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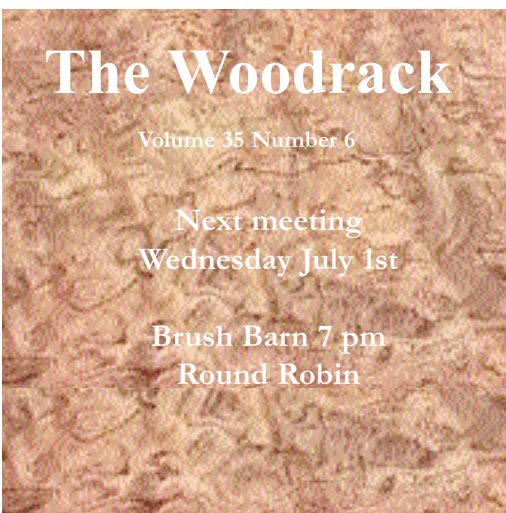
June 2026



LISA HAS BEEN BUSY!!!

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THIS MONTH:**SECRETARY'S NOTES****LICFM****LISA****TURNERS' GUILD PHOTOS****TRAVELS WITH CHARLIE****LOCK, STOCK & DARYL****PUZZLE****SECRETARY'S
NOTES****MICHAEL
MITTLEMAN**

The May 6th General Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. The session was held in person at the Brush Barn and on Zoom. LIW President Mike Daum made several announcements.

A date for the proposed trip to the Frank Pollaro showroom and shop in Hillside, New Jersey, has not yet been confirmed. This is the high season for the Pollaro firm, so it is challenging to find a visit date that works for all parties. Interested LIW members can get a sense of the Pollaro operation by visiting <https://pollaro.com/>. Mike D. will continue to press for an on-site visit date.

LIW Show Chair Bob Lerner updated members on the latest developments for the September exhibit. Bob mentioned two items of interest. First, Sutherland and Welles Ltd. will once again be a Show Sponsor. Check out their website, <https://sutherlandwelles.com/>. Second, Bob mentioned that the show entry forms will soon be online.

Mike D. announced that the LIW Holiday Party will be held at the barn on 12/2/2026. This will be an organization-wide affair. There will be no individual SIG holiday celebrations in December. The rent savings will cover the cost of the single barn event.

Mike ascertained member interest, concerns, and thoughts regarding SIG meeting times. He discussed daytime SIG meetings, even the possibility of weekend SIG sessions. Woodcarvers, Scrollers, and the Toy Committee now offer daytime sessions.

The June 3rd LIW meeting will be the annual BBQ and tool sale. This year, attendance by members and their immediate families will be free. Mr. Softee is NOT covered. Festivities commence at 6:00 PM. Volunteers and grills are sought. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/2exbk6dp>.

Mike D. reminded all that the July general meeting (7/1/2026) will be a round-robin event. All SIGs are expected to have tables. Individuals are encouraged to participate as well.

Scrollers SIG President Patti Lerner and Show Chair Bob Lerner celebrated their 40th anniversary and Patti's birthday at the meeting. Congratulations and many more for the Lerner's.

NEW MEMBERS Lenny Marx is from the Plainview area. Lenny focuses on cabinetry and finishing. Welcome, Lenny. Be sure to check out the LICFM SIG; it is right up your alley.

TREASURER'S REPORT No report.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT Membership Director Steve Kelman indicated that our membership has remained constant. He also mentioned that all individuals have paid their 2026 dues. Thanks, folks.

SHOW AND TELL Ben Nawrath demonstrated the clamping technique he uses for miter joinery. Ben also displayed an example of a basic toolbox.

RAFFLE Barry Saltsberg was the lucky winner. Congratulations, Barry.

OTHER BUSINESS

LICFM Meeting, Ben Nawrath, SIG Pres., 5/12/2026, starting at 7 PM. LICFM will be continuing our toolbox build. We will be discussing joinery. The meeting will take place at the barn and begin at 7:00 PM.

Turners' Guild Meeting, Jim Moloney, SIG Pres., 5/14/2026. The topic is TBA. The meeting will be held at the Kings Park K of C and start at 7 PM.

