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This Month:

Secretary's Notes

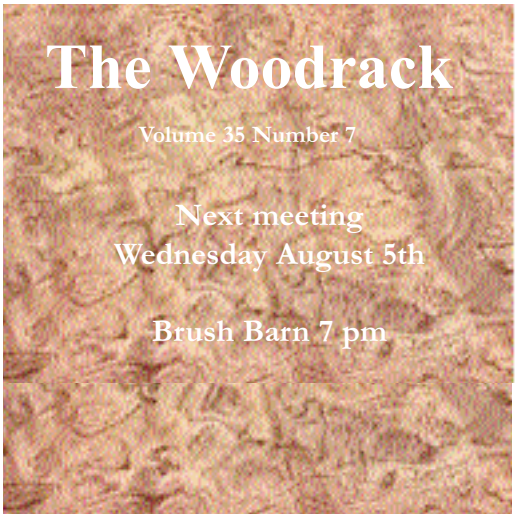
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Puzzle



Secretary's Notes — Michael Mittleman



The July 1st General Meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM. It was a round-robin event held in person at the Brush Barn. LIW President Mike Daum started the meeting by sharing a few administrative announcements:

The 6/3 BBQ was a huge success. Perfect weather and great camaraderie. Thanks to all who contributed to the event.

Bob Lerner update: There are 73 days from tonight until the Annual Show (9/12/2026).

The LIW received a $5000 donation from Gary Stevens. His gift is greatly appreciated. Thank you, Gary.

There will be an LIW board meeting on 7/20 at the Hauppauge Palace Diner. Interested LIW members are invited to attend.

Other Business

LICFM Meeting, Ben Nawrath, SIG Pres., 7/14/2026, starting at 7 PM. We're going to be doing some inlay. Brian Monks is bringing his Shaper Origin so we can do some butterflies. The meeting will take place at the Kings Park K of C and begin at 7:00 PM.

LIWG Meeting, Jim Moloney, SIG Pres., 7/9/2026. Barry Saltsburg will do a basic bowl- or platter-turning demo. The meeting will be held at the Kings Park K of C and will start at 7 PM.

Wood Tech Meeting, Brian Monks, SIG Pres., 7/8/2026. 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., 7/16/2026. The meeting is at the Kings Park K of C and runs from 10 AM – 12 PM. The scrollers will have a "Gadgets, Gizmos and Jigs for

the Scrollsaw" focus with a show-and-tell discussion.

SSOW Meeting, Frank Napoli, SIG Pres. 7/30/2026. 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, 7/11/2026. The meeting is located at 12 Hamilton Lane, Huntington, NY, and will start at 9 AM. A second session will be held on 7/15/2026 at the same location, beginning at 6:30 PM.

Round Robin Demonstrations and Displays

Wood Tech SIG President Brian Monks provided a sweet start to the meeting – free donuts. Much appreciated and thanks.

Charlie Morehouse provided an expert demonstration of shellac finishes. His advice? Less is more! Thin coats are better.

Toy Committee Chair Larry Wagner and colleagues displayed a selection of the toys and games the group makes and donates each year. The Toy Committee is always looking for additional volunteers. Interested LIW members should attend any of their meetings for details.

Bob Nyman had a nifty display of wood-bending techniques. Bob showed a steam box and a clamping jig he constructed.

Frank Napoli, Woodcarver Extraordinaire, displayed five automatons he had made. Frank's SIG, The Secret Society of Woodcarvers (aka SSOW), always welcomes new members. Stop by one of their meetings and learn how to make one of their mechanical marvels.

Patti Lerner, President of the Scrollsaw SIG, and other group members offered an interesting exhibit of their work, including collapsible baskets and trivets. The skills and techniques are impressive.

Ken Duckworth and Wood Tech SIG President Brian Monks demonstrated the xTool F1 Laser by cutting business cards that were replete with logos. The SIG welcomes LIW members interested in CNC methodology and equipment, especially how it can be integrated with traditional woodworking approaches.

Barry Saltsberg provided a demonstration of finial turning. Barry made it look easy. A few decades of experience certainly helped. The Long Island Woodturners Guild is always looking to assist those new to woodturning and provide expert advice regarding techniques and equipment to any LIW member.

Mike Josiah is the LIW Resident Expert on epoxy and casting. He had a marvelous display of mineral inlays made in his shop. Mike goes the distance by collecting various minerals and grinding them to predetermined grits before combining them with epoxy. Mike is always ready to share his expertise with others.

