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September 2015

Ready for a Challenge?

For our September 5th meeting, three FHW members will demonstrate a variety of skill building projects using basic tools and turned between centers.

All members, regardless of skill level, are challenged to turn one or more of the projects demonstrated and bring them back for show and tell in October.

This is a chance to challenge yourself and broaden your woodturning skills. Although the projects demonstrated are especially geared to our beginning members, everyone will gain from the experience.

Come to be challenged, Saturday, September 5, 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

Once again we have enjoyed an excellent presentation on an aspect of woodturning of interest to the chapter. Randy Zelenka, our VP, talked about hollowing and demonstrated the use of several different types of hollowing tools. There is a lot to learn, too, as hollowing out a vessel is quite a bit different from hollowing out an open bowl. The tools and techniques are both different and the products are quite different. Many thanks to Randy for his demo.

Since we are a new club and still rather poor in finances, we are unable to bring in well-known woodturners to demonstrate different aspects of the craft. Because of that, we must rely on our members to teach us some of their techniques to help us improve our own. I believe we are blessed with a pretty good number of skilled turners and I encourage all of you to speak to Bob Holcombe, our Program Director, about something which you may particularly enjoy making. Give some serious thought to showing your skills and style to the rest of us at one of the meetings. We would all benefit from whatever you can show us.

September brings something quite new to Flint Hills Woodturners and that is the opportunity, in fact two opportunities, to do a public demonstration of our craft. The first will be the Aggieville Mini-Makers' Faire on September 12th and the second will be the Pumpkin Patch craft show at CiCo Park on 25 and 26 September. I have done many public woodturning demonstrations and can tell you unequivocally they are a lot of fun. These are a real opportunity to showcase our work and demonstrate to the public what woodturning is about. Remember, most people don't even know the term "woodturning." We will need some of our

members to do some actual turning during these public presentations, perhaps making tops to give away to the kids or a small bowl to give away to the parents. Because using a lathe generates a trail of shavings arcing up from the spinning wood, it brings people in to see what is going on. We will also need members to "work the crowd," that is, to chat with folks about some of the things we make, when and where we meet, the cost of woodturning, where to get equipment, and so forth, as well as to invite those who stop to watch to come visit us at a club meeting. Frankly, our 501(c)3 non-profit educational charity status requires us to educate the public but the real benefit to us in doing these public events is recruiting members. More members give us more income which gives us more flexibility in programming. It is also a lot of fun to work together at these kinds of events. Please be thinking about helping either as a turner or working the crowd in September.

As always, be safe. If you make a mistake, be more careful but if you make another mistake, stop, turn everything off, and go inside to do something else. Don't try for the third time. It may not work out so well that time. Getting hurt really takes the fun out of a turning session and this craft is just too much fun to mess it up. We always talk safety but the only way to make it work is to practice safety. Face shields, sharp tools, watching where you put your hands and fingers, keeping a sharp eye on that spinning wood, watching where the end of the tool is, and so forth are all important. Enjoy your turning and do it safely.

Tom Boley, President



Meeting Minutes — August 1, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Flint Hills Woodturners began at 9:00 a.m., August 1, 2015 at Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works; 4025 Walnut Creek Drive, Wamego, Kansas. President Tom Boley called the meeting to order with 13 people in attendance. Following the Show and Tell activity, the club officers gave these updates:

- Hats are on order for \$15 each. The design includes our logo on a cream colored hat. They should be available at the September meeting.
- A signup sheet for shirts is at the back of the shop.
- Treasurer Tom Shields reported that we have about \$350 in the treasury.
- Bob Holcombe announced that we will see several skill-building exercises at the September meeting and the members will be given related “challenge” exercises to complete before the October meeting. The October meeting program will consist of multiple presenters showing how to make Christmas ornaments.
- President Tom Boley shared information about our need for insurance coverage when demonstrating off site. The AAW has brokered a policy that costs \$95. He will investigate the scope of coverage provided by that policy. Additional coverage may be needed to properly cover directors. We will need to have coverage in place before the Pumpkin Patch and Makers Faire in September.

- A skill enhancement meeting is being planned for an evening in August. More details will follow.
- Officers discussed concerns about our financial situation, due in part to the cost of IRS registration and pending insurance policy expenditures. Raising dues is one option.

Steve Harbstreit moved to raise dues from \$25 to \$35 for a single membership and from \$35 to \$45 for a family membership. Ray Case seconded the motion. The motion passed after brief discussion.

Additional discussion ensued regarding the cost of dues. Fred Damkroger moved to eliminate the higher family membership dues and charge the same \$35 for both single and family memberships. Dick Pannbacker seconded the motion. The motion passed after brief discussion. This action will be effective January 1, 2016.

Randy Zelenka gave the program that compared several hollowing systems. He demonstrated techniques for hollowing a vessel and provided actual cut-away examples of vessels that had been hollowed to show tool marks and “things that can go wrong.”

The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m., September 5 in the Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works shop.

David Delker, Secretary

FHW hats are in — \$15 each

If you ordered shirts, they are here too
Collared shirts with pocket are \$28
and the tee shirts are \$17

Bring cash or make checks out to
Flint Hills Woodturners.
See Treasurer Tom Shields next meeting



Show&Tell

Members are encouraged to bring items to show. Normally this is a turned piece, however it can be a tool, a jig, or anything else they feel might be of interest to the others.

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



Tom Boley



Tom Shields



Show&Tell



Randy Zelenka



Don Baker



David Delker



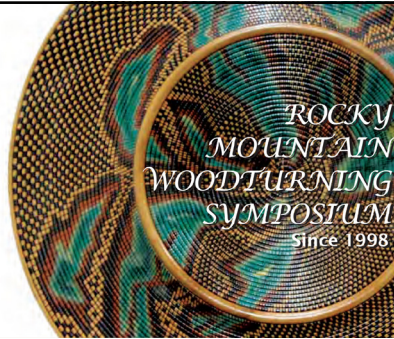
Ray Case

August Demonstration: Hollow Turning with Randy Zelenka



Events and Marketplace

Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium



**September 18-20, 2015
Loveland, Colorado**

For more information visit:
www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com



Turning 2015 Symposium

October 9-11, 2015

<http://www.ovwg.org/>



**Tennessee Association of Woodturners
2016 Woodturning Symposium**

January 29-30, 2016

www.tnwoodturners.org/symposium



**Flint Hills Woodturners
Ya Gotta Eat!**

Join fellow FHW members for our next
"Ya Gotta Eat" lunch at noon

**Tuesday, September 15th
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.



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Happy and Safe Turning and Keep Those Turning Tools Sharp!

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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.

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

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	Ready for a Challenge?	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
October 3	Holiday turning. Gifts and ornaments.	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
November 7	TBA	
December 5	TBA	

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