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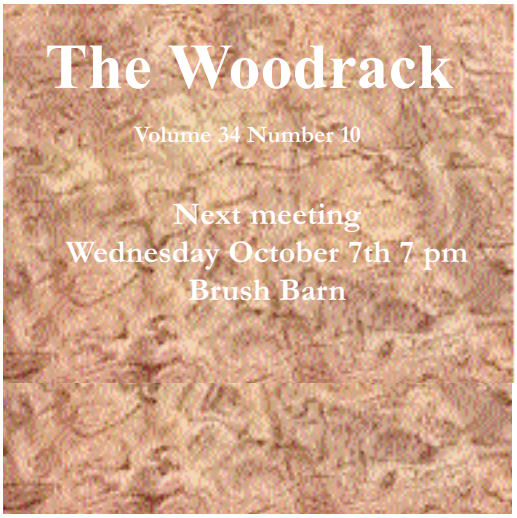
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Show Chair



Bob Lerner & Patti Lerner

I think everyone agrees our 28th Annual Show was a big success. Over 220 projects were on display, submitted by 46 members. Eighty-one amazing projects were judged. We were fortunate to have Sutherland Welles as a Gold Sponsor again this year. This, along with a very successful raffle, helped defray the cost of the show. Thank you to the members who donated hand-crafted items to the raffle. These are popular with the non-woodworking visitors.

We had 4 vendors, including tools, wood slabs, carved items, and a woodworking school. The gift shop had a great selection of beautiful items. Our talented club members presented 12 interesting seminars during the show. News 12 ran a piece advertising the show on TV and online. The LI Herald attended the show and published a nice article. The online entry form worked out very well. I got a lot of positive feedback. The new membership booth was a success, with 8 new members signing up. Attendance was approximately 840 for the 2 days. The COA was again pleased with our show.

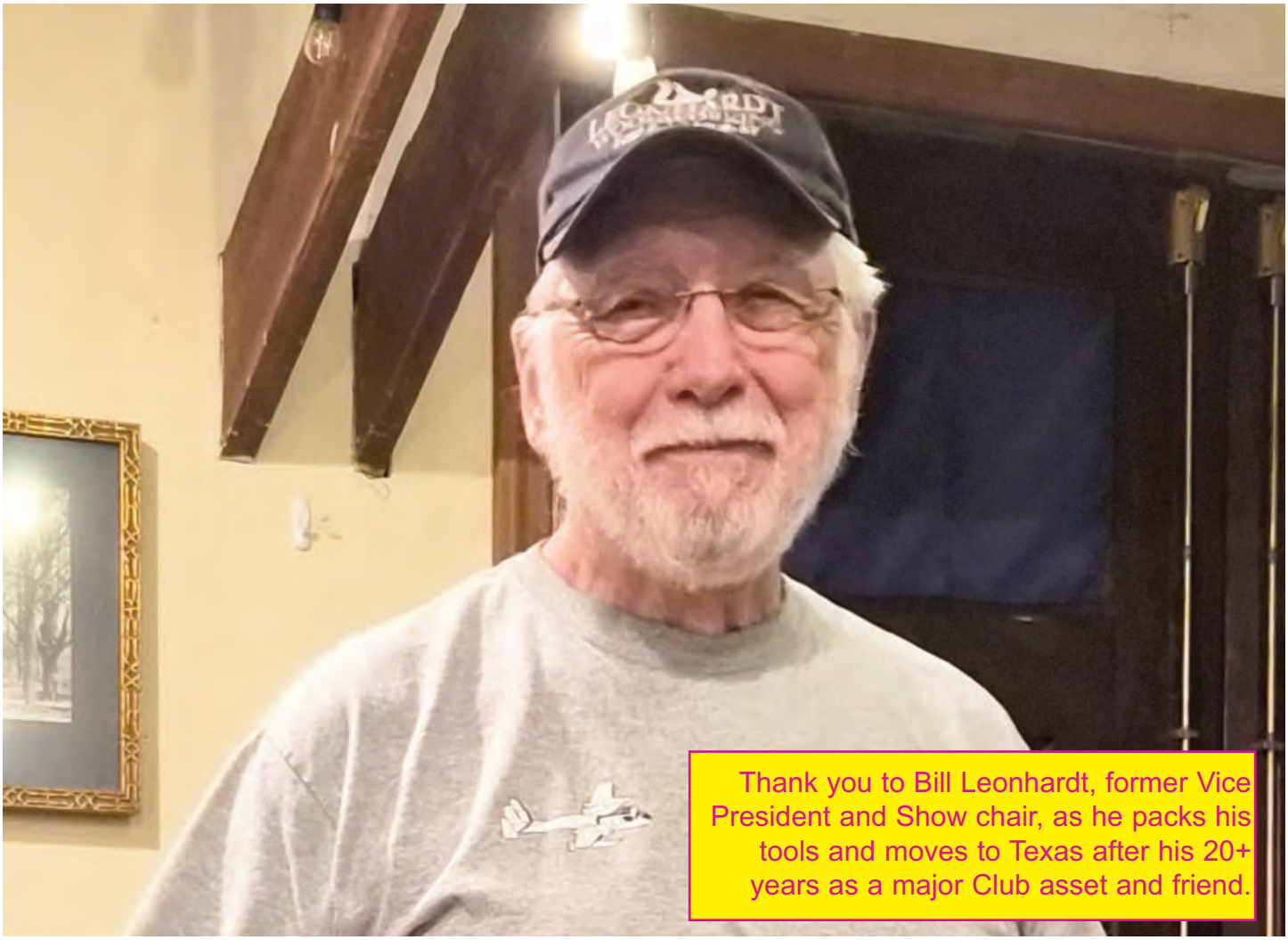
I want to recognize and thank all the members who helped plan, volunteered, and participated in our 2026 show. I would especially like to acknowledge the following members of our show committee: *Patti Lerner* assisted in all aspects of show planning and execution, organized the volunteers and the Scroll Saw SIG booth; *Jean Piotrowski* made the raffle and public relations a huge success; *Mike Luciano* oversaw sales in the gift shop; *Rob DeMarco* handled the tool sale and created many new reusable laser signs; *Jim Moloney* set up and maintained the AV gear in the classrooms and on the show floor. He is also our Webmaster, photographer and organized the Turner's SIG booth; *Jack Curio* was also our photographer; *Frank Napoli* organized the Carver's SIG; *Mike Daum* transported and setup the walls, arranged the projects on the show floor, and oversaw the judging; *Doug Bartow* for the beautiful banner, posters and new show program cover page; *Ed Dillon and Brian Roughley* ran the Toy Shop; *The Scroll Saw SIG and the Toy Committee* built up the pre-show toy inventory; *Ray Bohn* kept us sugared and caffeinated; *Norm Bald* and *Charlie Morehouse* who staffed the Jigs, Fixtures and Finishing area; *Steve Kelman* manned the membership booth and *Susie Dobish* who checked in the projects and handed out the index cards. Thank you to the setup and breakdown crews, the members who did seminars and demos throughout the show, the SIGs who did demos,

