



Long Island Woodturner's Association Newsletter

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Fine Finesse Turning

Presented By: Matt Monaco



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 2025/2026

All meetings run from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon on the 3rd Sat of the month. Dates subject to change. Doors open at 8:00 am 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.

December 20	Gary Mayhew - Bent Loop Goblet
January 17	Pete Michaels - Brass Inlay
February 21	Les Hoffman - Jig
March 21	TBD
April 18	TBD
May 16	TBD
June 20	TBD
July xx	BBQ
August xx	BBQ
September 19	TBD
October 17	TBD
November 21	TBD
December 19	TBD



Club Board for 2025

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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

The meeting started with a demonstration of spindle turning using a skew followed by a demonstration of a bowl using a double bevel grind with explanation and demonstration of sharpening throughout the demonstration. My takeaways were to use high speed and tools with less aggressive cuts but always sharp to make fine cuts that do not require much sanding. The re-play is available on the website, and I think it needs to be reviewed to capture all the great insights shared.

Welcome New Member: Peter Kaboolian, Syosset

Treasurer's Report:

We currently have xx paid members and approximately 5829.00 in the bank.

We started collecting dues for 2026 in the last meeting. Please use the membership form (attached) and give Mike Josiah a check for your dues at the next meeting or mail it to him at:

Mike Josiah
1 Cedar Street
North Patchogue, NY 11772



El Presidente - A Message from our President

At the December meeting we need to vote on our officers:

President: Bob Lee

Vice President: Paul Permakoff

Treasurer: Open — Mike will be available for the transition but needs to step down.

Secretary/Editor: Barry Dutchen

Barry has agreed to continue but it would be good to have a backup / support person to learn process.

Other roles:

Refreshments – Ray will continue to lead but we need a few people available to assist when he is not able to attend our meetings.

Cleanup – A few people helped with the clean up last month. Thank you! I do not want to make too formal, but it would be good if people could help to spread the workload.

Board – It would be good to have newer members on the board to help ensure that the group meets the needs of both newer and experienced members.

Please consider taking on a role to help the group continue all its activities and support turning on Long Island. Without the support of our membership, we cannot continue to maintain the program quality we have had.

I hope everyone enjoyed the demonstration on fine finesse turning by Matt Monaco. I found his presentation style and ability to turn high quality pieces fascinating. Little tidbits like aligning the grain to the slots in the chuck to keep the four jaws symmetrically clamping the work piece very insightful. For those that participated in the workshops the ability to try the techniques presented with some guidance from Matt was excellent. A few people commented on how much they enjoyed the demonstration, so we have set a preliminary date in 2027 to get Matt back.

In December we will have Gary Mayhew demonstrating a Bent Loop Goblet. It is always fun to learn new techniques from one of our own members.



Bob



Show and Tell:









Workshop With Matt Monaco











Main Event

Fine Finesse Turning

Presented By: Matt Monaco

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-LPDHfcgJk>

