

## Gardening or Turning A Conundrum

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This time of year always presents a problem. Should I be in the shop/studio (a shop becomes a studio when there are collectors present), or should I be in the garden planting? This year I did both and built a shed to hold some of my turning blanks.

First my sad shed story. The manager of the local Home Depot used the store fork lift to put the Rubber Maid shed into my van. I was skeptical as to how a 7x7 shed could fit into my mini-van but he said it would. When I got home I cut open the box and dragged the parts into the back yard. I began building the shed from the floor up, with the help of my son-in-law. After about an hour I screamed stop! Peering into the shed I realized that it was only 3 1/2 feet deep. We disassembled the shed and returned to the Depot. The manager indicated that he was the idiot not me. That did not make me feel any better. We loaded the bigger shed on the roof and in the body of the van and returned home. We began building the shed but were exhausted by 7:00 PM. The big sign on the shed said two people could assemble it in an hour. I finished forcing the roof into place the next morning.

I spent the better part of two more days emptying my shop of all of the wood and tools I use on an ad hoc basis and filled the shed. Now have five 6 foot steel shelving units holding all my stuff.

The next few days involved planting my annual flower and vegetable crop.

I finally found time to turn. I was determined to turn a piece for the fine people at BOCES. Norm Abrams will not be disappointed.

The spring time is a fine time to turn. The weather is great and I do not need to flick the heat switch. The problem is that the weather is so nice that a million outdoor activities get in the way. I also have my club responsibilities which include answering e-mail and writing this newsletter.

This has been a great year for the LIWA. We have many new members. A lot of new people have pitched in to help. Thanks to all of the officers for a fine job: **Joe DeMaio**, Treasurer, **Carl Saenger**, President, **Marty Rost**, VP, and **Joel Rakower**. Joel for the third year in a row has e-mailed me pleading for someone else to take over program-chair responsibilities. His programs are so good we refuse his request regularly.

Thanks to a great librarian, **Doug Ruggerio** who has made borrowing materials a pleasure and built a fine secure cabinet to house our materials. Thanks to **Bob Fentress** for designing the plans for the cabinet.

Thanks to **Marty Mandelbaum** and **Steve Fulgoni** for the fine AV work at every meeting. It is a pleasure watching demonstrations with the video cameras and TV.

Thanks to those who brought wood to our wood auction. Thanks to all who participated in the LIWA Woodworkers event by doing seminars as well as demos. Thanks to **Bob Brady** for the use of his home shop for our first hands on workshop. Thanks to Bob Brady and **Bob Urso** for the use of their homes for our summer meetings. Thanks to all of the members who spent time preparing fine workshops for our monthly meetings. Thanks to members who loaned their work to the club for the library exhibits. Thanks to **Charlie Panzner** for donating blanks for the Woodworking show and many meetings. It has truly been a year of participation by our fine membership.

Please do not forget **Celine Blaze** who prepared the coffee and donuts at every meeting or **Lenny Mulqueen** who brought the heros to each of our luncheons.

Thanks to **Norm Abrams** for his role as liaison to BOCES. Without BOCES we would not have a place to meet.

If I failed to list your name I apologize in advance. If you did not give of your time, next year will present a new opportunity to participate. What a great bunch of people.