Wood Tech Meeting, Brian Monks, SIG Pres., 5/20/2026. 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., 5/21/2026. The meeting is at the Kings Park K of C and runs from 10 AM – 12 PM. The scrollers will have a presentation/hands-on demo by Alain Tiercy on cutting sharp angles and other techniques for fretwork.

SSOW Meeting, Frank Napoli, SIG Pres. 5/28/2026. 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.

Toys Meeting, Larry Wagner, Chair, 5/9/2026. The meeting is located at 12 Hamilton Lane, Huntington, NY, and will start at 9 AM. A second session will be held on 5/20/2026 at the same location, beginning at 6:30 PM.

PRESENTATION Jason Goldin, Operations Manager, L. I. Laminates, Inc., discussed the company's offerings

Jason Goldin detailed the extensive line of products offered by LI Laminates. The company carries all components used in cabinetry, tools, router and shaper bits, blades, several species of plywood, MDF, Melamine, and hardwoods such as walnut, oak, maple, cherry, and poplar. They stock adhesives, hinges, and other hardware.

The company is conveniently located in Hauppauge and maintains Monday – Saturday hours. They deliver daily throughout Long Island. Their prices are competitive. LIW members are encouraged to stop by the warehouse and

inspect their offerings.

Thank you, Jason, for an interesting presentation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The next General Meeting will be the annual BBQ. It will be held at the Brush Barn in Smithtown, starting at 6:00 PM on June 3, 2026.

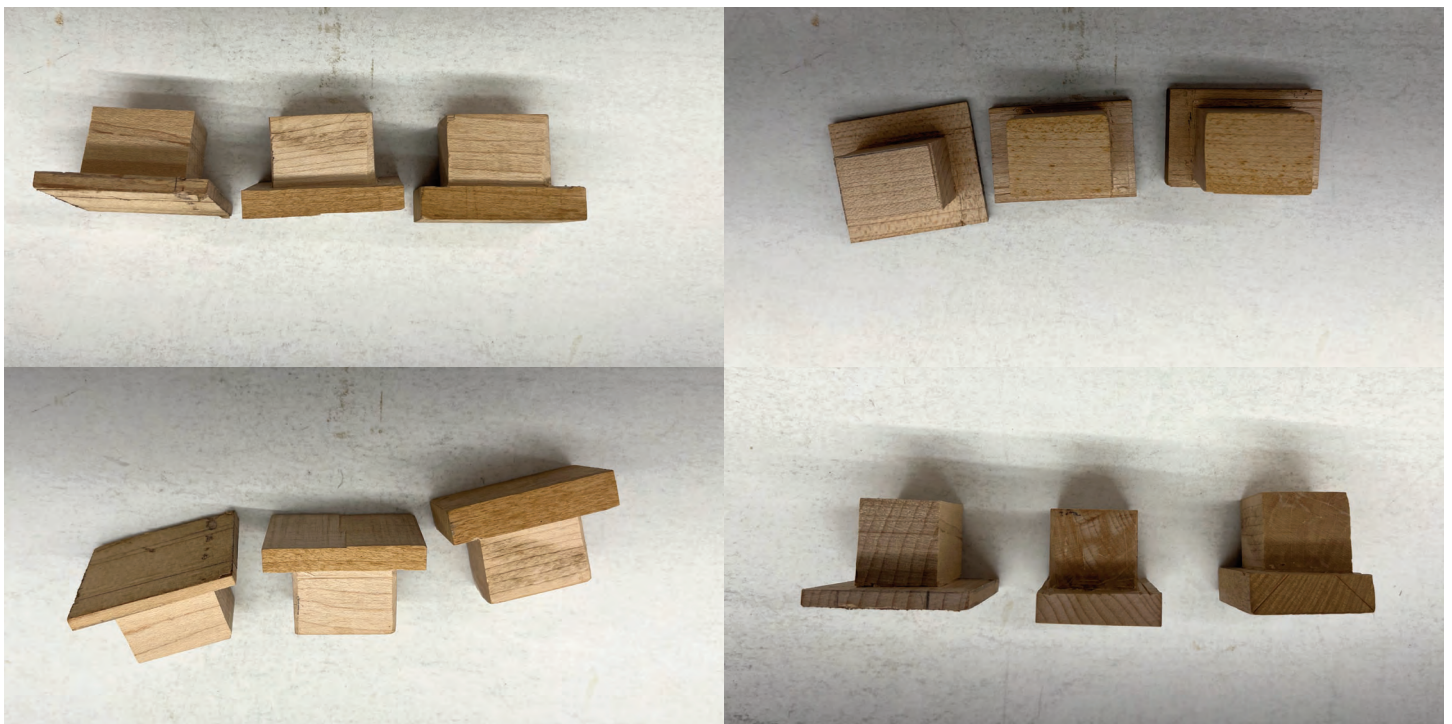
The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