The LICFM SIG President Ben Nawrath and Secretary Bob Wood provided an interesting exhibit of how to make a custom-fitted container for a nail gun or many other tools. After an appropriately sized box is constructed, a trash bag filled with insulating foam is placed inside. Then the nail gun or other tool is quickly pressed into the foam-filled bag. As the foam cures, it forms a perfectly shaped impression of the tool. Presto! A custom-fitted, protective container. Thanks for sharing, gentlemen.

The round-robin was quite a showcase for the many talents and deep commitment of LIW members to woodworking and readiness to share hard-won knowledge with all. Thanks to everybody for the fascinating exhibits and demonstrations.

Upcoming Events_

The next General Meeting will be held at the Brush Barn in Smithtown, starting at 7:00 PM on August 5, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.




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EXIT







LICFM

Photos by Daryl Rosenblatt





LISA



Bob Lerner

President Patti Lerner called the July 16th meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Upcoming Meetings August – Complete toys for the show. Plans were emailed to all members on 5/28/26. We will supply wheels and axle pegs for the toy cars and planes. Drill a 7/32" hole for the axle pegs. Do not apply a finish or use nails.

Show Setup is on Friday 9/11/26. Show dates are Sat and Sun 9/12 and 9/13. Rolf is bringing his Excalibur, and we will bring the LIW's Hegner.

Please continue to make toy cars, planes, and whatever else you would like to make to hand out at the show. We also need more ornaments for the SIG to sell at the show. Contact Patti Lerner if you need ideas or patterns.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR SHOW PROJECT ENTRIES.

Jim emailed a link to the entry form. It is also available on our website on the SHOW page. Contact Bob Lerner if you have any issues or questions. *The form is ONLINE only.*

Show and Tell Ed Piotrowski – Brought in a fretwork John Deere tractor mounted in a frame that he made a while back.

Safety Discussion Patti started the meeting with a monthly safety briefing.

Don't place rags used to apply stain in the garbage pail. Store them on a flat, non-flammable surface until they are dry.

Discussion SIG members brought in jigs and tools that they use along with their scroll saws to make projects.

Patti Lerner

The Xyron Machine laminates patterns and applies a removable or non-removable adhesive.

SEYCO Scroller's Drill. This drill has a chuck for small numbered drill bits for blade entry holes. Since the drill sits on top of your work, it is not limited by the throat depth. It is good for large-sized projects.

Blade Clamp Gripper made from scrap wood. Patti made one that is heart-shaped. It has an interior cutout that fits over the scroll saw blade-holding screw handle. It has a larger gripping surface to make tightening the blade easier. Be careful not to overtighten the screw.

Painters Tape to make a zero clearance insert. This stops small parts from falling through the blade clearance hole in the table.

Small Parts Holder made from a Steve Good pattern. It consists of 2 blocks of wood ¾" square by 6" long. They are held together by 6" bolts with wing nuts. The work is sandwiched between the 2 blocks of wood.

Coin Holder is made from a scrap block of wood approximately 1 ½" on all 3 sides. It has 2 holes drilled in it. One is a little smaller than a quarter and the other is a little smaller than that to act as a shelf to support the coin. A 1/8" groove is cut in the side that allows it to spring open enough for a quarter to fit in.

Popsicle sticks can be used to hold down delicate parts of patterns after they are cut out.

Norm Bald

Shop-made Scroller's Drill was well made and functional. It can straddle the work on one side, and it has an X-Y indexing table on the other side.

Norm glued a small piece of silicone to his Popsicle stick to get a better grip on the part being held.

Tony Steinle

Showed how a plunge base for a Dremel acts like a scroller's drill and is less expensive than the SEYCO drill.

Displayed a shop-made base that holds a Dremel and flexible shaft.

