

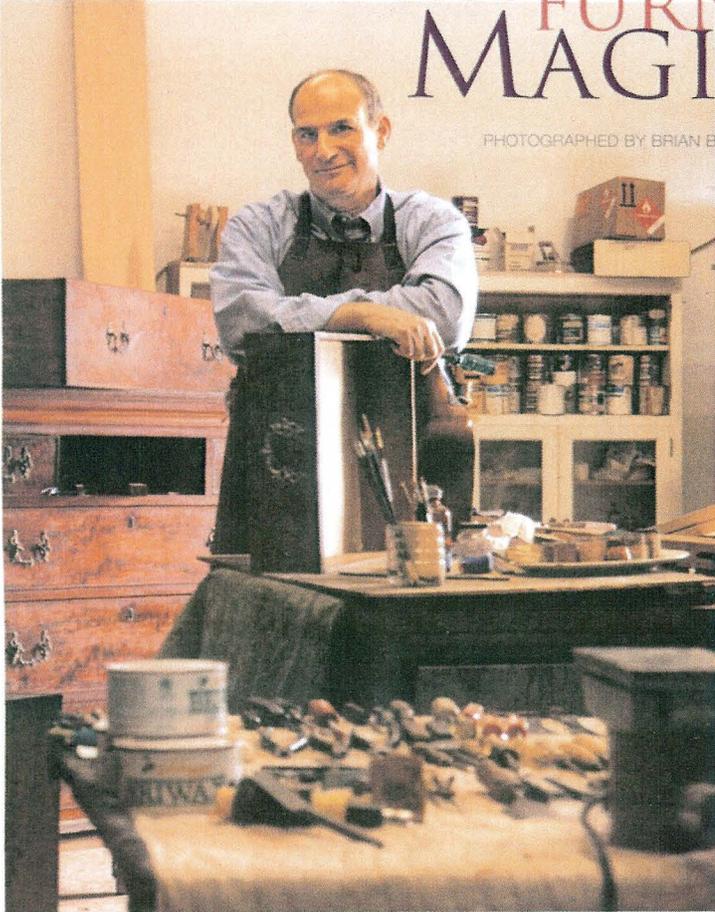
JEAN-JACQUES BERNARD IS A MAGICIAN, but he doesn't pull rabbits out of hats. Jean-Jacques performs his magic on furniture ranging from 16th century antiques to a magnificent new furniture piece that was damaged during delivery. Though his speciality is antique restoration, Jean-Jacques' magic tricks include: duplication of furniture pieces, alteration—the magic of turning an armoire into a

bar or entertainment center—antique clock repair, custom designed cabinetry and wall systems, hand-finishing, and caning or rush replacement. When working with Jean-Jacques, his bag of magic tricks to restore, repair, design or create is bottomless. But, perhaps the most amazing element of the magic that Jean-Jacques performs is how closely he works with each and every client to understand what

THE FURNITURE MAGICIAN

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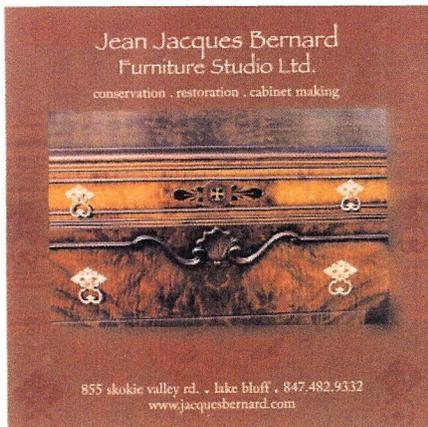
they want from the finished product while maintaining the integrity of the original piece. As Jean-Jacques says, "My respect for craftsmanship allows me to restore without changing the original design or intention of the piece." His magic is performed for builders, contractors, interior designers and, of course, individuals in need of repair, restoration or creation of furniture.



Jean-Jacques grew up in Nice in Southern France and studied architecture at La Vercine, an école technique which is an education that provides both classroom as well as hands-on training with all aspects of woodworking. It was there that Jean-Jacques learned "I love antique furniture ...anything with artistic expression." After graduation, he moved to the United States and worked for architectural firms on both coasts before settling in the Chicago area. A year spent sitting in an office practicing architecture proved to be unrewarding for Jean-Jacques who decided that "it was not my calling" and opened his first furniture studio in Evanston where he worked for fifteen years until moving six years ago to his current location in Lake Bluff.

The magic of the talent, care and respect with which Jean-Jacques performs his work fills a void in this area for anyone needing antique restoration and repair, duplication or transformation of furniture. Perhaps his satisfied customers are the best recommendation of the work he does and as Jean-Jacques says of their more than satisfied comments, "If I could pay my bills with what my clients say about my work, I would be a very wealthy man." Think it couldn't get any better? Jean-Jacques will pick-up and deliver, proving once again that his magic is endless.

Jean-Jacques Bernard Furniture Studio is located at 855 Skokie Valley Road in Lake Bluff. He may also be contacted by telephone at 847-482-9332, by faxing 847-482-9334 or you may visit his website: jean-jacquesbernard.net.



This seasoned furniture restorer and conservator was trained in France and has experience with everything from 18th-century chairs to contemporary pieces. Glass replacement, hand stripping, custom upholstery, caning, French polishing, and matching wood finishes are among his specialties. Projects have included his reproducing a larger version of an antique table, including details and finishing. This former architect also designs furniture; Bauhaus and post-modern styles are his specialties.

