

PROFESSIONAL  
*Woodworkers Guild*  
OF LONG ISLAND

The May meeting was held at A G Mastercrafts in Garden City. We probably all came away at least 10 pounds heavier! The food was awesome! Tom's next-door neighbor, Akbar restaurant, who specializes in Indian cuisine, catered the meeting. The appetizers alone were plenty, but then they brought out the main courses; at least 10 to choose from! And then dessert! Everything was delicious! Thanks again to Tom and Akbar restaurant.

Well, after about an hour of stuffing ourselves, we got a look at the shop, a 15,000 sq. ft. facility, with plenty going on. We saw at least seven large-scale projects in the works, plus some nice pieces of furniture. As we walked through the shop, we saw just about every piece of equipment one could want, however, interestingly, no CNC machines. Tom explained he feels his operation is not suited for them. Well, it's obvious they're doing something right, A G Mastercrafts has a reputation as one of the premier woodworking facilities on Long Island, and we all came away with an understanding of why that is so.

We then proceeded to the finishing area, which includes a waterfall spray booth and an automotive fully enclosed, heated spray room. Tom explained that they use only urethanes as their standard finish. He feels that the higher cost is offset by the labor savings, it's basically a two coat system, (for most applications) not to mention its superior durability. They also do their own in-house polyester finishing. The meeting was then turned over to Ed Pappas, of Simantech Inc. who is the area's Martin dealer, as well as several other lines. Ed gave us a brief history of the Martin company, then went on to explain some of the features of the new models. Brochures and CDs were available for us. Thanks Ed, for your presentation.

We then moved on to a brief meeting regarding Guild business:

- 1) We discussed our third annual summer dinner: Gerhardt suggested Marios High Hook in Babylon, so he'll be in charge of setting that up.
- 2) We welcomed George Stern of Big Apple Closets in Syosset as a new member.
- 3) We set up the agenda and location of next month's meeting. (See below)
- 4) We then moved into Tom's office, where Michael Dugan showed everyone how to access our web site, and how to access our members-only section.  
([www.pwgli.com](http://www.pwgli.com)) (the user name is prowoodworker and the password is wood)  
Believe it or not several of you guys haven't ever seen the site! Shame on you!  
Eventually the newsletters will only be posted on the site- no more faxes or phone

- calls or letters- so you computer dummies get with it! It's going to be a great way to exchange info, ask questions etc.
- 5) At next month's meeting we will be having a roundtable discussion regarding the list of sources that we are compiling, so everyone PLEASE remember to bring one or two sources that they think might not be known to all. Bring catalogues if you have them.
- Hank Koelmel of Select Machinery will be doing a presentation; showing some of the specialized machines he sells, including Lamello's new portable doweling machine. It should be interesting! Bob and Jim of Majestic Cabinetry in Hicksville volunteered to host the meeting.

We have a lot to cover next month so we are going to start the meeting at SIX o'clock, so EVERYBODY PLEASE TRY TO BE ON TIME!

Next meeting will be at Majestic Cabinetry, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

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