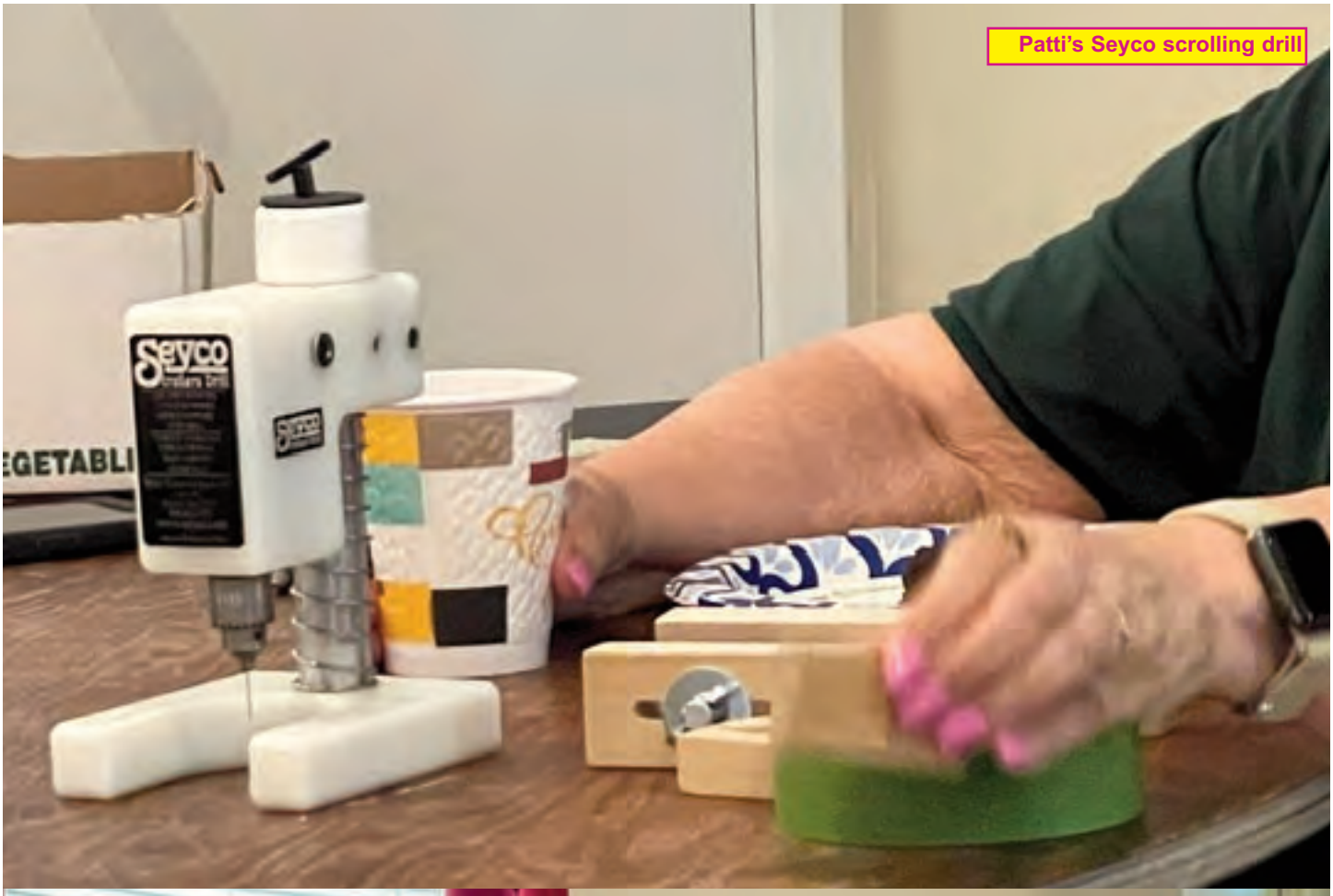
It was interesting to see what other members are using in their shops to streamline the workflow. Thank you for bringing your gadgets in.