the judges, and all the members who entered projects.

We have the dates for the 2027 show: Saturday, 9/18/27, and Sunday, 9/19/27, with setup on Friday, 9/17/27. Please stay tuned for upcoming details on how members can get involved in planning and volunteering for next year's event.

Bob and Patti Lerner
Show Co- Chairs

The LIW heartily and inadequately thanks Bob and Patti Lerner for everything they've done, and will hopefully continue to do in the future.



Thank you to Bill Leonhardt, former Vice President and Show chair, as he packs his tools and moves to Texas after his 20+ years as a major Club asset and friend.

Show photos by
Jack Curio






TOTALLY
TURNING


CAFE


Air & Space Gala
WOODWORKERS
Circular
Scroll Saw


The
Gift Shop




PanAm
U.S.NAVY
Sutherland Welles Ltd
Exceptional Polymerized Tung Oil Wood Finishes
since 1963
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Why
WORRY
when you can
FRET?


















Front Classroom




EXIT



ACTIVE
MILITARY
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2027 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 family member over 18) 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 #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

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, Turners, and Modern Tech!

LIW Show 2026 Ribbon Winners

photos by Jim Moloney

Accessories:

1st - Patti Lerner: Time of My Life

2nd - Michael Mittleman: ZIg-Zag Cutting Board

3rd- Dennis Palumbo: LVT Cutting Board with bent woods

Carving:

1st - Frank Napoli: Stan's Alarm Clock

2nd - Mitch Friedman: Talkin' to Me?

3rd - Jean Piotrowski: Carved Wooden Chain

CNC/Laser/3D

1st - Ken Sponaugle - New York Yankees Inlay

Fretwork:

1st - Norm Bald: Water Mill

2nd - Alain Tiercy: Out of Africa

3rd - Patti Lerner: Hummingbird in Flight

Furn 1:

1st - Corey Tighe: Dining Table

2nd - Daryl Rosenblatt: Trompe L'Oeil

3rd - Bob Nyman: Stickley Occasional Table No. 540

Furn 2:

1st - Brian Monks: Connecticut Low Boy

2nd - Ed Piotrowski: Whiskey Cabinet

Furn 3:

1st - Corey Tighe: Guitar Pick Stool

2nd - Michael Mittleman: Child's Chair/Stepstool

Intarsia:

1st - Robert Carpentier: Giraffe

2nd - Rolf Beutenmuller: Cardinal on Dogwood Branch

Scrollwork:

1st - Patti Lerner: Mandalla in Blue

2nd - Norm Bald: Bald Eagle

3rd - Robert Carpentier: Filigree Cross #1

Segmented Turning:

1st - Jim Moloney: Celtic Vessel

2nd - Chris Mallon: Open Segment Bowl

3rd - Ray Bohn: Bowl

Shop Equipment:

1st - Daryl Rosenblatt: Tablesaw Sled

2nd - Bob Nyman: Steam Box and Bending Jig

3rd - Jim Tauby: Toolbox

Toys/Crafts/Games:

1st - Ken Sponaugle: Chess Board

2nd - Michael Mittleman: Travel Cribbage Board Set

3rd - Bob Nyman: Dice Storage Box

Turning:

1st - Henry Zipperlen: Oak Burl nesting Bowls

2nd - Gary Mayhew: Large Maple Bowl

3rd - Mike Josiah: Spalted Copper Beech Bowl

Turning 1 (embellishments):

1st - Mitchell Friedman: Magic Boxes

2nd - Tony Fuoci: Pierced Box

Turning 2 (mixed material):

1st - Mitch Friedman: Viking Teapot

2nd - Mike Josiah: Dragon's Egg Bowl and Eggs

3rd - Gary Mayhew: Walnut Bowl with 4 Bowties

Unique:

1st - Jim Moloney: Perpetual Calendar

2nd - Bob Weiser: Steele Tele Custom Guitar

3rd - Glenn Steinle: Wild Horses

Judges Commendation:

Michael Mittleman: Small Patterned Box

Mike Josiah: Mystery Wood and Resin Vase

Frank Napoli: Luca Brasi Sleeps with the Fishes

Tony Steinle: Rose

Accessories



First Place - Patti Lerner



Second Place - Michael Mittleman



Third Place - Dennis Palumbo

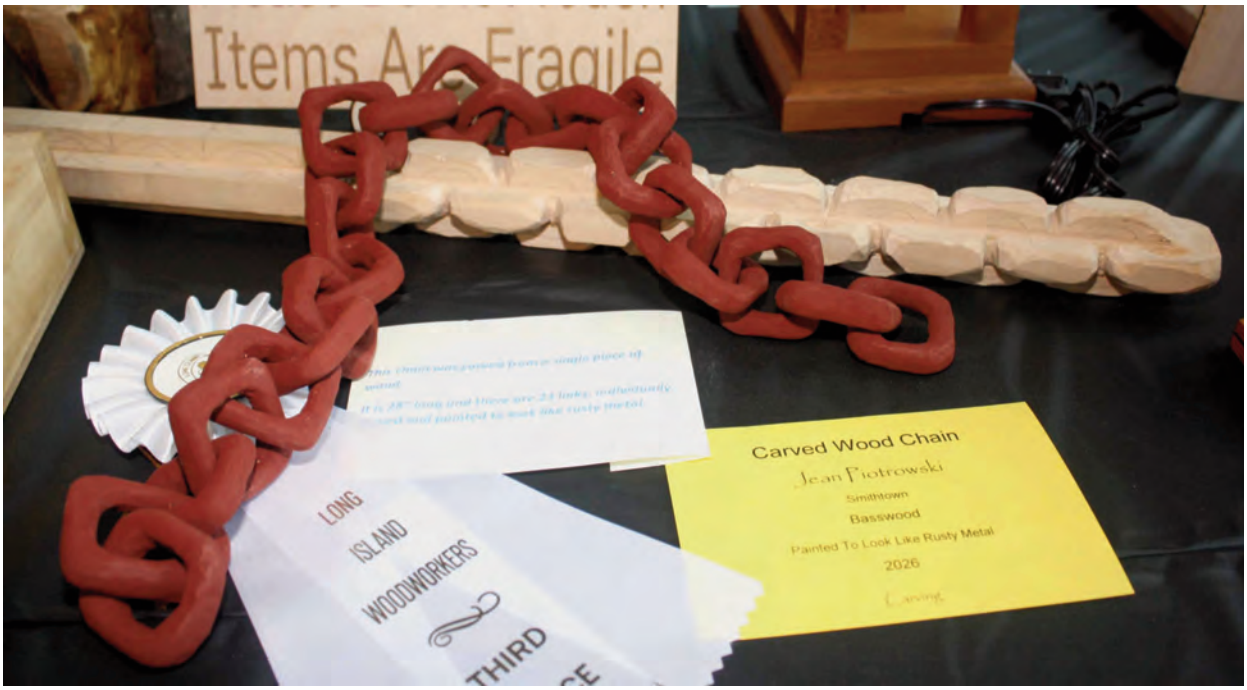
Carving



First Place - Frank Napoli



Second Place - Mitch Friedman



Third Place - Jean Piotrowski

CNC/Laser/3D Printing



First Place - Ken Sponaugle

Fretwork



First Place - Norm Bald



Second Place - Alain Tiercy



Third Place - Patti Lerner

Furniture 1



First Place - Corey Tighe



Second Place - Daryl Rosenblatt



Third Place - Bob Nyman

Furniture 2



First Place - Brian Monks



Second Place - Ed Piotrowski

Furniture 3



First Place - Corey Tighe



Second Place - Michael Mittleman

Intarsia



First Place - Robert Carpentier



Second Place - Rolf Beuttenmuller

Scrollwork



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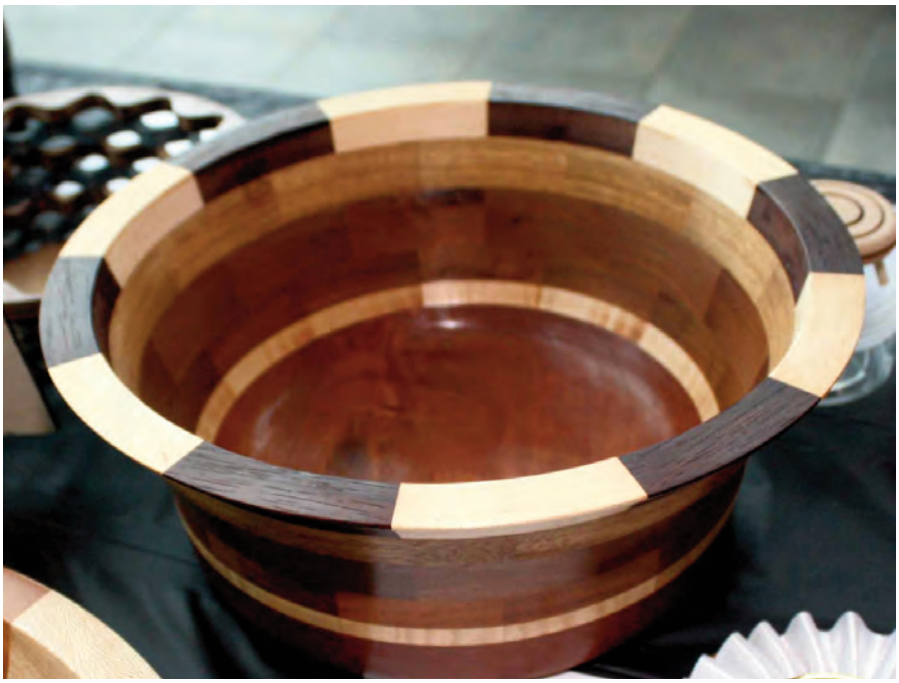
Segmented turning



