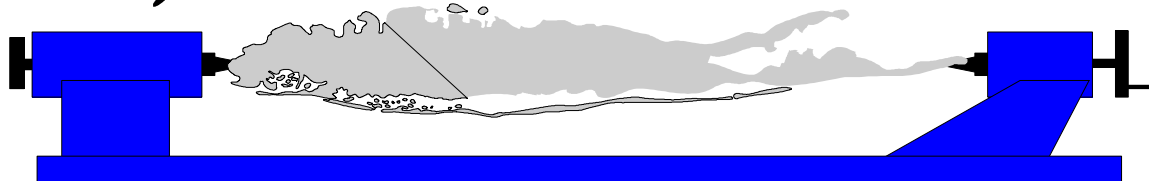


# *Long Island Woodturner's Association*



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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**

Our next Club meeting is October 22, 2005. Jim Diamond will be the demonstrator.

### **Mid Monthly Meeting**

October 4, 2005 is the date of our first mid-monthly meeting. It will be held at Steve Fulgoni's house, which is located on 29 White Birch Dr., Dix Hills. 631-421-8664.

Take Deer Park Rd. to Wolf Hill Rd. Head west on Wolf Hill Rd.. White Birch Dr. is the first right off of Wolf Hill Rd.

## **September Demonstration**

**Martin Rost** conducted an informative discussion and demonstration on finishing. Martin explained the distinctions between and uses of several finishes such as paraffin, beeswax, carnuba, and paste wax.

Oil based finishes were included in the discussion. Non-drying oils such as mineral and various vegetable oils and drying or semi-drying oils such as boiled linseed, walnut and tung were explained as to their properties, general application and uses.



Martin emphasized that several considerations should be thought about when choosing a finish. These are:

- cost of finishing product
- viscosity of finish-allows easier application in some cases
- amount of gloss/satin patina desired
- porosity of wood used-denser woods absorb less, more porous wood will absorb thinner finish more readily
- personable preference
- future use of turning-will it be handled often or placed on a shelf, or contact with food

Thanks Martin for an enlightening demonstration.

### My First Demonstration

My first demo seemed to go well, and I appreciated all the questions, as that allowed me to focus in on what people were interested in. After I finished I realized that were some things I wanted to tell, but had forgotten.

The first involves waxes; the paraffin, bee's wax, and carnauba can be melted together in various proportions to get a blend of their individual properties.

Some of you noticed that there was a layer at the bottom of the friction polish. The polish will separate and needs a little shake before using.

Another item that I wanted to talk about was resources. As far as I know, there are no books dedicated to finishing turnings. There are many general finishing books, the one probably most often mentioned is Understanding Wood Finishing, by Bob Flexner. Besides Flexner, Michael Dresdner and Jeff Jewitt have written books on finishing. In addition Dresdner has a web site, [www.michaeldresdner.com](http://www.michaeldresdner.com), where you can find finishing hints, and a list of his books. Also on the Internet is Russ Fairfield on Wood Central. Russ is a turner who has written a series of essays on finishing turnings. Russ has different methods and recommendations than I do, but I did tell you that finishing does involve plenty of personal biases and preferences.

***Martin Rost***

## Club Meeting Notes

September 17, 2005

Treasurer **Joe DeMaio** reported that the current balance is \$1, 358.38.

The **Lathe Committee** has researched the best price for our new Powermatic lathe. The Olsenik Company's price is \$2,400 for model 3520A, which includes free shipping.

Powermatic has produced a newer version of this lathe, the 3520B that is approximately \$ 2,700.

A unanimous vote was taken to authorize the Lathe Committee to purchase the 3520B model if it is decided that the newer model would be worth the extra expense.

Club member **Bob Kaplan** is donating his Powermatic mobile base for our new lathe. Many thanks Bob for your generosity.

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Our Club has received a \$1,000 grant from the AAW to purchase a new Club lathe. The authors of this grant application, **Marty Mandelbaum**, **Steve Fulgoni** and **Joel Rakower** all deserve major kudos for preparing, writing and submitting the paperwork. Their effort, time and expertise have enabled the Club to purchase a lathe that will meet and exceed our woodturning needs for years to come.

