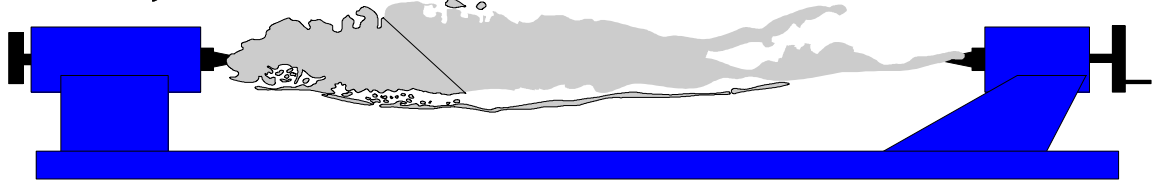


# *Long Island Woodturner's Association*



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## **Long Island Woodturner's Association**

LIWA is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. Our purpose is to foster a wider interest and appreciation of woodturning on Long Island and in the metropolitan area. We meet the third Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM to Noon at BOCES, Wilson Tech Campus in Dix Hills. See the calendar for scheduled meetings for 2005 in our current club newsletter.

## **Directions**

Take the LIE to Exit 51 (Deer Park Ave). Go east on the Service Road 1 block and turn right onto Westminister Ave. Turn left into BOCES Wilson Tech Campus and go to Building "D".

## **2005 Club Officers**

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The Club offers a wide range of opportunities for its members to improve their turning techniques and enjoy the company of other turners. There are demonstrations at our Club meetings. Renowned guest turners do 6 hour workshops several times during the year at a nominal expense to club members. A free video and text library is available for their use. Members are invited to participate in our monthly wood raffle. All members are encouraged to bring samples of recent work to our 'SHOW & TELL' and become active participants. The Club participates in the American Association of Woodturners and encourages its members to join our parent organization. Many members attend their yearly symposium.

Visit our Club's website and meet our members at **[www.liwoodturners.org](http://www.liwoodturners.org)**. Our site is maintained by **Marty Mandelbaum** who you can e-mail at [marty@mhmoandp.com](mailto:marty@mhmoandp.com).

## **Club Calendar**

May 21, 2005-**Art Leistman**

Visit his website [www.artliestman.com](http://www.artliestman.com)



June 18, 2005-**Graehm Priddle**

## **Mid Monthly Meeting**

The upcoming mid-monthly meeting will be held on May 3, 2005 at Bob Brady's place in Dix Hills. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. The focus of the meeting will be on shape form and hollowing. Bring a lawn chair, as seating is limited.

## **April Demonstration**



**Chip Levy, Marty Mandelbaum and Steve Fulgoni** did a fine presentation demonstrating how to photograph woodturnings. Important points mentioned were to choose a background color and texture, which will compliment your work. Also, it is better not to use a cloth background with a strong competing pattern

or color. White cardboard is quite suitable. If you are photographing outdoors, use a shaded portion of your yard (indirect sun is ideal).

Digital cameras allow for more varied shots by adjusting settings on the camera or by adjusting the photo using the computer's enhancement capabilities, i.e. Photoshop. The demonstrators emphasized it is important to use an f 11-f 16 camera setting for proper depth of field. Also critical is to fill the frame with your subject and avoid conflicting extraneous objects in the photo. Image editing software is wonderful in cropping, adjusting color and eliminating lines and objects.

Thanks to **Chip, Marty** and **Steve** for an interesting and worthwhile demonstration.

### **Club Meeting-April 16, 2005**

A discussion took place about the Club purchasing a new lathe. Marty Mandelbaum, Bob Brady and Steve Fulgoni made presentations. Steve suggested that we update the Powermatic with a new speed control and tool rest. He has updated two Powermatics that he has in his shop.

The members voted to allow Steve to modify the existing Powermatic at a cost of between \$100-200 as a short-term solution. If we sell the Powermatic in the future the update will enhance its value. Steve is certain that the Powermatic will sell easily over the Internet for \$700-\$900.

### **We will vote at the May meeting on the following proposal:**

**VOTE NO--** if you feel that the Powermatic and Jet lathes are satisfactory for the Club's needs and we do not need to incur the cost of the purchase a new lathe.

**VOTE YES—**if you feel that we need a new Club lathe and agree to empower a committee (Jim Diamond, Norm Abrams, and Martin Rost) to research which lathe would best serve the Club's needs. The committee will report their findings and the members will then select which lathe they would like the Club to purchase from the list the Committee will present.

Please e-mail or phone Ken Deaner by Friday, May 20 if you will not be at the meeting on May 21 with your vote by proxy. ([ggoosie@aol.com](mailto:ggoosie@aol.com)) 516-239-7257

**The following ideas were discussed.** The Club may be able to get a \$1,000 grant from the AAW if we proceed in a timely fashion. The club has some money in the treasury that could be applied to the purchase of a lathe. The Powermatic could be sold. We could do some form of fundraising and may ask members to contribute to the purchase of a new lathe. A new lathe will cost the Club in the range of \$2,000-5,000. If the vote is in the affirmative the committee will begin its work. You will have the opportunity to vote on the lathe the Club will buy. We will have a discussion on how we will pay for it. If the vote is in the negative the matter will be dropped.