First Place - Jim Moloney

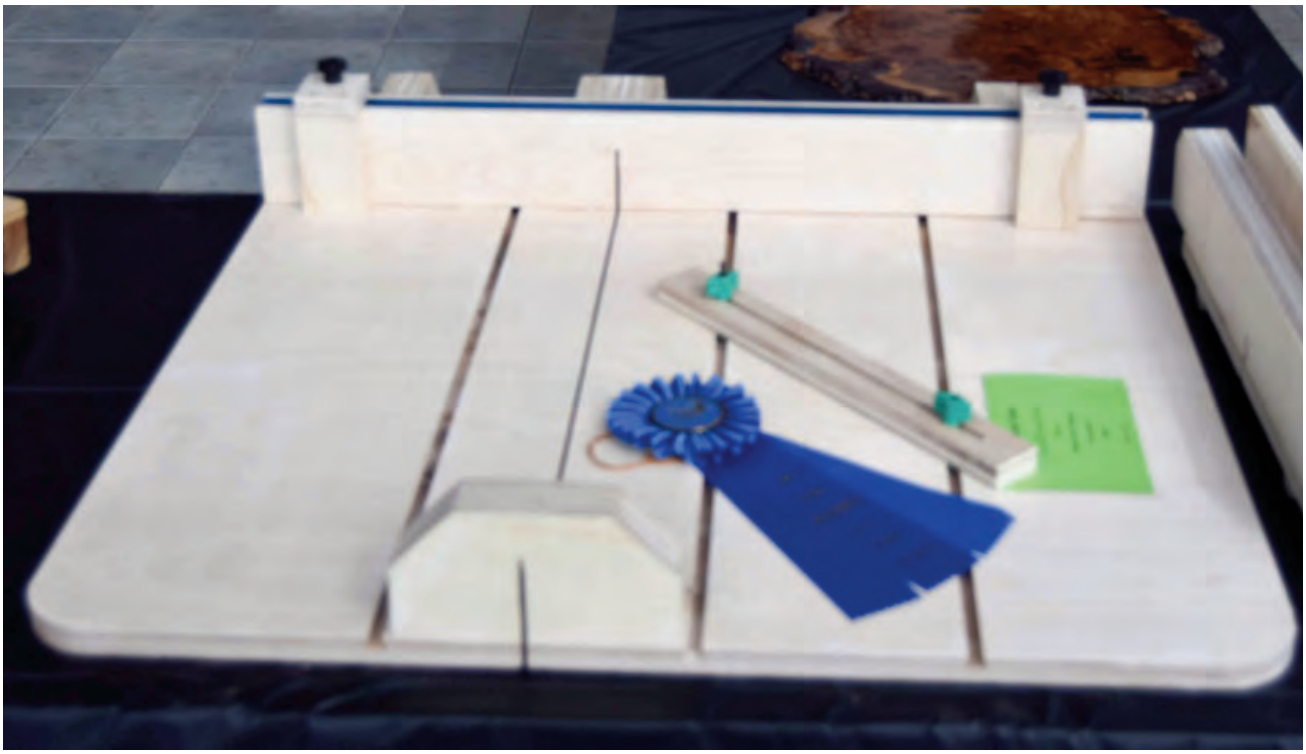


Second Place - Chris Mallon



Third Place - Ray Bohn

Shop Equipment



First Place - Daryl Rosenblatt



Second Place - Bob Nyman



Third Place - Jim Tauby

Toys/Crafts/Games



First Place - Ken Sponaugle



Second Place - Michael Mittleman



Third Place - Bob Nyman

Turning



First Place - Henry Zipperlen



Second Place - Gary Mayhew



Third Place - Mike Josiah

Turning Alt Materials



First Place - Mitchell Friedman



Second Place - Mike Josiah



Third Place - Gary Mayhew

Turning Embelished

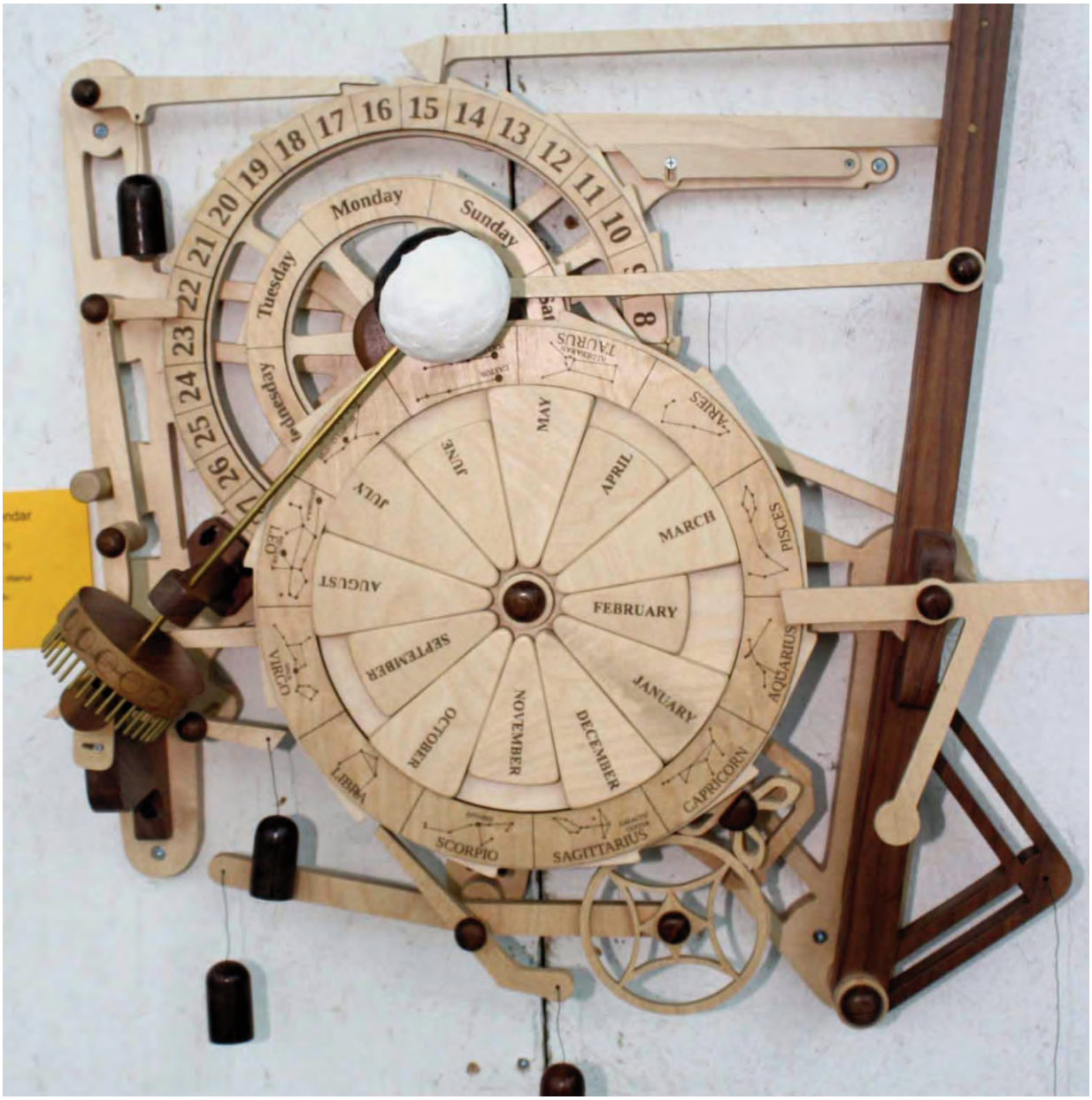


First Place - Mitch Friedman



Second Place - Tony Fuoco

Unique



First Place - Jim Moloney



Second Place - Bob Weiser



Third Place - Glenn Steinle

Judges Commendation



Michael Mittleman



Mike Josiah



Frank Napoli



Tony Steinle

Secretary's Notes



Michael R. Mittleman

The September 2nd General Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. The event was held in person at the Brush Barn and available onZoom. LIW President Mike Daum started the meeting with several announcements:

There are 10 days until the Annual Show. Mention was made that local libraries have free passes to the show.

Show Chair Bob Lerner provided a show update. Briefly, preparations are proceeding on schedule. Over 200 project applications have been submitted. Setup will start at 9:30 AM on Friday, September 11th. Also, old issues of woodworking magazines to be used as giveaways at the show would be welcome.

Mike announced that Dean Dauplaise and Larry Wagner teamed up to donate $750 to the LIW. Thank you for your generous gift, gentlemen.

Bill Leonhardt, an LIW member since 2004, will be moving to Texas to be closer to family members. Over his tenure, Bill has served as LIW Vice President and Show Chair. Thank you for your many contributions over the years, Bill. You will be missed.

New Members Matt Dower is from Islip Terrace. He is especially interested in turning. Matt, be sure to meet Jim Moloney, President of the Long Island Woodturners Guild, one of the LIW SIGs. Welcome aboard.

Frank Pernice is from Great River and is especially interested in cabinetmaking. Frank, be sure to meet Ben Nawrath, President of the Long Island Cabinet and Furniture Makers SIG. Welcome.

Don Mathews is from Huntington Station. He is interested in several aspects of woodworking. Don, be sure to check out our Special Interest Groups (SIGs). Welcome to you.

