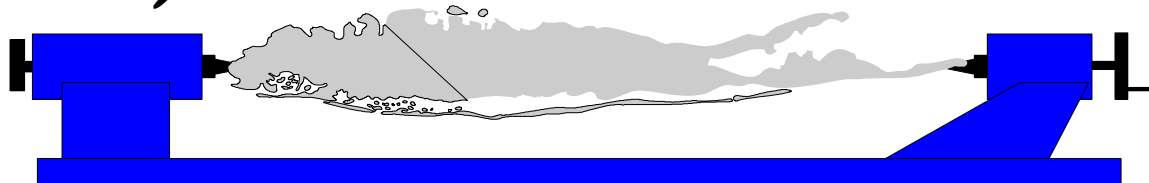


# *Long Island Woodturner's Association*



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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 generally meet on 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 2012 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 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 [martymande@gmail.com](mailto:martymande@gmail.com).

## **Club Calendar**

### **LIWA Meeting\***

November 17, 2012

9:00-2:00pm

**Rich Detrano-Guest Demonstrator**

\*A \$25 fee for this meeting includes lunch.

### **Tuesday Morning Meeting**

December 4, 2012

9:00-12:00pm

John Kowalchuk's shop

"Holiday Ornaments"

### **LIWA Meeting**

December 15, 2012

9:00-2:00pm

**Joshua Friend-Guest Demonstrator**

**Holiday Breakfast Buffet** beginning at 8:30. Please arrive early and enjoy some tasty breakfast treats.

**Hurricane Sandy has hit us all in varying degrees. Many Long Islanders are still without power as of November 10, 2012-almost two weeks after the storm. Numerous people in our club have generously helped fellow members, relatives and neighbors get through the power outages, flooding and damage by providing food, shelter, needed generators, gasoline and encouragement.**

*I hope all of you are safe and sound and effectively coping with the effects of the storm. Gail and I have been burning wood rather than turning for the past two weeks. Les Hoffman and his family were living with us for a week. We had no power but had hot water for showers. We are currently two weeks without power but a friend from Conn brought us a generator and some fuel so we have a small amount of heat and light as of a few days ago. I look forward to seeing you at our Saturday November 17 meeting at Wilson Tech BOCES. We can swap Sandy stories while we enjoy guest turner Rick Detrano plus our usual lunch. There will be a \$25 fee to offset expenses. We all need a break from the misery index.*

**Ken Deaner**  
President, LIWA

## October Demonstration

Alan Lacer, Guest Turner

Alan Lacer is an acclaimed woodturner and is renown for his mastery of the skew chisel. Alan has visited and taught woodturning in many parts of the world.

He has produced several videos on the uses of the skew chisel and travelled from his home in Wisconsin to spend a day demonstrating his expertise to our club members.

Lidded boxes are a favorite of Alan's. He turns them in varying shapes and sizes. Boxes require the turner to work end grain and that is "five times harder than turning face grain pieces".

Alan explained that the skew is used for between centers work. He demonstrated the proper techniques for applying the skew to the blank noting differences in

application for the long and short cutting points.



Alan began his demonstration by "warming up" and turning tiny spinning tops with a 1 1/4", 3/8" thick skew chisel. These completed tops were 3/8" high and approximately 1/4" wide. Alan showed that such a large and heavy tool, when properly used, could yield such a small well-turned result.



When using a skew chisel, Alan stressed that the tool must be sharp.

Alan sharpens his skews to 70 degrees from the long point to the short point.

Alan suggested that the sharp corners on the tools should be rounded over on the grinder or filed in order to easily glide along the tool rest and not cause any indentations or nicks in the softer tool rest steel. Applying paraffin wax on the tool rest helps the tools slide easily.

Alan uses seeded gel (SG) Norton wheels from 46 grit for shaping a tool to to 60 or 80 for finer sharpening. A hand-

held 600 grit honing stone is then run over each side of the skew edges for it to become “scary sharp”.



Alan uses a dead drive center in the headstock when doing spindle work. He removes the manufacturer's spring with the center point barely poking out from the center. This allows the blank to spin and not catch as easily resulting less serious catches and possibly ruining the blank.

Later in the demonstration, Alan showed the process for making, grinding, heating and bending, and sharpening an end grain hollowing tool from a 3/8" inch HSS bar. Alan later donated this handmade tool to the LIWA for auction.



Alan then made a poplar box using a skew chisel, the newly made hooked tool and several scrapers. He achieved a ultra smooth finish on both inside and outside of the box and lid with these tools with little or no sanding Alan's skew chisel demonstration pieces were passed around the audience. It was agreed by the members that an approximate 320 finish had been achieved with his skew chisel and scraper tool competence.



To watch Alan Lacer's October demonstration, visit the LIWA website. The complete video recorded demonstration will be posted soon.

Turning supplies, tools, sharpening stones are available at [alan@alanlacer.com](mailto:alan@alanlacer.com)

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