TRAVELS WITH CHARLIE



CHARLIE JAMES

I make fixed thickness stops when I have a piece of thin stock. Moveable stops tend to move down when I pass over them with a hand plane. It's just a matter of fitting the stops to the bench holes; they're quick to make with hand tools, easy to use, and never move. I make a few different thicknesses from scrap hardwood, and I usually make them wider than they need to be, so there's more surface to grab. End grain can split, so face, or edge grain lasts longer.



Editor's Note: HNT Gordon in Australia makes brass counterparts of this, for both 1/2" and 3/4" dog holes. The difference is these are made from scraps (in not much time), or you can buy the really gorgeous ones for several hundred dollars. The choice is yours!!

LICFM



BOB WOOD

The Cabinet and Furniture Makers May 12th meeting was a rather casual, yet informative gathering. The meeting started with a discussion about resawing. It was suggested that a table saw could be used to make shallow cuts into the top and bottom edges of the piece. Next, a bandsaw would be used to cut the middle, completing the resawing.

Some time was spent discussing toolbox design and construction. Along with dovetails, box joints, miters, dowels, and screws were mentioned as a joinery method. Ben brought some 5/8" thick scraps that Corey donated for folks to experiment with.

Bill Leonhardt showed a pen-and-pencil box he made from Maple and Cherry. The thickness was one-quarter inch with an eighth-inch plywood bottom. Bill used dovetails for the joinery. After some coaxing from Ben, Bill proceeded to demonstrate how to make dovetails. Bill covered everything from simple layouts of the pins and tails to marking the cut lines with a Veritas marking gauge. Bill then sawed the tails and cleaned them up with a chisel. Once the tails were cut, Bill used them to trace out the pins. Bill emphasized that it is important to mark the sides of the box so that the pins and tails are oriented correctly. He also noted that the dovetail cuts should not be smaller than the chisel. Several of us pointed out that there are an abundance of YouTube videos showing how to lay out dovetails evenly if there is interest in making a deeper dive.

Although the minutes are brief, a good deal of information was exchanged.

TURNERS' GUILD PHOTOS



Jim Moloney during his turning a segmented vise demo.



LISA



BOB LERNER

President Patti Lerner called the May 21st meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

June – TBD

July – TBD

August – Complete toys for the show. Plans were emailed to all members on 5/28/26.

RAFFLE Our new member, Tony Steinle, won.

SHOW AND TELL

Rolf Beuttenmuller – Brought in an Intarsia bird on a branch, a fretwork peacock and Christmas tree, and a scroll-work bird.

Bob Carpentiere – Showed an Intarsia giraffe that was the Scroll Saw Magazine front cover piece, fretwork crosses, and a fretwork giraffe.

SAFETY DISCUSSION

Patti started the meeting with a monthly safety briefing.

- Read the instruction manual

- Know how to shut off the power tool in an emergency

- Keep blades sharp

- Refer to the Wood Database website for toxicity information WWW.Wood-Database.com.

- Wear eye protection and a dust mask

Demonstration

Alain Tiercy did a fretwork demo using the club Hegner scroll saw.