Mark Larkin is from Greenlawn. Mark, your membership allows you to attend any or all of the LIW's Special Interest Groups. Welcome aboard.

Treasurer's Report Steve Fulgoni, Treasurer, was not in attendance.

Membership Report Membership Director Steve Kelman reported that we have several new members.

Other Business LICFM Meeting, Ben Nawrath, SIG Pres., 9/8/2026, starting at 7 PM. No other information. The meeting will take place at the barn and begin at 7:00 PM.

LIWG Meeting, Jim Moloney, SIG Pres., 9/10/2026. We will be watching a YouTube video on turning a huge walnut bowl and using a vacuum chuck. The meeting will be held at the Kings Park K of C and start at 7 PM.

Wood Tech Meeting, Brian Monks, SIG Pres., 9/9/2026. No other information. The meeting is at Joe Daley's shop, 35 Doyle Court, Unit 2, East Northport, and will begin at 7 PM.

LISA Meeting, Patti Lerner, SIG Pres., 9/17/2026. The meeting is at the Kings Park K of C and runs from 10 AM – 12 PM. The scrollers will have a show debriefing and discuss future meetings for next year, including a power carving tool presentation.

SSOW Meeting, Frank Napoli, SIG Pres. 9/24/2026. Open individual carving and show-and-tell. Meeting location: The Woodturning Store Warehouse: 81A E Jefryn Blvd, Deer Park, NY 11729. Time: 11 AM – 1 PM.

Toys Meeting, Larry Wagner, Chair, 9/16/2026. The meeting is located at 12 Hamilton Lane, Huntington, NY, and will start at 9 AM.

Show and Tell Jim Tauby displayed a handsome toolbox he made, featuring various brass fixtures. Jim is donating the toolbox, which will be used as a raffle prize at the show. Great work, Jim, and a generous gift for the show. Thank you.

Drawing Mike Josiah won the raffle. Way to go, Mike. Congratulations.

Presentation Steve Meltzer on Veneer Cutting and Matching

Longtime LIW supporter and superb craftsman Steve Meltzer gave an interesting, informative presentation on veneer cutting and matching. Steve demonstrated the tools and jigs he uses to cut veneer with and across the grain. He matches each piece by color, grain, and figure to achieve a perfect, seamless wrap over the base. Steve is a perfectionist, but asserts that woodworkers can learn the necessary skills with practice and patience.

Thanks for sharing your expertise, Steve.

Upcoming Events The LIW Annual Show is Sept. 12-13 at the Cradle of Aviation, 9:00 AM-5 PM each day. The next General Meeting will be held at the Brush Barn in Smithtown, starting at 7:00 PM on October 7, 2026.

