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August 2015

Hollow Turning with Randy Zelenka



Saturday, August 1, at 9:00 a.m,
at Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works
4025 Walnut Creek Drive, Wamego, KS

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The Call of the Lathe

I first started woodturning in about 1995 after having attended The Woodworking Shows three day woodworking extravaganza at the Dulles Expo Center near Washington, DC. I was like a desert dog in the trees! Wow. And then I found the booth where Capital Area Woodturners had set up three mini-lathes and a nice display of their wares. Wow, again. I stood there and talked to them for a couple of hours and then finally moved on. But I kept looping back to the woodturning exhibit and ended up joining CAW, eventually becoming VP for two years and then president for two years. The thing which really got me interested was probably the fact that one of their members who was standing out front "working the crowd" took the time to talk to me about the craft, the tools, and the products. He was mighty friendly and invited me to a meeting. At the meeting, probably the single most influential part of it was Show and Tell. I was so jazzed by the things those guys brought in that I could hardly wait until I got a lathe and started making that stuff myself.

We here at Flint Hills Woodturners have that same opportunity to influence our neighbors, friends, and even strangers and tell them about the craft and how much fun it is. We have decided to have FHW participate in both the Mini-Makers Faire in Aggieville on 12 Sep and at Pumpkin Patch 25-26 Sep at CiCo Park. We will need members to demonstrate the craft on a couple of mini-lathes and other members to work the crowd and tell about the club and the craft. We have the opportunity to bring people into the realm of woodturning and maybe give them something which will last far into their future. These kinds of public events are great fun. I sure hope you will be able to pitch in and help when the time comes.

Having a good Show and Tell table at each meeting also encourages new turners. My favorite part of a woodturning club meeting is still Show and Tell as I am always looking for ideas to try out on the lathe. I encourage all of you to make something each month which you can bring to the meeting to share with the rest of us.

I am so sorry that it has been so hot for those of you who are turning in your garage. I had a garage shop for many years and know how uncomfortable it can be. If you would like, you are welcome to come out to my shop and do your turning. It is always fun to have someone else around when I am out there myself. I am so blessed with a great shop and would be delighted to share it with you.

Finally, many thanks to Don Baker and his wife, Joanna, for their contribution of banana and zucchini bread for our July meeting. That was delicious and much appreciated by all.

And finally finally, BE SAFE.

Tom



Thank you, Joanna!

Meeting Minutes — July 18, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Flint Hills Woodturning Club began at 9:00 a.m. at Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works; 4025 Walnut Creek Drive, Wamego, Kansas. President Tom Boley called the meeting to order with 15 people in attendance. Following the Show and Tell activity, the club officers gave these updates:

- Our new name tags have arrived and can be purchased for \$7 from Treasurer Tom Shields.
- Tom Boley reminded the group about the Ya Gotta Eat lunch scheduled for noon on July 23 at the Pizza Ranch restaurant.
- We are signed up to staff a double booth at the Pumpkin Patch event in September. Note that we will be able to showcase our work but not sell anything, as we will be getting the space at no charge. Volunteers will be needed to demonstrate turning and to work the crowd.
- Tom Shields gave a treasurer's report, indicating we have about \$340 in the treasury.
- Bob Holcombe announced that Randy Zelenka will demonstrate how to turn hollow forms at the August meeting. The October meeting program will consist of

multiple presenters showing how to make Christmas ornaments. Bob asked the group to submit ideas for future demonstrations and to volunteer.

- David Delker, Secretary, announced that he has created a receipt document for monetary donors wishing to take advantage of our 501(c)3 status for income tax purposes.

The group discussed the need for a mentoring program. A related question surfaced regarding distribution of a membership directory with member names, phone numbers, and email addresses.

Tom Boley and Tom Shields demonstrated sharpening techniques using the Wolverine and Tormek sharpening systems. Their Sharpening Considerations handout will be posted on the website. Several members took advantage of the opportunity for hands-on demonstrations of how to sharpen their own tools.

The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m., August 1 in the Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works shop. Randy Zelenka will present the program on hollowing techniques.

David Delker, Secretary

Officers Meeting Minutes - July 18, 2015

Club officers met after the July 18, 2015 club meeting at the Pizza Ranch restaurant.