### **A Note From Joel Rakower**

In the upcoming month, you will be asked to cast a vote as to whether the club should purchase a new lathe. Yes or no.

The vote is not to authorize an immediate purchase, but rather to indicate a desire. I say desire for the simple reason that to say yes will not in all probability lead to an immediate purchase, although hopefully within a year.

I have been the club's program chairperson for approximately the past nine or ten years. During that time I have had the honor of both hosting and recruiting some of the world's finest turners for your viewing pleasure. In that time not once have we been turned down due to the equipment available. However, I can state that you have been denied the full display of talent that many of these people had to offer. Yes there were many demonstrations that needed to be altered or deleted due to our equipment and its limitations. Further, as the exploration of texturing and other aspects of surface design are brought to light, you will remain in the dark due to the limitations of our current lathe. Over half of our guests make the same comment, "boy could you guys use a new lathe". And for those of you who have had the opportunity to do a demonstration on "old Bessy", no further comment need be made.

Bob Brady made an excellent presentation, surpassing that of any anal accountant that I know, including me, as to the multitude of items that we should consider in the ultimate decision of which lathe to potentially purchase. Initially a committee is a must, to determine the lathe which will best suite our needs. Upon presentation, the club can then decide upon both its timing and financing. As stated above, the vote is to state a desire and set a goal which I urge you to vote affirmatively.

## Other Items From The April Meeting

- There was a wood auction.
- The 4x4x4 challenge netted 14 pieces from our members. There was also a fine show and tell. See the photos of the members and their work in this newsletter.



- Treasurer **Joe DeMaio** reported that we have \$2,592.04 in Club funds.
- The **Club** raffle at the Long Island Woodworker's Show netted \$ 51.00 with an additional \$ 20 for the sale of our partly turned practices pieces from the demos on Saturday and Sunday. A three-year-old child drew the ticket and **Norm Abrams** was the lucky winner.
- The Woodworker's Show was a great success. **Peter Schultheiss** won 1<sup>st</sup> place for his turned segmented bowl, **Joel Rakower** 2<sup>nd</sup> place for his bowl, and **Martin Rost** 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- Thank you **Sandee Larson** for preparing the coffee at every Saturday meeting for the past 3 ½ years. Your efforts are appreciated by all. **Scott Edwin** will take over beginning in May.
- The **July** meeting and picnic will be held at Peter Schultheiss' house at 20 Arlene Street in Farmingville. Peter will be doing a demonstration on segmented turning. Please bring a lawn chair. Specifics concerning this and the August meetings will follow in subsequent newsletters.
- The **Club Dinner** will take place on **Friday, May 20** at 7:00 PM. Please send a check for \$22 per person to Joe DeMaio by May 13 if you have not already paid and plan to attend. Bring a piece or more of your work so that family members who do not attend our monthly meetings can see our members work. You are invited to bring wine or beer

but not hard liquor. Directions to the Church are in this newsletter (last page).

## **BIOTURNINGS – Len Mulqueen**

Len is a lifetime resident of Bethpage. In his earlier days he was also a dedicated hot-rod. In this capacity he soon collected three speeding tickets. Figuring that he was going to lose his license anyway, and with Uncle Sam already looking over his shoulder, Len decided to join the Army and get it over with. As fate would have it, they never did take his driver's license away from him. As a result, Len had a wonderful opportunity to get out of Bethpage and see the world for three years at the taxpayers' expense.

The Army sent Len to school at Aberdeen Proving Grounds and then to Germany for 2½ years. From there he had the opportunity to travel all over Europe during his free time.

After returning from active duty, Len had a couple of jobs as an auto mechanic. Next, he joined a company that manufactured fuel oil trucks. He became foreman of the electrical shop that was responsible for all the electrical controls and air controls on the trucks.

From there Len had his own auto repair shop for about 1½ years. He also got involved in road racing and set up his own 1970 Mustang road racer. He raced this car very competitively at Bridgehampton, Lime Rock, CT, Pocono, PA, and Watkins Glen. These cars were not your ordinary stock cars. They were more like sports cars. Although you could enhance carburetion, shave heads, install high-lift cams, and modify intake manifold ports, you had to keep the displacement below 305 cubic inches. These cars were not raced on an oval track, but a track that had all kinds of twists and turns on it. Len and his partner were very, very competitive, but there was one opponent they couldn't overtake, he was an heir to the Fuller Brush fortune and had lots of money to put into his motors.