An LIW Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for 7 PM on October 19, 2026, at the Hauppauge Palace Diner, 525 Smithtown Bypass, Hauppauge, NY 11788. The meeting is open to interested members.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

LICFM



Bob Wood

The September 8th Cabinet and Furniture Makers meeting was at the Barn. The notes are again rather random, with quite a few ideas discussed.

Two new members were introduced, Kurt and Don.

The "Show" was the initial discussion, and members were encouraged to enter items for judging. Rob Demarco did not want an item to be judged, but it was, and he was awarded a ribbon... Take a Chance.

Brian Monks said the members should make an item that may take a couple of weeks to complete, e.g., a hall table. He also mentioned offering a "Safety Session" on a Saturday.

Patty Lerner initiated a discussion on finishing. The conversation started with preparation. Ben Narath mentioned refinishing some old or abandoned pieces of furniture. The group distinguished between refinishing/restoration and finishing. Refinishing is fixing and cleaning up the piece before applying any finish. Regarding finishing, someone mentioned that Buddy Savoie would demonstrate spraying.

Various comments were made about what finishes to use. Brian Monks said to find one that works for you and use it.

Disassembling furniture for restoration is a good way to learn how it was made.

Shellac is one finish that was discussed at length. The advantages of shellac are that it dries quickly and you can apply stain over it. Spray cans of Shellac are dewaxed. To smooth out shellac coatings, you can use OOOO steel wool or 3M Maroon pads.

Ben Nawrath gets a sample or scrap of the wood for the project, tapes off various sections, and applies stains and/or finishes to the different sections to see what it will look like on the final construction.

When choosing material, try to match the wood pieces as closely as possible. To blend the wood pieces, you can use stains or tints mixed with shellac. Emphasis was placed on testing the stains on scraps first. If a batch works, make a large quantity because trying to go back and make smaller samples may not work.

Jim Tauby showed his garden toolboxes made from Southern Yellow Pine. Brass plumbing fittings were used on the toolbox and for the handles of the tools themselves.

A large chessboard was also shown, made of maple, cherry, and sapele.

Turners' Guild



Jim Moloney

SIG President Jim Moloney called the September 10th meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Announcements A reminder was made that show setup starts at 9:30 on Friday. A couple from stopped in before the meeting to tell us they are moving to Florida soon and will have lots of tools and wood to sell or give away. Details will be emailed to members when the information is available.

Show and Tell New member Matt Dower brought in a bowl with a very thin bottom that cracked. He also showed a MiterSet jig for setting a table saw miter gauge to any angle for precise cuts. He made a segmented ring that had no gaps when clamped without glue.

Charlie Felsen showed 3 hollow forms from the same wood with different finishes.

Steve Maieli showed his show projects: a chip and dip platter and a two-part hollow form vase with Milliput inlay and woodburning embellishments.

Presentation The topic was turning a large walnut bowl with mussel shell inlay and using a vacuum chuck to finish the bottom. We watched a YouTube video by Sprague Woodturning that can be watched here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LuTe8rnfPUI&t=2394s

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.





LISA



Bob Lerner

President Patti Lerner called the September 17th meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

October – Alain Tiercy will give a presentation on adapting artwork to make scroll saw patterns.
November – Mike Mittleman will give a presentation on making bandsaw boxes that can be adapted to cutting on a scroll saw.
December – The full club holiday party will be on 12/2/26 at the December general meeting. There will be NO Scroll Saw SIG meeting in December.
January – Power carving hands-on demo (tentative).
TBD Month – Look into using AI to help design scroll saw patterns.

Show

Two scroll saws ran throughout the show. Our newest SIG member, Tony Steinle, took over on the Hegner, and Rolf on his Excalibur. Guests showed a lot of interest, especially in Rolf's clocks.

We gave approximately 250 toy cars and planes to children. The ornament sale was a success.

A discussion about the show followed. Some items needed for next year are:

Large sign indicating that the ornaments are for sale, prices as marked, cash only.
Need small plastic bags for the sold ornaments.
More projects for our SIG tables.
Bring back the magazine project where we each pick a project from the SS Magazine to make and display.
Again, contribute to the Multi - SIG project.

Thank you to the members of the Scroll Saw SIG that contributed to the success of this year's show. This includes those who displayed their beautiful projects, made toys, helped with setup, demoed at our booth, broke down, and did the myriad other tasks.

Toy Committee



Larry Wagner

We didn't have our regular Saturday session this month because it fell on the same day as our show, but we got together Wednesday evening and made plenty of progress.

Last month, Larry Wagner lent his 3D printer to Mark Larkin, who wanted to experiment with it. Mark came back this month with several successful small projects, and we are now thinking about ways we can use 3D printing to enhance some of our toys. Of course, we also need to be careful that anything we add does not create a choking hazard.

Mark arrived with about 30 toys that were ready for wheels. He had taken home the wheels and dowels from our last meeting and was ready to put them to use. On Wednesday, he spent his time at the router table rounding over the edges of car bodies with a ⅛" round-over bit. He then selected the stock he would take home to make 25 flatbed trucks. Larry resawed the oak for the truck beds, and Mark ran the pieces through the drum sander.