Ed Piotrowski with his John Deere



Norman Bald with his beautiful and functioning scrolling drill



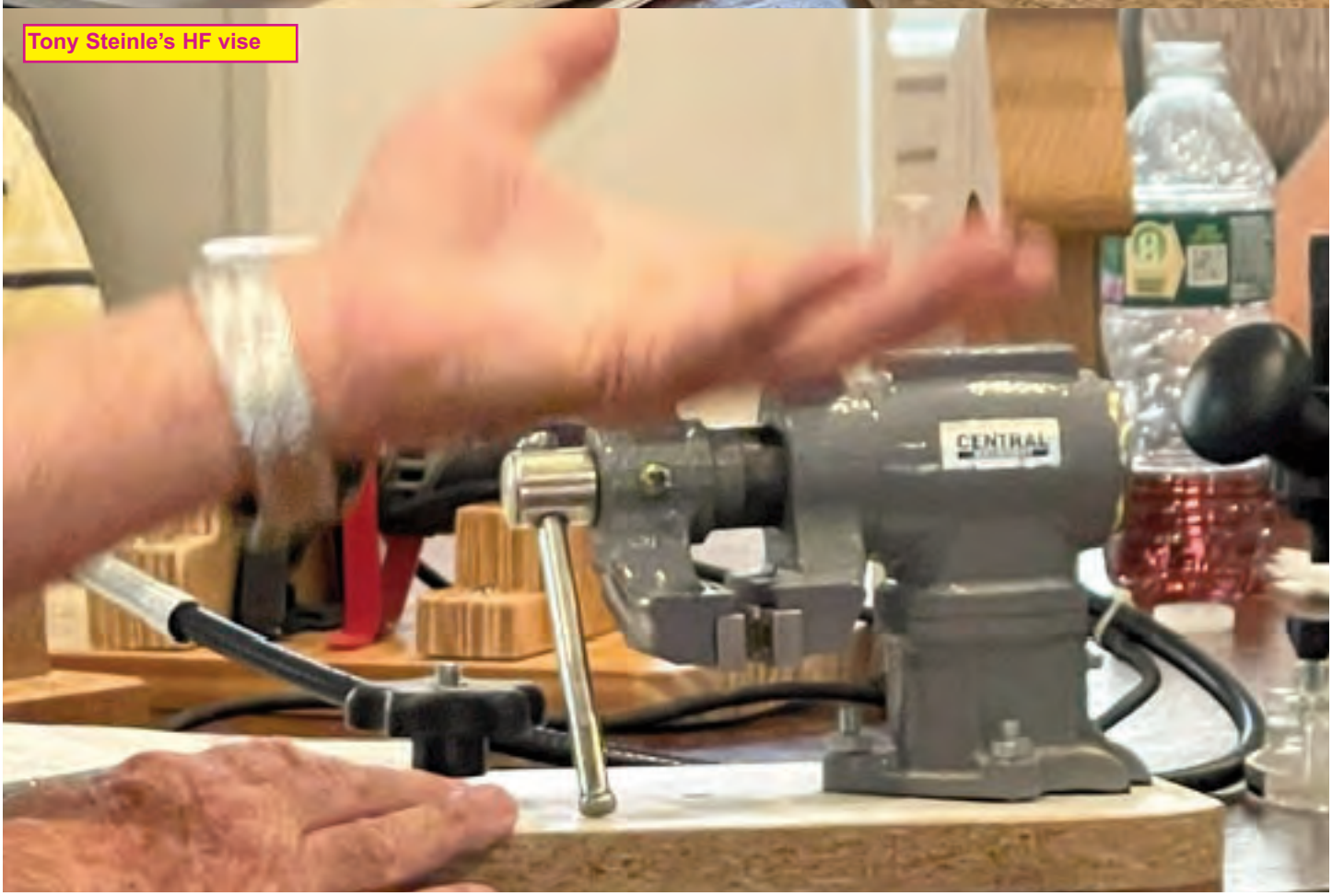
Patti's Seyco scrolling drill



Tony Steinle showing his plunge mounted Dremel for drilling



Tony Steinle's Dremel with flexible shaft shop made mount.