**Win Win Win Win Win Win Win**

Our Club has received two donated pieces by master turners **Art Leistman** and **Graeme Priddle**. There will be two winners in this raffle. Tickets are \$10 each and the raffle will be held when at least 50 tickets or more are sold. This is a wonderful opportunity for members to add a beautiful turning to your collection. Tickets are being sold by **Joel Rakower** and can be purchased at the next meeting.

Also, at each monthly meeting, **Bob Urso** will be selling tickets for a monthly raffle to raise money for our Club treasury. Last month's raffle generated over \$100 dollars with winners receiving, turning tools, sanding products and polishes as prizes.

Look for Bob at the beginning of each meeting and take a few chances to win some cool stuff.

It has been suggested that our Club should have a substantial banner announcing our presence at local functions such as woodworking shows, libraries, etc. **Jim Feuerbacher** has located a source to have a Club banner made with our name and logo included. The banner will be approximately 1' x 6' in size. Jim's source will be **donating** this banner. The price is right!! Way to go, Jim

Thanks to Joel Rakower for copying our Library videocassettes to the DVD format. This saves loads of space in the Club library cabinet.

Martin Rost is asking for volunteers to demonstrate at our monthly meeting. It may seem to be an intimidating task to be up in front of the members for an hour or more, but all of us have something very worthwhile to offer. Several of our members could even team up and give a dual presentation. If you are willing, please contact Martin Rost.

Our Program Co-chairman, Joel Rakower has tentatively scheduled master turner, **Cindy Drozda**, to be a guest demonstrator in the Spring '06. In addition, Ms. Drozda may also be conducting a workshop for a small group of about 4-6 people at Harry Wicks' shop either before or after the Club demonstration. This workshop will be a more hands-on personalized tutoring experience than the Club presentation. The fee to attend this workshop would be approximately \$100 per person. Many Club members, including myself, have attended small workshops run by noted turners. The experience is well worthwhile. If you are interested in participating, speak to Joel, so he can make arrangements with Ms. Drozda.

**Sandee Larsen** has arranged for **LIWA** members' work to be displayed at the **Jericho Library** for the month of October. Many of our members' contributions for the current September show at the Huntington Library, organized by Carl Saenger, will be brought to the Jericho show by Sandee and Carl. The show runs from October 3-30.

#### **A Message From AAW President Brennion**

I want to extend my heart felt thanks to all of the AAW chapters and their members for supporting the AAW. Much was accomplished this past year in our ongoing mission of education and awareness of woodturning. New and existing programs for members, from youth to professionals, continue to flourish within the AAW. October brings our election for board members, as well as our membership renewal. I hope that each member carefully reads the candidate statements in the American Woodturner, and votes for the persons that best represent their concerns.

You can renew your membership online, at

[www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org) or with the form in the AAW Journal.

Since sharpening is a key skill to woodturning, we are mailing the AAW's most popular DVD on sharpening tools (\$24.95 value) free to every new or renewing member along with their membership resource directory. We feel this is just another great reason to join AAW. We look forward to offering turners the best services and programs available in woodturning today and into the future.

If you are new to woodturning and haven't checked out all of the reasons to join AAW, give our website [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org) or our AAW Journal a look. If you're a current member, you know the value of your organization, and I'm sure you are looking forward to another great year of camaraderie, articles and exciting programs.

Warmest regards,

Phil Brennion  
AAW President  
[philb@northlink.com](mailto:philb@northlink.com)

#### **Show and Tell**



**Attendees: 21**

Gordon Thomsen, Jim Diamond, Bob Urso, Jim Feuerbacher, Ken Deaner, John Hechinger, Carl Saenger, Chas. Panzer Scott Edwin, Werner Wiegand, Alan Russo, Bob Fentress, Joe Pascucci, Bob Brady, Martin Rost, Chip Levy, Steve Fulgoni, Alexander Rost, Graham Kelly, Douglas Ruggiero, John Kowalchuk

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