Steve Eckers was back at work on the "Pinball Meets Knock Hockey" game, spending the evening sanding 100 flippers and 100 bumpers. Most of the toys we make are intentionally simple, but we enjoy challenging ourselves every once in a while. At 16" x 24" and with about 20 parts, this game is definitely more complicated than our typical projects, especially since we want to make it in quantity.

We are anxious to get the games completed and, once we do, figure out how we can simplify the design enough to make another batch next year.

Larry Wagner spent much of the evening going through mostly completed cars and trucks, giving them a final touch-up with hand sanding. We typically touch each toy with sandpaper about three times after assembly to make sure



there are no rough edges or areas that could cause a splinter.

Making a toy look good or making it cute is the easy part. The real challenge is making sure that hundreds of toys leave our shop with absolutely no chance of causing a splinter or other injury. Safety is always our biggest concern.

We still have plenty of toys cut out and waiting for sanding, assembly, painting, and finishing. Our sanding station has seven sanders, so there is plenty of room for volunteers to jump in and help move these toys toward the finish line.

The Toy Group meets on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. and the third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Please join us! You don't have to arrive at the beginning or stay until the end of a session. Any time you can contribute helps, and we are always happy to hear new toy ideas.

Larry's shop is in his backyard at 12 Hamilton Lane, Huntington. If you plan to attend, please text Larry at 631-335-8637 (if you don't send a text, please come anyway). That way, if something comes up, we can easily reach everyone who was planning to attend.

We look forward to seeing some new elves at a Toy Group session or two!









Lock, Stock & Daryl



Ben Nawrath, Michael Mittleman & Daryl Rosenblatt

Contributor: Daryl Rosenblatt
Website: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aW_wzsclG48
Presenter/Author: Coolest Thing
Title: Legendary Toothpick Ship Builder/6:44

Description: For those who think I'm either totally anal or just plain crazy, allow me to present you with someone who makes me look uninterested in detail work. This guy has spent the last 50 years and several million toothpicks building ship models. His work is incredible; the scale and level of detail is insane (and please note that is by MY standard). No word on if these were new or used toothpicks.

Contributor: Mike Mittleman
Website: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VfKyxab3mjU&list=WL&index=2
Presenter/Author: JMA Wood Studio - Jason Madrian
Title: Perfect Bandsaw Box Drawers Every Time — My Step-By-Step Method / 9:32

Description: This video addresses two of the banes of bandsaw boxes: sawblade marks and flocking. The author offers a technique that eliminates both issues. Typically, drawers are cut out using a 4 TPI (teeth per inch) skip-tooth bandsaw blade. The blade can navigate fairly tight corners, but it inevitably leaves tooth marks that require a lot of sanding effort to remove. Madrian's technique lets you use a spindle sander, thereby simplifying the task.

In turn, spindle sanding allows the maker to avoid flocking the drawer(s), a messy undertaking at best. An additional idea is to use epoxy and CA glue instead of the usual wood glue to attach the front and back to the drawer. Wood glue squeeze-out often leads to new problems when applying finishes. Epoxy and CA do not have the same problem, at least with oil-based finishes. In summary, this video shares some good, accessible ideas in a few minutes. Give it a watch.

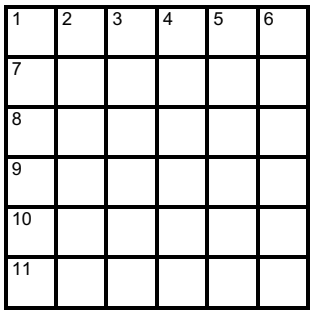
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Website: https://youtu.be/5EYiC7FVwi8?is=m2_wKksszMLJIzxV
Author: Donaven Zulian
Title: "3, 6, 12, 24" The Making of an OSTA Vase / 9:15

Description: Ok… This one is crazy. The first words in the ongoing text commentary are "all stock ripped to 14.18°". Really? Not 14°? Not 15°? Nope, 14.18°. This is also the first time I've seen removable waste blocks used in segmented turning. Very interesting concept. He missed a few steps along the way that I would have liked to see, but I can read between the lines. This is the first video from this gentleman I have seen; he has only about 2,000 subscribers, but it won't be his last. He's clearly quite talented, and I think this should inspire anyone looking to try something new. How many pieces like this will be at the show next year??? Give it a quick watch; you won't be disappointed.

Puzzle

Michael R. Mittleman

Show Time



Clues

Across	Down
1. Bad way to go?	1. Lusher
7. Organ stop	2. A book size
8. Does salon work	3. Sharp-pointed instrument
9. Those restored to vigor	4. Ability
10. Be that as it may	5. Disinclined
11. No-good	6. Unit of instruction

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Solution to September