Alain drills entry holes in sections and then cuts those frets. Then he moves to a new section. This breaks up long stretches of cutting frets. He showed how to cut sharp inside and outside corners, as well as the points of stars. When cutting the outside of the completed project, he starts the cut from an entry hole near the cut line. This keeps the outside waste piece whole. If the cut is started from the outside, the waste piece can drop and get stuck on the side of the scroll saw tabletop.

Alain covered many interesting methods and techniques he uses on very complex pieces he has completed. Much info was shared with the attentive group.

We want to extend a huge Thank-You to Alain for preparing and presenting this seminar!



Top left: Alain Tiercy during his fretwork demo.

Top right: Bob Carpentier's giraffe intarsia.

Above left: Rolf Beuttenmuller's intarsia bird.

Above right: Rolf's peacock fretwork.

Left: Rolf's Christmas tree.

Right: Show and tell during the meeting.



LISA AT THE PARKVIEW AND WHITE OAKS NURSING HOMES FOR MOTHERS' DAY



Patti Lerner, Tom Ryan, Jack Curio, Mike Yowhan, Bob Lerner

Note: the cover photo was from our Facebook page at both Parkview and White Oaks Nursing Homes

LOCK, STOCK & DARYL

BEN NAWRATH, MICHAEL
MITTLEMAN & DARYL ROSENBLATT**Contributor:** Daryl Rosenblatt**Website:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KuxtK3MtQMU>**Presenter/Author:** Woodworkers Journal**Title:** Routing Half-Blind Dovetails with a Jig / 11:13

Description: This is a shameless ad for Rockler, and that's fine by me. They are one of the excellent tool makers and sellers here, and if we can advance the craft while using their products, I'm all for it. Plus, this review seems timely for the LICFM group box-making project.

I am a proponent of handmade dovetails, but in large-scale cabinet work, that might not be practical. Plus, it helps people who want dovetails but are nervous about trying them or machining them. Rockler's jig seems well thought out, and this video demonstrates how to use their basic setup. They also sell different templates for miniature work or varied spacing. This is not a substitute for a Leigh or Keller jig, which is many times the price, but their product does come pretty complete, along with the bits needed. You need only buy the dust collection attachment to make it work really well.

Contributor: Mike Mittleman**Website:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Udtg3L3Y1gY&list=WL&index=10>**Presenter/Author:** The Shack**Title:** Clock movement inlay jig simple, consistent, repeatable results / 9:09

Description: This short video shows a simple jig for the inlaying of a clock movement. Both its simplicity and effectiveness are stunning. The narrator clearly explains the construction and how to use the jig. In fact, it is a real-world application of Occam's Razor, i.e., simple works (usually). The template is made with tools found in almost every woodworker's shop: scrap wood, a drill, and a jigsaw. A plunge router, a guide bushing, and a straight bit make the inlay. Job done. Moreover, the process is easily repeatable. Nice. Check the video out.

Contributor: Ben Nawrath**Website:** <https://youtu.be/2JLhCYtfg-U>**Presenter:** 3X3 Custom Tamar**Title:** A new approach to live edge / 41:13

Description: I've reviewed Tamar's videos before, and since I always enjoy her stuff, it's time for another one! I think this one will appeal to a lot of different people. She even used a laser and some 3D printed parts to lay out her inlays. The premise of the video is finding an alternative to epoxy for filling knots. Rather than trying to grain-match with a conventional patch, she glued up strips of various shades of walnut to create striped patches, more along the lines of the grain's theme than the grain itself. It's also very interesting how she laid out the leg shape using laser templates. As with all of her videos, she's more than willing to show her mistakes, and just as importantly, how she fixed them. Enjoy the video, and hopefully you'll pick up a tip for your next project!

BBQ Season is Here!!!

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Clues

Across	Down
1. Jerks	1. Run of luck
7. Airport area	2. Spanish dish
8. Capital of Saskatchewan	3. Wild sheep of central Asia
9. Type of beetle	4. Pounds
10. Assert without proof	5. Horsemanship
11. ___ roll	6. Bogeyman

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Solution to May