



Long Island Woodturner's Association
Newsletter

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Belted Spheres

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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.



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Crystal Ball: Upcoming Meeting Schedule for 2024.

All meetings run from 9:00 am to 12 noon on the 3rd Sat of the month. Dates subject to change. Doors open at 8:00am for socializing and setup. Live meetings are held at Northport High School (154 Laurel Hill Road, Northport, NY 11768) and are also available via Zoom. Links will be sent to all members in good standing.

April 13 – Third annual Storch Workshop

April 20 – Todd Raines – Cooking Utensils

May 18 – Bob Lindstadt – TBD

June 15 – Bob Lee – CAD design tools

July 20 – Picnic

August 24 – (fourth Saturday) Picnic at Steve Fulgoni

September 7 and 8 – Long Island Woodworkers Show – We will be doing turning demonstrations.

September 21 – TBA

October 19 – TBA

November 16 – Richard Finley – TBA

December 21 – TBA



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To all members: If not you, who? Please consider joining a committee and helping your fellow woodturners and yourself.



Summary of Meeting

Bob Lee opened the meeting. Barry S reminded everyone that Storch Workshop #3 (Spindles and Bowls) is scheduled for April 13, 9:00 – 12:30 (doors open for setup at 7:30). Also, the OBVR display cabinet will soon be available. Please consider showing one or a few of your pieces.

Show and Tell: Please bring as many items as you like, BUT only talk about 1 or 2 of them to maintain our meeting's schedule.



Treasurer's Report:

We are currently at 74 paid members and 22 not paid.

Good and Welfare

A note about this month's presentation. As a show of good will, our presenter, Rick Urban, did not charge us for the workshop. The Board apologizes for the confusion after the demonstration piece broke. We thank everyone for their patience while Rick tried to adjust his presentation.

New Members

Dan Tyroler, Great Neck

Mitch's Corner

Make new friends / learn something new.

I always look forward to our monthly meetings, friendly faces, free coffee and donuts with a good demonstration. It's always fun chatting talking and looking at the Show & Tell but, we are limited in our BS time. John Kowalchuk has a monthly Tuesday meeting and Jim Cleary has one on Thursday as well. These informal meetings held at a member's home shop is a great opportunity to get to know members better as we are not limited in our BS time.

Usually there is a project of some kind that you get to do hands on. Since there are fewer members and we get more involved it's a great way to really spend time talking about our passions and usually get to share new ideas and techniques. So, for those who are lucky enough to be retired and have the time I encourage you to try some of these Mini Hands on club gatherings. I think it's a great way to get to know your club members better.

Mitch Friedman



A few words from the Chairman of The Board:

What To Expect from A Demonstration
Ken Deaner – Chairman of the Board

I have attended hundreds of woodturning demos over the past 40 years. I have watched them in person and virtually. I have traveled all over the country to learn new skills from the best turners from around the world. What I expect for my money is a well-planned, on point, educational experience. I have compassion for a demonstrator that has a bad day, and the project does not quite work out. My experience has been a true pro has a backup plan when something explodes. I have compassion when someone is new to demonstrating and makes some mistakes or runs too long or too short.

I love when the demonstrator has a sense of humor, asks for questions and is willing to accept a bit of constructive criticism. I cannot tolerate poor preparation or someone trying to demo a project that they have limited knowledge of or a project that is too complex. Some of us do great work in our shops but the work does not translate in front of an audience.

I believe that every club member should do a demo at some time. The following is what it requires. Pick a project that you have done many times. Make an outline of the steps you take to complete the project. Make a list of all the tools and materials you need. Have several unfinished projects with you at different steps along the way in case of a disaster happens at some point in your presentation. Start preparing weeks before so that you are comfortable with what you are going to do. Ask someone to preview your demo if you are nervous. Ask an experienced club member to help you prepare if you are not sure of something you are doing.

Our club is helpful, compassionate, and understanding. We all know demonstrating is complex. We have had demos from novices, as well as 90 years young members. Doing a demo helps you become a better turner. It requires you to focus and concentrate. It sharpens your mind and motor skills. It is part of giving back to the club and is truly appreciated.

Ken



El Presidente – A Message from our President

The March demonstration had several issues leading up to cutting through the wall of the demonstration piece. The presenter attempted to recover but without backup pieces it didn't end well.

The presenter sent a zero dollar invoice but some board members discussed the lack of preparedness vs difficulty of the demo and that there was some learning. Based on the discussions we decided to make a partial payment. Unfortunately, in live demo's issues can occur.



In April, we have our third Storch workshop on April 13th. I'm looking forward to sharing our craft with some students and their parents. Video summaries of the first two are available in the special events tab on the website.

Our group has a cabinet at Old Bethpage Village Restoration across from the ticket area. OBVR will be reopening for the season this weekend and we have two members who will place pieces in the cabinet for April and May. Additional volunteers are needed for the rest of 2024. See link below.

<https://liwoodturners.org/special-events/>

I'm looking forward to Todd Raines presentation on cooking utensils on April 20th. I'd also like to thank a new member, David Pickman, who has started helping with monthly updates to our website and has implemented several improvements such as a web fillable membership form. Keep turning and I look forward to seeing everyone's work at our show and tell.

Bob



Show and Tell:















Eye On: Ken Deaner

From the Editor: I thought it would be nice if we learned a little bit about our members, beyond the short conversations we have at the monthly meetings. To further this, I want to encourage everyone to consider submitting, what is often termed “an elevator conversation”. That is, what would you say if you had 60 seconds to tell someone your personal history (family, career, and of course, how you became interested in woodturning). I realize some of you might be uncomfortable talking about yourselves, while others might find doing it in under 60 seconds extremely challenging. If you would like to participate and need help (either way), please reach out to me via email, phone or at a meeting. Thanks, Barry D

This month, Ken Deaner has volunteered to share his story. First a little context: Ken is one of our “oldest” club members. He has been secretary for 10 years, president for 6 and Chairman of the Board/Board member for the last 13 years. He took over writing the newsletter from Charlie Panzner and became president prior to Steve Fulgoni. Thank you, Ken. Here is his story:

How I Came to Turn

Over 35 years ago my son-in-law invited me to a woodworking show in NJ. I stopped to watch a turning demo. Never saw anything like it. Three hours later I was hooked. There was no internet. I bought a lathe which came with a box of tools and stopped at a local lumber yard, (Wood Ply) to stock up.

I knew nothing about green wood. The owner told me about a club in Suffolk County and the adventure began. I met a wonderful group of people who shared what they knew. I drove hours to every meeting. I attended every hands-on workshop offered. I went to symposiums, weeklong classes at Arrowmont, and read any book available at the time.

It changed my life. I built a shop on to my house dedicated to turning. It was great getting out of the garage and having heat and air-conditioning. I love my turning family and would never do anything differently except for better dust control, noise control and less repetitive motion. What did we know about these things in the 80's.

Turning helped me escape into my own creative space and unwind from the pressures of working with demanding CEOs. I have given back to those that helped me. I have been an officer of the LIWA For over 30 years and have participated in every activity the club has offered. It has all been extremely rewarding. I owe a great deal to the turning community for enriching my life.

Ken

Editor's Note: Next month's Eye On bio: Barry Saltsberg



[Main Event](#)

Featured Speaker:

Rick Urban

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This month's recording is not available for viewing