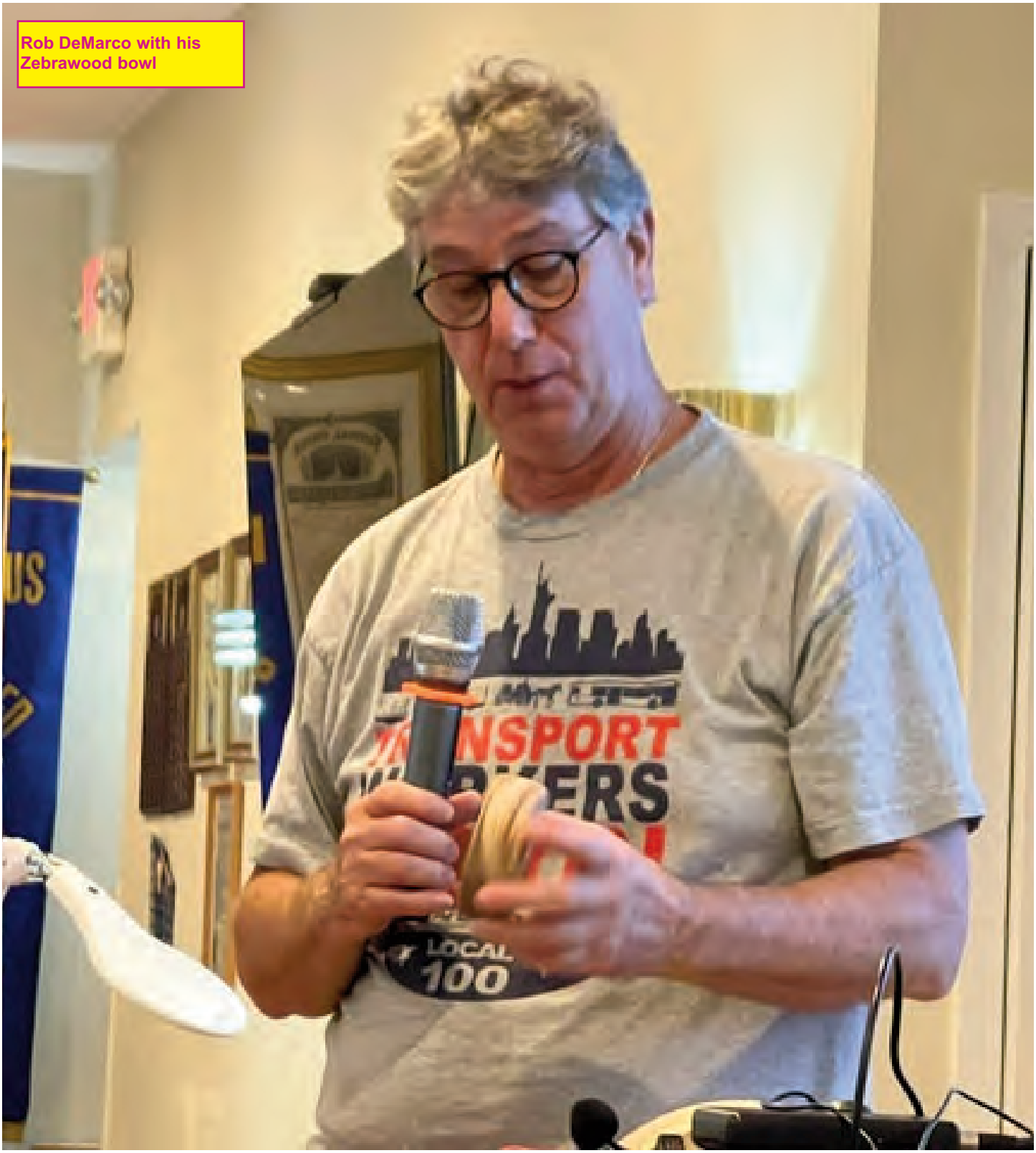


Tony Steinle's HF vise

Turners' Guild - Photos Only



Bob Lerner



Rob DeMarco with his Zebrawood bowl





Steve Maiele and four of his bowls



Lock, Stock & Daryl



Ben Nawrath, Michael Mittleman & Daryl Rosenblatt

Contributor: Daryl Rosenblatt
Website: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h5_5EXg8GNQ
Website: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_7MBbffQM4_
Presenter/Author: Mike Taylor/Taylor Toolworks
Title: Two videos for the price of one!!

Description: Taylor Toolworks is a small business that sells some very cool tools. These videos don't hawk any of them; they are just two short videos on safe techniques using a router table on small pieces. Unlike so many of the idiots who claim they are experts, then perform miracles in keeping their fingers, eyes, ears, or lungs intact, Mike shows some very simple but very good techniques that will ensure you can keep your body parts intact while making great projects for the show. So if you follow Mike's techniques, you will make OUR Mike (Daum) very happy indeed.

Contributor: Mike Mittleman
Website: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GOPETVJUu8g&list=WL&index=1
Presenter/Author: Wood and Shop / Joshua Farnsworth
Title: 10 Jaw-Dropping Woodworking Shop Tours / 18:20

Description: This video presents ten workshop tours plus mini-interviews with the shop owners. Many of these woodworkers are well-known to fellow craftspeople. They include Frank Klaus, Bill Anderson, Phil Lowe, David Ray Pine, Wayne Henderson, Don Williams, Elia Bizzarri, James Huggett, William Brown, and the Hay Cabinet Shop. Nearly all of the shops use a combination of hand tools and machines, whichever is best for the task at hand. The shops are located up and down the eastern seaboard. Several of these are found in buildings constructed by their owners for the sole purpose of woodworking. In contrast, one is located in the basement of a home (William Brown).

This video is recommended for the interesting and nostalgic tours. These are real shops; there are even some wood shavings and sawdust seen on the floors of several of them.

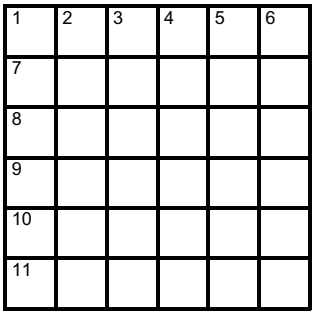
Contributor: Bob Wieser
Website: https://www.youtube.com/shorts/ShI5_jm0T9g
Presenter: Jonathan Katz-Moses
Title: This plane angle changes everything

Description: Bob sent this in and thought it interesting.

Puzzle

Michael R. Mittleman

Man, Its Hot!



Clues

Across	Down
1. Bars	1. Protective embankment
7. Priest-doctor	2. Black-eye
8. "O tempora! O mores!" orator	3. Take on
9. Short sock	4. Breakfast choice
10. Cave	5. Bring up
11. Comely	6. Stuck-up

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Solution to July