



Long Island Woodturner's Association
Newsletter

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Finishes

Presented By: Martin Rost



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).*

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	Ed Schneiderman: Pen Turning
October 17	Greg Gallegos: Texturing and Embellishing (Professional Turner)
November 21	TBD
December 19	TBD



Club Board for 2026

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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

LIWA workshops:

Mitch has been busy filling out our calendar. We will have a few professional turners. Larry Zarra in April, Helen Bailey in June and Greg Gallegos in October, and both Helen and Greg are available for workshops. The Helen Bailey workshop will be \$180 and the Greg Gallegos workshop will be \$120. Anyone interested in the Helen Bailey workshop in June should bring payment of \$180 to the next meeting or let Mitch know when payment can be made so we can go/no-go the workshop.

Student workshop (lots of pictures below):

Last week we had our fifth student workshop, March 14th. Thanks to all who participated, particularly Ray Boyn with the refreshments and Peter Kaboollian, one of our newer members, helping to keep the shop clean while everyone was turning. In this workshop a few wig stands were turned, and the Northport art department had another team to help decorate several stands and the woodshop will finish them.

Charity drive:

We will arrange an initial donation of finished wig stands after our April meeting.

Recap of March meeting:

The March meeting started with a show and tell. Thank you to all who showed their work. This was followed by a presentation by Martin Rost on finishing. Thanks to Martin for sharing his approaches as well as taking time to research the different considerations.

Bob



Treasurer's Report:

Checkbook balance is \$6,757.00

We are currently at 63 paid members. If you haven't paid you are "past due".

Good and Welfare

If you are planning on attending the Saratoga meeting, contact Jay for arranging a carpool.

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

Below is a photo of our display case at the high school. Bob ordered more shelves, and we are in the process of making custom labels and a personal note by the turner for each display piece. The plan is to have it filled for the school year (Sept – June).





But first...The Wig Stand Initiative

Our wig stand initiative has gotten off to a great start. We spent the 1st Tuesday in March at John Kowalchuk's shop making a wig stand and discussing ways to do them.





The idea of making wig stands has touched the hearts of all our members and grown into a community effort. We have partnered with Northport High School with the help of David Storch and Christine, an art teacher, at the school. We had 6 or 7 students decorating the stands that were brought in by members on Saturday, during our successful woodturning teaching day at the school. The students did a great job with the stands. I am sure that anyone who receives the stands will be quite pleased with them. The stands will be sprayed with polyurethane in the school shop.

We also would like to thank Jay Singh of Singh Hardwood Company in Far Rockaway who generously donated hundreds of board feet of poplar which is being distributed to the LIWA members to create more wig stands.

Ken and Les have been cutting the boards into blanks for the wig stands.





We will be bringing more blanks to the March meeting. As the stands are completed, we will distribute them to Geri Barish of the Hewlett House Cancer Support Center and Christina Faber of the Stonybrook Cancer Center. We will continue to make stands over the coming years as the project has taken off. Thanks to all the club members that have participated.

Jodi Gingold

Ken Deaner















This is a press release from Northport High School

Written by David Storch

The Long Island Woodturners Association (LIWA) proudly celebrated a milestone with the 5th Annual Bob Storch Memorial Woodturning Workshop on March 15, held in the Wood Technology Lab at Northport High School. More than 20 students, parents, and faculty members gathered for a morning of hands-on woodturning instruction paired with about 15 master LIWA woodturners – and this year, the event expanded in a powerful new direction, uniting craftsmanship, artistry and compassion in service to the community.

As in years past, experienced LIWA master turners guided beginners and intermediates through the fundamentals of the lathe, helping participants craft their own bowls from oak, maple, cherry, and ash, as well as handmade acrylic and wood-encased pens. The workshop provides a hands-on experience where the guidance of seasoned professionals transforms first-time turners into confident craftspeople.

New this year, LIWA partnered with Northport High School's Art Department to launch the Wig Stand Initiative, a community service project in collaboration with Hewlett House, a non-profit safe haven serving families touched by cancer. LIWA woodturners crafted handmade wooden wig stands to be donated to Hewlett House, which provides wigs, head coverings and essential resources free of charge to cancer patients. Art students brought these functional pieces to life, painting and decorating each stand to transform them into works of art. The initiative also supports the Long Island Breast Cancer Action Coalition.

