

Work in Progress Woodturners

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The American Association of Woodturners (AAW) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, dedicated to advancing the art and craft of woodturning worldwide by providing opportunities for education, information, and organization to those interested in turning wood. Established in 1986, AAW currently has more than 15,000 members and a network of more than 350 local chapters globally representing professionals, amateurs, gallery owners, collectors and wood/tool suppliers.

The mission of the American Association of Woodturners is to provide education, information and organization to those interested in turning wood.

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Let's kick off the inaugural meeting of our club with a demonstration of how to turn a standard bowl. Tom Boley has been turning bowls since soon after becoming a woodturner in about 1995 and will share his techniques in a demonstration of basic bowl turning on 4 April. Tom will cover selection of wood, mounting techniques, use of various tools for bowl turning, and safety. Bowls can be large or small, deep or shallow, heavy or light, useful or whimsical, but most of all, fun. We'll talk about where bowls live, what kind of wood to use, and how to turn safely. For our first official demonstration, we'll be working on the basics. See you there.

The next meeting will be

Saturday, April 4th at 9:00 a.m

at Tom Boley's workshop

4025 Walnut Creek Drive, Wamego, KS

See map on page 4. Shop doors open at 8 a.m.

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The Call of the Lathe

There is just something about wood that has attracted men and women to handle it, shape it, and use it for many many things since there were trees. I suppose a lot of that is because it is both readily available and easily worked. Of course, we woodturners have the distinct advantage of millennia of experiment and discovery as people have developed new machines and new tools to help shape the wood. And here we are now, nearly April 2015 and just before our first real membership meeting on the 4th, with a plethora of tools at our disposal to help us shape that wood into both beautiful and useful forms. In a word, awesome. That word is often abused, rendering things anything but because of its over usage. BUT, in this case, it really is awesome when you think of all that has gone into the craft by those who were innovative and creative. I am so pleased to be living in these times, able to use the kind of equipment we have today to shape this wood I have. And working together now as a club, we will be able to not only enhance our own skill but help other members learn more of the what and how of the craft. One of the coolest things we can do, too, is public demonstrations. As we make ourselves known, we will attract others who also love wood and will be jazzed at this new way of shaping it. We have come a long way.

Many thanks to all of you who came together on the 21st to see what may happen in that organizational meeting. You asked good questions, offered thoughtful insights, and worked together toward the common goal of making this new woodturning club a reality. I have felt like a fish out of water since arriving in Kansas on 31 August, not having a woodturning club and a group of woodturning friends with whom to share stories. But

now we have a group, soon to be an official chapter of the American Association of Woodturners, all of which want to learn more about the craft. This is going to be great.

Our first meeting will be Saturday, 4 April 2015, at my shop, 4025 Walnut Creek Drive, Wamego, KS 66547. We'll start the meeting at 9 but all are welcome to come any time after 8 as I'll be getting the trailer pulled out, the shop swept, and the coffee on. Come chat awhile with your fellow woodturners. Make yourself a name tag so we can all get to know each other. We'll start the meeting at 9 with Show and Tell so I encourage you to bring two or three pieces which you have made. We'll stand around the big work table and take turns talking about the Show and Tell things which we have brought. We'll have a business meeting after that when we will complete our officer roster and talk about the Bylaws and SOP. Of course, we will need to finalize our discussion about a name for this group. There are several suggestions already but we'll have to pick one or come up with something else. Finally, we'll have a demonstration on how to turn a basic bowl. More on that elsewhere in the newsletter.

I am so looking forward to getting to know all of you and working with our officers to make this club a rousing success. When the Call of the Lathe is roaring loudly in your ear, you will need to know how to respond. Working together, we can all learn new skills to help us do just that.

— Tom Boley, President



Minutes of the March 21, 2015 Meeting

The organizational meeting of a new north-central Kansas woodturning club began at 9:00 a.m. in Tom Boley's workshop, located at 4025 Walnut Creek Drive, Wamego, Kansas. Tom called the meeting to order. The 21 people attending introduced themselves and signed the attendance roster, indicating their contact information and the level of their skill and experience. The group discussed the need for formal bylaws, standard operating procedures, and the benefits of affiliating with the American Association of Woodturners (AAW).

Officers elected include:

- President: Tom Boley
- Vice President: Randy Zelenka
- Secretary: David Delker
- Treasurer: Tom Shields
- Newsletter Editor: Bob Holcombe

We will need to select a program coordinator and an operations manager. Those in attendance were encouraged to consider these leadership positions and be prepared to fill those positions at our next meeting.

Membership dues at other clubs range from \$5 to \$60, with \$25 to \$35 being typical. Don Baker moved that the club assess annual dues of \$25. The motion was seconded and passed after brief discussion.

Members suggested various names for the club, including:

- Flint Hills Woodturners
- Wildcat Woodturners
- Turn Cats
- Flint Hills Turn Cats
- Little Apple Woodturners
- Manhattan Area Woodturners
- others that were quickly rejected!

Members will determine the club name at the April meeting.

The group decided that the meeting frequency should be monthly, with Saturday meetings or weekday evening meetings being the best options. After considerable discussion, Don Baker moved that we hold monthly meetings at 9:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month. The motion was seconded and passed after brief discussion.

The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m., April 4. Tom Boley graciously volunteered to provide the meeting space and the program. Agenda items will include:

- Selection of club name
- Selection of the operations manager and the program coordinator.
- EIN number (necessary before we can set up a bank account and collect dues)
- 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit requirements
- Program : Tom Boley, presenter

The group thanked Tom Boley for his hospitality, as well as the group responsible for planning the organizational meeting.

— David Delker, Secretary

Club Program Schedule

| Date | Member | Location |
|-------------|---|-----------------------|
| April 4 | Tom Boley - basic bowl turning | Tom Boley Shop Wamego |
| May 2 | Bob Holcombe | Tom Boley Shop Wamego |
| June 6 | David Delker - an overview of segmented turning | Tom Boley Shop Wamego |
| July (TBA) | TBA | |
| Aug 1 | TBA | |
| September 5 | TBA | |
| October 3 | TBA | |
| November 7 | TBA | |
| December 5 | TBA | |

From the editor

This is the first issue of our monthly newsletter. You can expect it to change as the club grows. Some changes we are working on will be:

- Photos from the “show and tell” sessions from previous meetings.
- Announcements about upcoming special events, demonstration opportunities, etc.
- “tips and techniques,” and links to appropriate training material (particularly about safety). Links to woodturning YouTube videos.
- Short member bios, so we can get to know each other. One person each month, telling a little bit about their woodturning history and specialty, professional career, etc.

- A “president’s challenge” for a future meeting. Something seasonal, like “make a holiday ornament,” or “turn something using a tree branch from your backyard,” etc.

These are some of the ideas we’ve already received. Please give us your ideas.

Hope to see you all Saturday April 4th.

Remember to bring your Show and Tell.

April meeting location

The next meeting will be Saturday, April 4th at 9:00 a.m
at Tom Boley’s workshop 4025 Walnut Creek Drive, Wamego, KS

