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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".

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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 quest 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**. Our site is maintained by **Marty Mandelbaum** who you can e-mail at martyman@optonline.net.

Club Calendar

January 21 2006, <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Guest demonstrator is master turner **Keith Tompkins**. Mr. Tompkins is a furniture maker and woodturner who creates wonderful and imaginative turnings.

In order to allow as much time as possible for Mr. Tompkins' lecture and demonstration, there will be **no Show and Tell** at the **January meeting**.

Attending members are asked to contribute \$25 to attend the demonstration. This fee includes lunch.

Mid Monthly Meeting

The January 10th mid-monthly meeting will be held at our monthly meeting site in the Wilson Tech Center in Dix Hills. The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Norm Abrams has arranged with the woodshop teacher at Wilson Tech for the LIWA to provide a woodturning demonstration and "hands on" experience to the carpentry students at the Center.

The Club will provide six mini-lathes and 2 two-hour sessions will be given to a morning and afternoon group of 20 students.

Twelve Club members have volunteered to demonstrate and teach the basics in lathe operation finishing each session with the students turning a small bowl. Club members will provide woodturning tools and blanks.

Bob Brady will begin each session will an introduction/demonstration on the proper tool use and safety concerns when using a lathe.

Under the supervision of a Club member, the students will then work in 2-3 person groups at each lathe.

This is an opportunity for the LIWA to introduce high school students to woodturning. Each student's knowledge of woodworking will now be expanded to include a familiarity with woodturning.

Wintry Weather Cancellations

Postponements or cancellations of mid-monthly or monthly Club meetings will be posted on our Club website. Members are advised to check to the Club website prior to traveling to a meeting.

American Association of Woodturners

January 2006 is an excellent time for LIWA members to become a part of our parent organization, the <u>American Association of Woodturners</u>. The AAW is the largest international non-profit organization dedicated to woodturning. Their mission is to provide education, information and organization to woodturners of all skill levels. The AAW provides a quarterly publication complete with features by renowned turners plus many informative and interesting articles concerning all aspects of woodturning.

If you are not currently a member and would like more information about joining the **AAW**, please refer to their website for details: www.woodturners.org

Welcome to our newest Club member: **Jay Tomlin**

Congratulations to Club member,

Ed Kelle, for being selected as the third place winner in the AAW Fall Website Contest judged by Trent Bosch. Ed's accomplishment is mentioned on pg. 8 of the AAW Journal, Winter 2005. Check it out.

December Demonstration

Club member **Alan Russo** demonstrated his technique in turning an acorn box.

Alan begins by turning the top of the acorn box. An acorn box is named as such because is resembles an acorn when completed.

Using walnut for the top and ash for the box bottom, Alan turned a tenon on the walnut blank between centers and then mounted the blank in a four-jaw chuck.



Alan hollowed the top to size and created a flange so the top will fit snugly onto the box bottom. He sanded and applied finish to the inside of the walnut. Prior to removing the blank from the chuck, Alan roughly shaped the top side. The final design will be shaped later.

The box base was then mounted on the lathe and roughed to a cylinder. Alan measured the approximate diameter of the tenon that will accept the top precisely. He then hollowed the ash, sanded and finished the base inside. The base tenon was fine turned to allow the top to fit as planned. This stage requires patience and repeated trials of fitting the top to the bottom piece.

Alan stressed that the base tenon cannot be sized accurately until the blank is hollowed to it's final thickness.

With the ash base still mounted in the chuck and the two mating tenons sized properly, Alan mounted the top of the acorn box onto the bottom. The walnut top was then shaped, sanded and finished with French polish.

Alan shaped the bottom by turning a jam chuck from scrap wood After being placed on the jam chuck, the lower portion of the ash was shaped, sanded and finished while mounted on the jam chuck.

Turning a properly fitting box is a fine test for a woodturner. Creating a pleasing design for the eye plus fine tool work presents a challenging task for anyone. Thanks Alan Russo for another interesting and informative demonstration.

CLUB MEETING-- DECEMBER 17, 2005

Club President Ken Deaner thanked all members for their efforts to make the LIWA successful throughout 2005. Special thanks to: Norm Abrams, Doug Ruggiero, Martin Roost, , Joel Rakower, Marty Mandelbaum, John Kowalchuk, Bob Fentress, Bob Brady, Scott Edwin, Joe DeMaio, Jim Cleary, Steve Fulgoni, Bob Kaplan, Lenny Marquee, Alan

Russo, Peter Schultheiss, Harry Wicks and Bob Urso.

Each year more Club members participate in Club activities and this makes for a richer experience for everyone.

As a result of fundraisers and raffles by our Club members, the dues for this year will remain the same as previous years. The entire membership benefits from all members' involvement in our Club

As a reminder, the 2006 dues should be remitted to Treasurer Joe DeMaio as soon as possible.

Many thanks also to Carl Saenger, Sandee Larsen and Jim Diamond and Charlie Panzer for their time in arranging, collecting members' woodturnings and setting up the various library shows throughout 2005. Kudos to LIWA members' generous lending of completed turnings for the library shows that our Club has been associated with. Library exhibitions such as these do much to enlighten and delight the public who view our creations. Keep up the great work.

\$\$\$ FOR SALE \$\$\$

Craftsman Wood Lathe---- 1/2 hp motor, tubular bed, 12" dia x 24" between centers. Accessories, mounted on 2x4 frame for mobility and to save space. Good condition. \$50 to a good home. 631-271-6496

Show and Tell

This month's exhibition of Club members' work was centered on Christmas ornaments. The "friendly competition" brought many distinct styles and interpretations of holiday decorations to the table. Over 60 tree ornaments, both large and small, eccentric, painted, dyed, inside/out, birdhouse motifs, globe and finial, snowmen were all on display for the group to appreciate. What a prolific turnout by our fellow turners.

Another full table of completed pieces ranged from a cherry plate, cedar root bowl, spalted maple bowl, salt & peppers mills, eccentric vases and goblets, mahogany platters to an acorn nested box. The variety of the beautiful pieces and techniques that our members share each month provide enrichment and motivation for every member to improve our turning skills and stretch our imaginations in woodturning.

Let's everyone contribute to our Show and Tell display this year.







Attendees: Joe DeMaio, Joel Rakower, Gordon Thomsen, John Hechinger, Jim Diamond, Jim Macallum, Bob Brady, Ken Deaner, Ed Kelle, John Kowalchuk, Scott Edwin, Bob Kaplan, Chip Levy, Leon Edelson, Alan Russo, Peter Schultheiss, Peter Richichi, Len Mulqueen, Arnold Winters, Marty Mandelbaum, Martin Rost, Werner Wiegand, Joe Pascucci, Matt Fallon, Josh Barbanel, Jim Cleary, Charles Panzer, Graham Kelly, Carl Saenger, guest Bob Gordon