- **Insurance** - Tom Boley reported a change in his insurance carrier that means our members are not covered when attending meetings in his shop. It would cost about \$400 for that additional coverage. We also need to consider liability coverage for directors and officers. Additional research will be done on this topic and decisions made before the Pumpkin Patch and Mini Maker Faire events in September.
- **Kids program** - We decided that our policy will be that parents (or legal guardians) of children must be present at all times when their child participates in a club meeting or event.
- **Brochure** - Bob Holcombe has created a good first draft of a promotional brochure. We also need to consider business cards for promoting our club. We need to expand our website to effectively use it as a recruiting tool; Bob will discuss this with Don Eisele. Bob will send David Delker a copy of the Manhattan Mercury column in which local clubs' activities are highlighted. David agreed to generate an article to submit to the Mercury.

- **Alternative meeting place** - We discussed the virtues of a portable midi-size lathe and alternative meeting locations, but no action was taken.
- **Meeting dates** - We discussed changing meeting dates for one or more members with a first-Saturday conflict. Other conflicts may arise if we change dates, so additional discussion is in order.
- **Skill Enhancement Days** - We discussed setting aside one or two times each month for hands-on skill development sessions. Those sessions could address our lack of a formal mentoring program.
- **Membership list** - We agreed that it would be acceptable to share our membership directory with the club members and selected companies (provided those companies agree not to share that information with third parties).
- **Support for other non-profits** - We discussed ways to partner with other non-profits in which there are opportunities to donate turned items to support fund raisers. One example cited is Katie's Way to support their local mental health mission.

David Delker, Secretary

Show&Tell



Gary Hobbie



David Delker



Ray Case



Tom Boley

Members are encouraged to bring items to show that other members may be interested in. Normally this is a woodturning, however it could be a tool, a jig, or anything else that they feel might be of interest to the others.

**Turnings do not have to be a member's best work or a finished piece.
If in doubt, bring it -- share it.**

July Demonstration: Look Sharp, Be Sharp



Tom Boley and Tom Shields demonstrated how they keep tools sharp making turning safer and more effective. Tom B started out talking about shapes and angles for the commonly used woodturning tools and methods of sharpening those tools on the standard grinder using the Wolverine and Vari-Grind jigs by Oneway. Tom S talked about similar issues but demonstrated sharpening using the Tormek system. These are two entirely different systems and both are very effective for sharpening turning tools. Afterwards, members were invited to bring their tools for sharpening tips and techniques.

Events and Marketplace

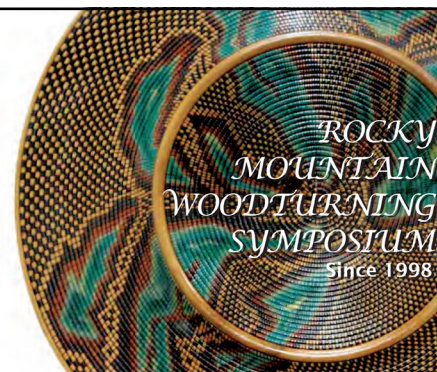


SWAT Woodturning Symposium August 21-23, 2015

Waco Convention Center, Waco, Texas

For more information visit: www.swaturners.org

Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium



September 18-20, 2015 Loveland, Colorado

For more information visit:
www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com



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Happy and Safe Turning and Keep Those Turning Tools Sharp!

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Flint Hills Woodturners...

Ya Gotta Eat!

Join fellow FHW members for our
next "You Gotta Eat" lunch at noon
Thursday, August 13th
at Pizza Ranch on McCall Road

Please let me know if you will be able to come so I can
get a table to accommodate all of us.

And bring something for Show and Tell.

Tom Boley <tboley10@gmail.com>



Located on McCall Road, Manhattan, in front of
Menards. Lunch is \$7.49 plus \$1.79 for a drink, which is
\$9.28 for a pretty good pizza and chicken buffet lunch
plus they have menu service.

Flint Hills Woodturners is a 501(c)(3) non-profit composed of individuals who are interested in learning and promoting the art of turning wood. Formed in March 2015 for hobbyists in the Flint Hill region of Northeast Kansas, the club welcomes all interested people to visit our meetings to get a sample of this inspiring hobby. You will find warm people from novice to expert willing to share with you. Flint Hills Woodturners is a chapter of the American Association of 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.

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Flint Hills Woodturners Program Schedule

Date	Member	Location
April 4	Tom Boley - basic bowl turning	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
May 2	Bob Holcombe: basic spindle turning and easy skill building projects	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
June 6	David Delker - an overview of segmented turning	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
July 18 <small>(Date change due to July 4th holiday)</small>	Tom Boley and Tom Shields: lathe tool sharpening	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
Aug 1	Randy Zelenka: hollowing	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
September 5	Turning projects and a challenge	
October 3	Holiday turning. Gifts and ornaments.	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
November 7	TBA	
December 5	TBA	

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