The collaboration between the woodturners and the Art Department exemplified the spirit at the heart of this annual event: bringing people together across disciplines and generations to create something meaningful. Student artists had the opportunity to witness the woodturning process firsthand before applying their own talents to the finished pieces, resulting in a truly collaborative final product.

The workshop continues to honor the memory of Bob Storch, a founding member of LIWA whose lifelong love of woodturning and dedication to his craft inspired generations of turners on Long Island. The Bob Storch Memorial Beginners Workshop was established in his honor following his passing in January 2022, and has grown each year into one of LIWA's most celebrated and anticipated events.

"Each year this workshop grows in both size and heart," Northport High School Technology and Engineering Teacher Ed Moloney said. "Seeing students, parents and now our art department all come together – and directing their efforts toward helping cancer patients through the Wig Stand Initiative – is exactly the kind of community connection that Bob Storch embodied. We are proud to carry his legacy forward."

The 5th Annual Bob Storch Memorial Beginners Workshop was organized by Ed Moloney and David Storch, Director of STEM Education, in concert with the Executive LIWA Board members Bob Lee and Jim Moloney, along with the dedicated mentors and volunteers whose generosity of time and expertise makes the event possible year after year.

Through hands-on workshops, collaborative projects, and community engagement, LIWA provides a supportive and engaging environment where beginners and seasoned artisans alike explore the art of turning. By preserving traditional techniques, LIWA seeks to inspire creativity, craftsmanship and camaraderie among woodturning enthusiasts, ensuring that this cherished art form continues to thrive for generations to come.



El Presidente - A Message from our President

We continued in 2026 with a great presentation from Martin Rost on finishing. For the remainder of 2026 we have a great mix of internal and professional demonstrations scheduled.

Our fifth student workshop on March 14th was successful. 22 people from the school participated with a variety of different things made including some wig stands. The art department at Northport High School partnered with us to help decorate wig stands with Jodi working with them. I am very pleased with the response we have had from club members as well as Singh hardwoods and the artist that helped decorate.



At our March meeting we distributed about 30 blanks and ask that people return them at the April meeting so we can finish the decorating and begin to donate to the organizations that will help distribute with wigs.

We have started a display at Northport High School. I am working to have more glass stands added so we can display more stuff. If anyone is interested in participating, we will refresh what is there in May and will have a place for a few more pieces in April. I plan to have emptied prior to the summer and refill in September.

We need to confirm with Helen Bailey if we are going to have a workshop after our June meeting. Look for a separate email but let Mitch Friedman know if interested. We will need to go / no go the workshop by early April.

I look forward to our April meeting with Larry Zarra presenting turning miniatures. Although Larry is a professional turner, his fee does not require an additional charge.

Bob

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Show and Tell



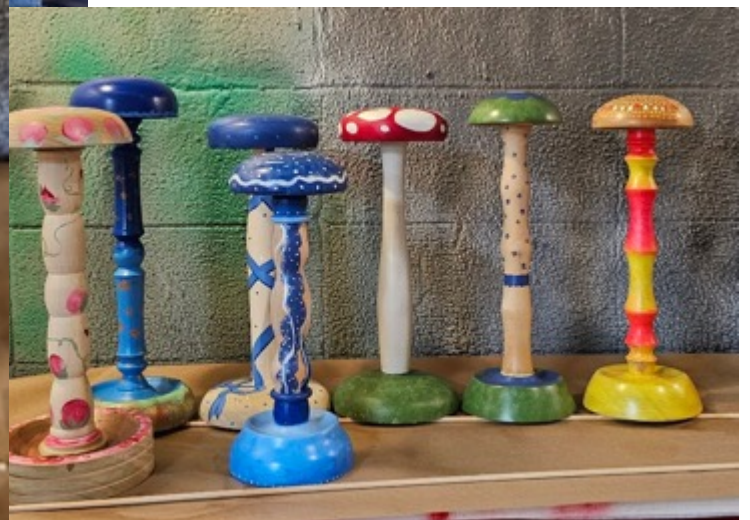
















## Main Event

Featured Speaker:

Martin Rost

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Here is the link to the March meeting recording,  
courtesy of Jim Moloney:

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

*(Ed: Thanks to Martin for the great presentation. See the next page for  
a poster of grits/grain sizes from Martin)*





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