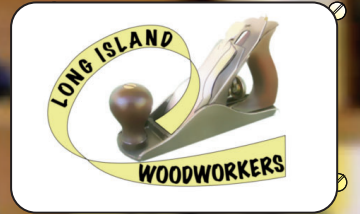


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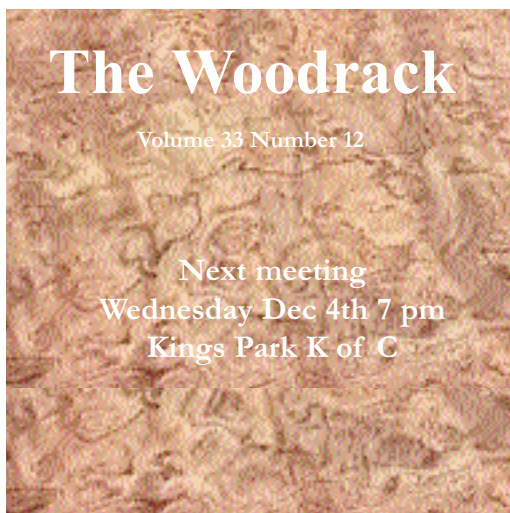
December 2024



CHARLIE JAMES
ON DOVETAILS

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THIS MONTH:**SECRETARY'S NOTES****LISA****TURNERS' GUILD****LICFM****LOCK, STOCK & DARYL****NEWSDAY FEATURE****PUZZLE****SECRETARY'S NOTES****MICHAEL MITTLEMAN**

LIW President Mike Daum called the November 6th General Meeting to order at 7:07 PM. The session was held in person at the Brush Barn and live-streamed via Zoom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Show Chair Bob Lerner indicated that the annual show made money this year. Over 600 people were in attendance on Saturday and 400 on Sunday.

Tom Ryan, and Jee and Buddie Savoie helped with the Girl Scout merit badge project.

The Canine Companions project is active. Another visit to the site was undertaken to verify the required measurements. Mike D. asked Mike M. to lead the project. Volunteers are requested to contact Mike M. so a construction team can be assembled.

Mike D. informed members that voting for board positions, including SIG Presidents, will occur at the December 4th General Meeting. Those present in person or on Zoom can participate.

Once again, Ed Dillon and Charlie Felsen will serve on the Election Committee. Interested persons should contact Charlie or Ed and let them know of their candidacy.

Member Steve Price's family wishes to donate Steve's woodworking tools and machinery to LIW members.

Daryl Rosenblatt will be teaching a week long course at the Marc Adams School of Woodworking & Time-Honored Crafts September 8th to September 12th, 2025. Registration is open to anyone who wishes to sign up. www.marcadams.com

Donation of Steve Magnam's scroll saw portraits by his family was discussed. Dennis Taddeo has been storing the many projects but needs to find a home for them because he is out of space. Members who can help should reach out to Dennis.

Jean Piotrowski mentioned an arts and crafts sale to be held on Nov. 30th at the Greenport Harbor Brewery Riverhead location.

Joe Bottiglieri's home was flooded in the recent South Carolina disaster. He has lost the membership list and email addresses for LIW members. Membership Director Steve Kelman will send Joe the requested information.

The holiday season approaches. Toy collection and donations are underway. Be sure to bring the toys and donations to the December General Meeting for pickup.

The collection of LIW dues for 2025 has started. The cost remains \$75 for general membership and \$20 apiece for family members over 18.

TREASURER'S REPORT No report.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT Membership Director Steve Kelman emphasized that payments of 2025 dues are now being accepted. Of course, donations are welcome, as always. The dues collection is progressing smoothly.

SHOW AND TELL

Corey Tighe brought a crosscut Dozuki saw from 3rd Coast Craftsman (<https://www.thirdcoastcraftsman.com>) and a double square was from Hillview Wood & Metal (<https://www.hillviewtool.com>).

Jim Tauby made a nifty hybrid coping/bow saw.

Mike Mittleman displayed a wooden briefcase made with white oak and walnut inlay.

