project, e.g., drawers in a cabinet.

Make sure the material is flat and square. Mill all pieces to ninety degrees. If making doors, make sure the wood is quarter-sawn. If the material is not milled to 90 degrees, gaps will be visible, especially on doors.

Glue-ups: Do a dry run before applying glue, because once it's applied, there are only 7 to 8 minutes to adjust and realign.

Work from your drawings. The drawings only need to cover one-half of the project, since the other half will be a mirror image. Templates can be made for a small toolbox. Better yet, make a mockup from scrap material to see how parts fit together and anticipate any difficulties in the build. Brian uses a router guided by a router bit bearing on a template to cut out certain parts.

Brian touched on joinery. Box joints are easy to make on a table saw or using a router. Norm Abram used glue and nails, but dowels and pocket holes can also be used. Butt joints are questionable. Mitering the corners is another method, especially when used in conjunction with splines. Dovetails are an excellent method because they require no mechanical fasteners. Dovetails cannot be pulled apart. Brian cautioned, “Do not make dovetails if you are in a hurry.” There is no shame in using a router and a jig to make dovetails.

Another emphasis was to put in the time. Some of the joinery will not be right the first time: practice, practice. Always make test pieces. If you're building six chairs, make seven.

Mortises and tenons were another joint that was touched on. This joint provides plenty of glue surface. Locked miter and rabbet joints were also brought up.

Bill Leonhardt commented that when dovetails are used on a drawer, one should see the straight lines, not the dovetails.

Bob DeMarco has milled wood for the “assignment.” Brian is willing to make templates for the members.

Ben said the assignment for next month was to bring plans.

**LOCK, STOCK & DARYL****BEN NAWRATH, MICHAEL MITTLEMAN & DARYL ROSENBLATT****Contributor:** Daryl Rosenblatt**Website:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WR7zxCw41YU>**Presenter/Author:** Stumpy Nubs (James Hamilton)**Title:** “Clever little device saves fingers! (Costs almost nothing!)”

**Description:** I’ve reviewed the Stumpster’s videos before. Unlike most of the YouTube yahoos who profess to know what they are doing, until it’s clear they don’t, Mr. Hamilton does. In answer to his question, yes I know where my starter pin is, in the drawer of my router table, where it’s easily accessible. I’ve seen too many people not use a starter pin when it’s needed, and it’s a wonder they have all their fingers (or toes if they are really acrobatic). My Felder shaper, which I used more as a router table with its specialized spindle, did not come with one, so years ago I made it. You don’t need a nylon bushing if you are in a hurry, electric tape wound around a bolt worked just fine. I no longer have the shaper, but the knowledge of using a starter pin stayed with me, and I urge you to let it sink in with you as well.

**Contributor:** Mike Mittleman**Website:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7J\\_h6GHOSig&list=WL&index=4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7J_h6GHOSig&list=WL&index=4)**Presenter/Author:** Dacha craftsman - Sergey**Title:** Millions of people don’t know how to drill straight! Here’s the solution! / 3:17

**Description:** This video offers three methods to drill perpendicular holes accurately and one technique for angled work. Sergey’s methods are effective, inexpensive, and easy to implement. Curiously, the readers’ comments are often dismissive. Apparently, Sergey is performing for a tough crowd.

I bring the video to your attention because it displays effective solutions to a common problem. I have embarrassed myself on occasion when nominally perpendicular holes proved to be substantially misaligned. The video is short, and the camerawork is revealing. Give Sergey a view.

**Contributor:** Ben Nawrath**Website:** [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4K\\_XWsg-InjhmJVyFl2Rhb5xKgJZ6tKq](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4K_XWsg-InjhmJVyFl2Rhb5xKgJZ6tKq)**Presenter:** Evolution Workshop**Title:** Ultimate Outfeed Table, Full build playlist / 42:59 (5 Videos total)

**Description:** I’m doing something different this month: I’m reviewing a whole playlist. It’s only 5 videos, and 3 are under 10 minutes, so it goes quickly. In this series, the presenter walks us through his outfeed table build. There’s some conventional woodworking, and even some 3D printing for the tech guys. He has <10k subscribers, so this isn’t as polished and produced as some of the more established channels, but maybe that’s good! He’s very clear and does a great job of explaining his intent, even why he changed some things. And he responds to comments! There’s been some chatter in the Facebook group lately about shop layout and organization, so I think this could really help some people out. Please enjoy.

## TRAVELS WITH CHARLIE



## CHARLIE JAMES

When I install bullet catches, I usually tap them in with a small block of wood; I don't like hitting the ball too hard for fear of breaking the spring. Once the bullet catch is in, it's hard to get out.

I came up with this idea recently: while driving catches for a project, drill a hole in a block of wood that is just a little larger than the "bullet." It's just a matter of hitting the block of wood with a hammer to set the housing flush with the wood. If it's at all possible, when drilling the hole for the catch, I first drill a small-diameter hole all the way through. If the catch has to be replaced, it's easier to punch it out from the back rather than mar the finished work.



### Spring has Sprung

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### Clues

**Across**

- 1. Building blocks
- 7. Full of vigor
- 8. Member of the aristocracy
- 9. British military orderly
- 10. Conceive
- 11. Box in

**Down**

- 1. Language of the Koran
- 2. Mahi-mahi
- 3. \_\_\_ dictum
- 4. Chauffeur
- 5. Heir's concern
- 6. Doper

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Solution to March