



Long Island Woodturner's Association
Newsletter

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Summer BBQ

Hosted By: Bob Urso



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).*

September 26** Bob Lee: Thread Turning. (notice the date change)

October 17* Greg Gallegos: Texturing and Embellishing (Professional Turner, \$25)

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

Enjoy the great photos from Jodi

Good and Welfare

The Board has suggested that we run a new column each month entitled “member tips”. Please send me suggestions/ideas to be included in this space.

And, a reminder to support YOUR professional organization: American Association of Woodturners. Join now at: <http://woodturner.org/>



A few words from the Chairman of The Board:

How to Spark your Creative Genes

A number of club members have visited my studio “SHOP” over the summer. Their focus was improving their hollowing skills. The discussion that followed was about creating work that went beyond copying visiting turners. How do we create work that is original. Finding one’s VOICE is complicated. The line between art and craft is cloudy. Do we have to go to art school to become an artist or apprentice in a shop to become a craftsman? If this was the Middle Ages, we would find ourselves in a Guild system. This is the twenty-first century, however. How to solve that problem?

Learn from others is the first step. The more skills you learn and perfect the more interesting your work becomes. Our hobby has introduced burning, carving, coloring, texturing and finishing to turning. How you apply them can raise the bar from craft to art. Your life experience can be a jumping off point. People who work with their hands have an easier time transitioning. Those of us who sit behind a desk have tools as well. Computers are a tool. Use the tool to teach and generate new ideas.

Visit museums to study shape, color and form. Take an art or craft class. Go to a symposium. Take notes when we have demonstrators at our meetings. Our members are a source of inspiration. Visit member shops. Ask questions. Show your work. Ask to be critiqued. Find turners whose work you feel is truly unique. When you see work that moves you to ask, “how did you do that” ASK them.

When I saw the work of Binh Pho at an AAW symposium I decided to meet and study with him. It changed my life. I practiced new skills and used what I learned to develop my own style. My own voice. Club members like Bob Brady and Jim Diamond influenced my thinking and turning. It is much easier now in the information age to speed the process and make yourself a great craftsperson or artist. The tools and people are there to help you in the journey.

Ken



El Presidente - A Message from our President

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. The first half of the year had some interesting demonstrations and now we are taking a break with our summer picnics hosted by Bob and Steve. The rest of the year should be as good as we return to Northport High School.

For September we will meet on the fourth Saturday to avoid the race, which makes parking very difficult on the third Saturday, and the Long Island Woodworkers show on the second Saturday.

Thanks to Bob Lindstadt and Peter Kaboolian for reaching out to Robert's Plywood for a donation of Poplar similar to Singh Hardwoods. And thanks for prepping the blanks to be ready for distribution at the September meeting. I look forward to seeing people at Steve's for our next picnic.

Bob

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July at Bob's



























Thank you, Bob