RAFFLE The winners were Charlie James and Rich Reinfrank.

OTHER BUSINESS

LICFM Meeting, Ben Nawrath, SIG Pres., 11/12/2024. LICFM will hold elections/nominations. We'll discuss homemade jigs and fixtures and an ongoing "chapter challenge" geared toward projects for the show next year. The meeting is at the Kings Park K of C.

LIWG Meeting, Jim Moloney, SIG Pres., 11/14/2024. Joe Pascucci and Ed Piotrowski will turn holiday ornaments. The meeting is at the Kings Park K of C.

Wood Tech Meeting, Brian Monks, SIG Pres., 11/13/2024. Wood Tech will have an introductory meeting via Zoom starting at 7 PM. The meeting will feature the SIG's mission, future expectations, requirements/needs, and member input on how the SIG will be organized.

LISA Meeting, Patti Lerner, SIG Pres., 11/21/2024. The scrollers will demonstrate and discuss holiday ornaments at the Kings Park K of C.

SSOW Meeting, Frank Napoli, SIG Pres., 11/28/2024. The meeting has been canceled due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

DISCUSSION Charlie James on Dovetail Joinery

As is typical of a Charlie James presentation, useful tips and techniques were shared. Charlie showed a couple of scribes he designed and constructed, which he found to be superior to the commercially available tools. They provide deeper, more visible lines. Another suggestion was to use blue tape when drawing the pins and tails. If, after inspection, you don't like the layout, remove the tape and start over. No harm would have befallen the workpiece. To avoid a catastrophe before cutting, mark the areas to be cut.

While nominally about dovetails, several of the tips Charlie offered apply to other joints. For example, Charlie discussed repairing chips and gaps using hide glue and sawdust. For chips, he first squares the replacement piece and gap before gluing it into place. These techniques will also work with box joints, mortises, and tenons.

The audience learned valuable insights from an expert. Thanks, Charlie.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The next General Meeting will be held in person at the Kings Park K of C at 7 PM on December 4, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Editors Note: There were no photos taken during the meeting. It's a good thing I keep good records, I went back to the early 2000s to find a photo of a much younger Charlie James as he began his career in woodworking.



ACTIVE MILITARY
PERSONNEL

2025 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Contact Steve Kelman with any questions: skelman@liwoodworkers.org

Complete this application by clearly printing the information requested in the spaces below and return the form with a **\$75** check (+\$20 spouse/child) payable to **Long Island Woodworkers.**

Mail to:
Steve Kelman
79 Katherine St.
Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776

Name: _____

Family Member Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Home Phone #: _____

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Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Primary woodworking interest: _____

Other woodworking related interests: _____

How would you rate your skill level: _____

What would you hope to gain from the club: _____

Other comments, suggestions, expectations:

Your membership dues include full access to all official SIGs
Cabinetmakers, Carvers, Scrollers, Tech, Turners!

TURNER'S GUILD



BOB LERNER

President Jim Moloney called the November 14th meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS The club members get a 10% discount from Penn State Industries. Contact Jean Piotrowski to be added to the list.

NEW MEMBER Welcome to the SIG, Jim Murphy.

UPCOMING DEMOS

December – Holiday Party

Future date TBD - Charlie Felsen will turn a mushroom.

Future date TBD – Rob Crespolini will turn a “stash box” to hide money, keys, etc.

CHAPTER CHALLENGE (CC) December – Turn an ornament.

Show and Tell

Barry Saltsberg – Black locust “butterfly” lidded jar.

Patti Lerner – Christmas tree (CC).

Bob Lerner – Two Christmas trees (CC) and a SpectraPly bottle stopper.

Joe Pascucci – Christmas tree (CC).

Steve Maielle – Spalted maple bowl and a Bow Products bandsaw resaw guide.

Ed Piotrowski – Assorted birdhouses.

Brian Roughley – Two ice cream cone-shaped finials.

Rolf Beuttenmuller – Five Christmas trees.

Ed Dillon – Bandsaw box

PRESENTATION

Joe Pascucci – Turned a candle holder with a candle.

