



Long Island Woodturner's Association
Newsletter

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Presented By: Les Hoffman



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 2026

All meetings run from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon on the 3rd Saturday 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.

**As noted below, an additional fee will be collected to help defray the costs associated with this presentation (and will include lunch).*

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| March 14 | Student Workshop |
| March 21 | Martin Rost: Finishes |
| April 18 | Larry Zarra: Turning Miniatures (Professional Turner- no fee) |
| May 16 | John Halsey: Using Carbide Tools for Turning |
| June 20 | Helen Bailey: Thin Vessels with Piercings (Professional Turner, \$25 fee*) |
| July xx | Picnic |
| August xx | Picnic |
| September 19 | TBD |
| October 17 | Greg Gallegos: Texturing and Embellishing (Professional Turner) |
| November 21 | TBD |
| December 19 | TBD |



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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 February meeting started with a show and tell. Thank you to all who showed their work. We encourage all members to participate in this part of our meeting. Remember that you are only competing with yourself and not all the work on the table. This was followed by a demonstration by Les Hoffman on how to use a fixture mounted on a lathe to carve patterns into pieces. An interesting way to add features to your turnings.

Bob



Treasurer's Report:

We are currently at 63 paid members.

Good and Welfare

Welcome to our newest member, Dev Krishnasastry from Bay Shore

Support YOUR professional organization: American Association of Woodturners. Join now at:
<http://woodturner.org/>



El Presidente - A Message from our President

We continued 2026 with a great presentation from Les Hoffman of a fixture for using the lathe to grind pieces with various patterns. For the remainder of 2026 we have a great mix of internal and professional demonstrations available.

We started a Facebook group for our members and have twenty people that have joined so far. The content is limited to members. You can search for Long Island Woodturners Association and request to join. The next step will be how to utilize this site. Post issues, request for mentoring, post completed projects, or anything else anyone can think of.



Our fifth student workshop is scheduled for March 14th. I would like to ask that people also bring a finished piece so that the students can see the possibilities. We will also be doing the initial setup of the display cabinet on this date so if willing to contribute a piece for this display. We will target refreshing the display cabinet every two months. We would like to have a story for the pieces as well, which students can read. We have a list of people that can mentor the students. I think we might need a few more volunteers that can bring lathes to minimize doubling up. Some good news for material. Singh Hardwoods has donated some poplar which can be used for the student workshop and for making wig stands after the workshop. This material will be brought to the student workshop and our regular meeting the following week. If you have other wood, you would like to use feel free to bring. Details on how to make a wig stand were emailed and are on our website.

Special thanks to Jay at Singh hardwoods, Les, Jodi and Ken for their efforts to turn this donation into reality to support our wig stand drive!! <https://singhhardwood.com/>

I look forward to our March meeting with Martin Rost presenting some approaches to finishing.

Bob

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Show and Tell



















Main Event

Featured Speaker:

Les Hoffman

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Here are the links to the Feb meeting recordings,  
courtesy of Jim Moloney:

Show & tell:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RzzyVkCc5Qw>

Demo:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBpmf0Srpe8>