At this time Paul Newman was also seriously engaged in these races. On a number of occasions he gave his nod of approval to Len's car at Lime Rock and at Bridgehampton. Ultimately, the sport got so expensive that Len and his partner gave it up.

For the past 30 years Len has worked as a welder for Chivvis Enterprises in Copiague. A few years back Len and his boss volunteered to build the top 30-foot section for the Viet Nam War Memorial at Bald Hill in Suffolk County. He and his boss took great pains to make a perfect joint all the way up to the top and then ground it to a needle-sharp point. They were then horrified

to see that, during final installation, this tip was cut off to accept a lightning rod.

Len got into woodturning via a rather circuitous path. In the middle of an extensive remodeling job on his house, his contractor quit on him and left him with no windows, no doors, and no roof. Len suddenly became a carpenter and realized that he enjoyed working with wood. Along the way, a friend gave him an old Craftsman lathe that he started to experiment with. He was buying wood from Wood-Ply Lumber at that time, and they gave him John O'Brien's name and that's how Len became involved with the club, which he joined in March of 1991. In 1994 he served as Vice President of the club and then assumed the Presidency in 1995 and 1996.

Speaking of presidencies, Len has also been president of the Central Park Historical Society in Bethpage for the past 12 years. Their goal is to preserve the early history of the town. As part of that activity, the Society makes floats each year for the Fourth of July parade. In the early years they made floats of some of the old buildings and restaurants in town. Later on, they made a Grumman airplane, a fire engine, a steam locomotive, a dollhouse, and a Victorian sleigh. After the parade, some of these have been sold to raise money for the Society.

Another of Len's passions is golfing. He plays all over the Island and goes to Florida whenever he can find a good airline ticket price, to play with friends down there. Lately, he has developed an interest in making metal sculptures. He works primarily in stainless steel and aluminum.

Len is not a stand-aside guy. He is always in the middle of the action, whether it means rebuilding or repairing the club lathe, giving demonstrations, or building turning tools for the club members.

Thank you, Len, for making the club more meaningful for all of us through your contributions.

***Bob Brady***

#### **April's Show and Tell Pictures**



Joe DeMaio



Bob Kaplan



Martin Rost





Peter Schultheiss



Jim Cleary



Ken Deaner



Bob Brady

**Attendees:** Ken Deaner, Joe Burrafato, Bob Kaplan, Martin Rost, Graham Kelly, Arnold Winters, Bob Fentress, Joel Rakower, Joe DeMaio, Steve Fulgoni, Scott Edwin, Carl Saenger, Sandee Larsen, Norm Abrams, Bob Brady, Jim Cleary, Bob Urso, Chip Levy, Pete Schultheiss, William Holland, Charles Panzner, Marty Mandelbaum, Jim Diamond.

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**DIRECTIONS TO CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET**

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Plainview, NY 11803  
516-692-5268

**Via LONG ISLAND EXPRESSWAY, to Exit 46,  
Sunnyside Boulevard**

**From the West:**

Exit 46, Sunnyside Boulevard. Stay in right lane on the south service road eastbound, crossing Sunnyside Boulevard at traffic light. Go straight ahead.

Go down the long hill and watch for small sign marking exit for Washington Avenue. This is a *sharp* U-turn! At end of exit on Washington Avenue, turn RIGHT. Go approximately one mile from the LIE. The church driveway will be on your RIGHT, opposite Harvard Drive on left.

When you enter the church through the front doors, go down stairs to your left. There is a chair lift for anyone not wanting to use the stairs. *Please ask Florence Brady for help in using the chair.*

**From the East:**

Exit 46, Sunnyside Boulevard. At the traffic light, turn LEFT, cross over the Expressway and turn LEFT again, at light, onto the south service road eastbound. (CAUTION: Stay to right so that you don't get forced back onto the Expressway!) Follow directions above, taking exit ramp to Washington Avenue.

**Via NORTHERN STATE PARKWAY, Exit 38,  
Sunnyside Boulevard**

**From the West:**

At end of ramp on Sunnyside Boulevard, Exit 38, turn LEFT (south). Cross over the LIE and turn LEFT at traffic light onto the south service road, eastbound. Stay in right lane. Follow directions above to Washington Avenue and church.

**From the East:**

At end of ramp on Sunnyside Boulevard, Exit 38, turn RIGHT. The road makes a sharp right turn before starting down the hill. Cross over LIE and turn LEFT at traffic light onto the south service road, eastbound. Follow directions above to Washington Avenue and church.

**Via JERICHO TURNPIKE, Route 25**

Near the county line, between Woodbury in Nassau County and Huntington in Suffolk County, there are two traffic lights close together; the east one is at Avery Road going north. The west one is at Plainview Road going south. You want Plainview Road (which changes its name to Washington Avenue at the Northern State overpass). Go SOUTH about one mile, under the Northern State overpass. The church driveway will be on your LEFT, approximately 500 ft. and opposite Harvard Drive on the right.