Ed Piotrowski – Turned a birdhouse.

The two demos will be recorded and posted to the club website's Members Only/Meeting Recordings page.

Thank You to Joe and Ed for an interesting demo of two fun projects!

Top row: Barry Saltsberg with his lidded butterfly boxBirdhouse demo turned by Ed Piotrowski; Bob Lerner with his Christmas Trees.

Second row: Brian Roughley with his two ice cream cone finials; Candlestick and holder turned by Joe Pascucci during his demo; Ed Dillon and his bandsaw box.

Bottom row: Ed Piotrowski rounding the birdhouse blank; Joe Pascucci drilling during the candlestick holder demo.





Left: Joe Pascucci with his Christmas Tree.

Below: Patti Lerner with her Christmas Tree.

Far below: Steve Maielle showing his spalted maple bowl.



LISA



BOB LERNER

President Patti Lerner called the November 21st meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be an ornament exchange at the December holiday party. Bring an unwrapped ornament, and Patti will supply brown paper bags.

Jean Piotrowski discussed the Festival of Trees held in Peconic in November. It raises money for the Center for Advocacy, Transformation, and Support in Southold, a North Fork nonprofit that supports people in need. All five SIGs could make holiday ornaments, either individually or in collaboration with each other. We would display them in the show in September and then donate them to the charity. We will discuss this further at the next General Meeting.

NEW MEMBER New member Tom Russo attended the meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Dec – Holiday party

Upcoming Demos –

- Using Spiral Blades – Patti Lerner
- Lathe Art – Ed Piotrowski and Charlie Felsen
- Pyrography – TBD
- Airbrush Painting - TBD
- Picture Frames - Alain Tiercy
- Cutting Puzzles - Jack Curio

There is a lot of interest in airbrushing. If anyone knows someone who could do a SIG demo or a workshop, please get in touch with Patti Lerner.

SHOW AND TELL

Bob Lerner - showed a Star of Bethlehem Victorian ornament he made from the Winter 2024 SS Magazine. Patti Lerner glitter-painted it.

Patti Lerner – brought an Intarsia mouse. The design was by Judy Gale Roberts.

Mike Yowhan – showed a framed scrolled horse made from cherry. Mike also brought in a cell phone stand.

Steve Gazes – brought in a fretwork weather station from Wildwood Designs.

SHOW

We plan to display a Judy Gale Roberts Intarsia tribute on the center wall.

We will hold an ornament sale instead of a Christmas tree raffle. The ornaments will be displayed on a tree with a rotating base.

The magazine projects will be placed on a table on the show floor instead of in the SIG demo area.

RAFFLE_Rolf Beuttenmuller – CA glue and accelerator

DISCUSSION

With the holiday season fast approaching, we discussed ornaments. Patti and Rolf brought in a selection of ornaments made using different techniques.

Rolf showed work done in Intarsia, bevel inlay, fretwork, and compound cutting (3D).

Patti showed slotted, compound cut (3D), multi-layered, and fretwork ornaments. She also made one in which she used Mod Podge to glue fabric to the surface of the wood before cutting a reindeer.

We had a lengthy discussion about the different styles and finishes.

Thank you to Patti and Rolf for sharing your work with the group.

NOTE Due to technical difficulties (the Zoom laptop bricked), Zoom was not available, and therefore, no recording was made.

Clockwise from top left: Mike Yowhan with his framed picture horse; Patti Lerner & her cloth covered reindeer ornament; Patti Lerner with her sled ornament; Patti Lerner with her JGR Intarsia mouse.

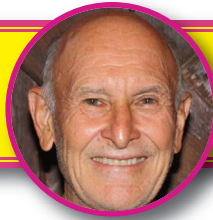




From top left: Steve Gazes and his weather station; Rolf Beutenmuller with his ornament; Rolf Beutenmuller and one of his ornaments.



LICFM



BOB WOOD

Cabinet and Furniture Makers – November 12, 2024

Bob Wood

Kicking off the November 12th meeting was a show-and-tell by Tom Ryan. It was a round cutting board with basketball seams, filled with epoxy.



Tom had some difficulty removing the cured epoxy bubbles. Some suggestions were made to correct it, but it was recommended to call Mike Josiah. Tom also made some epoxy coasters, which

were like a faded tuxedo, the best way to describe them.

Tom also made a circular jig for his drill press. It was designed to act as a backer when drilling so as not to mar the drill press table. It is circular and can be rotated until it's all "drilled out."

The meeting was dedicated to jigs. Justin Matranga presented a jig he uses to make greenwood chairs. Justin steams the wood and then places it in a curved jig. Justin dates the length of time the steamed wood is in the jig.

The jig to the right is used to cradle wood when making octagonal legs. Justin shapes the legs using a Lee Valley tapering tenon cutter. The jig is also employed in drilling mortises for chair rungs.

Another device Justin uses is a bar clamp to force chair legs together.

Ken Sponagle, (I hope I spelled your name correctly,) made a jig for a router to make a cornhole board with lights. Ken saw the item on YouTube. The fixture prevents the router from wandering when making cuts. (photo on next page)





One topic was the making of juice grooves in cutting boards and how to prevent burning. It was mentioned that sometimes, corners tear out. DMT has router bits for this problem. Bill Leonhardt said cleaning the bits frequently should help. Brian Monks sharpens the blades but keeps count of how many filing strokes are made for each blade.

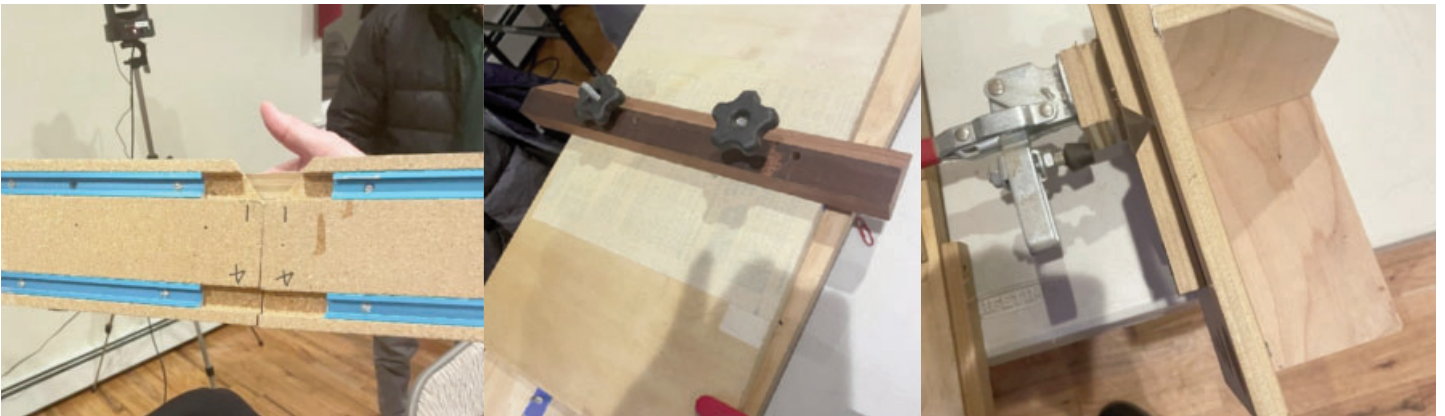
Bob Weiser made a luthier jig for hollow-bodied guitars.

Bob also showed a Moxon vice he saw on a Rob Cosman video. Bob made the jaws out of European Beech and purchased the parts from Rob Cosman. The one detail that Bob noted was the springs on the shafts, which release one jaw. The front jaw is longer than the back jaw, and both jaws are lined with cork.

Jim Tauby made a router fence that can be configured in four ways to maximize dust collection for various bits.



A brief discussion took place regarding dust collection. Steel pipes are expensive compared to PVC, and the Record Vacuum was also mentioned for its power and quietness.



Buddy Savoie made a large trammel for 1920's shutter. The shutter had an arched cap of 76 inches. The trammel was used to make a template to guide the router in making the arch.

Ben Nawrath showed a circle-cutting jig for a bandsaw. Another item was a 45° paring block, which helps in making Roubo bookstands. Another jig is used to drill 90° holes with a drill press for dowels. For cutting sandpaper, Ben made a board with a sandwiched hacksaw blade that slices the sandpaper to the right size. Ben created a spline jig from a manufactured tenoning jig. The meeting was quite lively and again showed the members' creativity. It is hoped that most of the pictures correspond to the text.

LOCK, STOCK & DARYL

BEN NAWRATH, MICHAEL
MITTLEMAN & DARYL ROSENBLATT**Contributor:** Daryl Rosenblatt**Website:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIPzIMKqYWk>**Presenter/Author:** Wood by Wright**Title:** How To Sharpen Drill Bits, Augers, Forsner, Spade, Twist and Owl. / 13:35**Description:** The title is explanatory. This is a good demo on how to sharpen various drilling tools; these are the ones most of us have no clue how to tune them up, much less sharpen them. The close-ups are clear, and the demos are very helpful.

For what it's worth, I needed to buy a set of drill bits for a class, and I was hundreds of miles from home. I didn't want to spend a lot of money, so I got a set at Harbor Freight. Out of the box, the bits wouldn't have drilled through paper. I was at Marc Adams, so I was able to have the drill bits sharpened. So sharpening drill bits is a useful skill when you are away from home or the shop, the stores are closed, and you have a deadline. Add this video to your list of woodworking things you want to learn before you pack it in.

Contributor: Mike Mittleman**Website:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eC-ga1cG1m0&list=WL&index=1>**Presenter/Author** J-woodworking / 6:09**Title:** I use NO JIGS when making dovetail joints on a table saw**Description:** There are so many YouTube videos on making dovetails that users might go blind watching them all. And yet... Many of these videos reveal a trick or technique that is utterly unique. This is the case for the reviewed presentation. The pictured woodworker uses a table saw, chisel, square, scribe, pencil, and paper to lay out and cut the joints. The interesting and unique tool used was the paper. Through artful folding, a precise layout of the pins and tails was realized. Find a board, obtain some paper, and try the technique.**Contributor:** Ben Nawrath**Video:** <https://youtu.be/RQrglQbZuCk?si=-s—hQuZtPGuNkSk>**Presenter:** Project Cao**Title:** Making Christmas Ornaments / 6:10**Description:** I've been on the prowl for Christmas ornament turning videos lately, ever since I got a woodcraft catalog with ornaments in the front and my wife said "hey I bet my family would love those!" There are a LOT out there. Lots of bells, snowmen, and trees. One is both a snowman and a tree! It's also very simple and geared towards beginners, which I appreciate. No talking, but all of the information you need is there. Decent camera angles, all the steps, and it's under 9 minutes. Perfect for a weekend morning when you just need a little inspiration before you head out to the shop!**Bonus video:** some bell turnings. He takes one longish piece of wood and parts off several blanks. Guess what I'm doing for the fam?

Long Island Woodworkers club can help you learn to make furniture, vases and more



Jim Moloney turns a piece of wood on his lathe in the basement of his Patchogue home. Credit: Newsday/Steve Pfost

By Jasmine Sellars jasmine.sellars@newsday.com November 8, 2024 5:00 am
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For many on Long Island, woodworking is more than a hobby — it's an art form and a link to family memories.

"I've been doing it since I was a kid," said Jim Moloney, 68, of Patchogue. "My father always did home improvements and I would help him, so that's how I learned to use tools."

When he was about 10 years old, he said his father helped him build a bird feeder: "It was a good experience, and I've always enjoyed working with tools ever since."

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Clues

Across

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- 7. Fire
- 8. Cochise, for one
- 9. Lost
- 10. Like the Godhead
- 11. Piled

Down

- 1. Fortune
- 2. Run out
- 3. Exotic wood often used in butcher blocks
- 4. Act out
- 5. Colorless gas
- 6. Essential

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Solution to November