

Turning for the Holidays Part I

Projects turned on the lathe make wonderful Christmas gifts. At our October meeting, Tom Shields will demonstrate the steps he takes in creating an "inside out" ornament. Bob Holcombe will turn a miniature birdhouse ornament.

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The Call of the Lathe

With fall approaching, those of us with garage shops should have some good turning weather ahead. Cooler weather is always welcome when working in an un-air conditioned space. Of course, that means a cold garage later but we'll talk about that when winter comes. In the meantime, this is one of the two times of the year for garage shops to be perfect. I remember so well working in my garage, moving the cars out, and pulling the equipment out from the back wall. Leaving the garage door open meant having fresh air circulating while I worked and it was a great pleasure. So, those of you with shops in your garage, this is your time! Take advantage of it and enjoy.

As always, many thanks to our demonstrators for September, one of whom was me, of course. You're welcome. I want to thank Bob Holcombe for his demo on turning a wood mallet for shop use. Those can definitely be useful items to have around. The one I really want to thank is Ray Case. Ray has been turning about four months or so now and already he is on stage, demonstrating techniques which he has learned from other members of Flint Hills Woodturners. Ray, thanks for getting up in front of everyone and demonstrating how to turn a tire thumper and rolling pin.

How did he learn so much and get so good in such a short period of time? Well, I have said many times that the way to learn to be a woodturner is by turning wood. It is pretty hard to learn to ride a bike from videos. You have to get out and ride. Likewise, it is hard to learn to turn a piece of wood into a bowl or rolling pin without getting your hands on the lathe, on the

wood, and on the tools, putting them all together, and learning how it works. For me, the best way to learn is to have someone show me and then let me try it. Others are real good at watching videos and then going to the shop to practice. But even they can benefit from having someone stand there in person and show how, then stand back and let the new guy learn. That is why we have our mentoring program. Sometimes the term "mentoring" has a bad connotation, implying that someone is getting corrective guidance. The way we use it in woodturning is having a one on one opportunity for one of the two to learn or improve techniques. It is all about learning. We all started at zero. I urge any of you to take advantage of the expertise we have in FHW. Talk to Randy Zelenka if you would like to learn something new or improve your current skills. Randy can put you together with another member who will have those skills.

New shirts. New hats. We are looking pretty spiffy. I couldn't be at the Mini Makers Faire in Aggieville when several of our members presented FHW to the citizens of Manhattan but they said it was a great success. We did it again at Pumpkin Patch and had a lot of interest there, too. We'll see how we did come the 3rd of October when we have our October meeting and see if we have some new folks. Maybe everyone should bring an extra chair!

Woodturning is so much fun. Thanks for being a part of it here in the Flint Hills.

Tom Boley, President



Flint Hills Woodturners, September, 2015

Meeting Minutes — September 5, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Flint Hills Woodturners began at 9:00 a.m., September 5, 2015 at Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works; 4025 Walnut Creek Drive, Wamego, Kansas. President Tom Boley called the meeting to order with 23 people in attendance. Following the Show and Tell activity, the club officers gave these updates:

- Hats and polo shirts have arrived, and payment may be made to Treasurer Tom Shields. A few members still need to pay for their custom wooden nametags.
- Program Coordinator Bob Holcombe requested information to include in the newsletter. The club members present commended Bob for the outstanding newsletter he creates each month.
- The October meeting program will consist of multiple presenters showing how to make Christmas ornaments. We need program ideas and presenters for future meetings. Send your suggestions to Bob Holcombe.
- Secretary David Delker reported that the *Manhattan Mercury* published information about our club and its recent meeting in their *Lifestyles* section. That article already has created awareness of and interest in our club and its activities.
- Vice President Randy Zelenka distributed a signup sheet for members to man the booth at the Pumpkin Patch event, scheduled for September 25 and 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. both days. Also, volunteers still are needed to demonstrate

woodturning and talk with visitors during the Mini Maker Faire in Aggieville on September 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- President Tom Boley distributed copies of the club's new brochure that we will use during the Maker Faire and Pumpkin Patch events. He reminded the group that our November meeting will be our official annual meeting, at which time we will elect officers and consider any changes to the Bylaws.
- Webmaster Don Eisele announced that he will be adding information to a resource page on our website (www.flinthillswoodturners.org). Other site enhancements will be added in the future.

Tom Boley auctioned off the gift card donated by Packard Woodworks, Inc.

The program included three presenters who showed applications of several basic spindle-turning techniques. Ray Case demonstrated techniques for making a rolling pin and a "billy club" tire thumper. Tom Boley showed how to turn a log into a decorative mushroom. Bob Holcombe demonstrated how to turn a carver's mallet. The challenge to the group for the October meeting is to complete one of the items demonstrated and bring it for the Show and Tell activity.

The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m., October 3 in the Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works shop.

David Delker, Secretary

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.



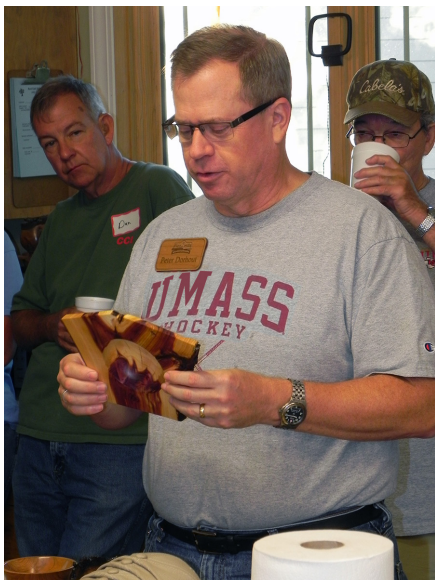
Dennis Biggs



Ray Case



Lowell Regehr



Peter Dorhout



Show & Tell



Tom Boley



Tom Shields



Dan and Lisa Zeller



Show & Tell



Randy Zelenka



David Delker



Don Baker



Bob Holcombe

September Demonstration: The Challenge

At our September 5th meeting, Ray Case, Tom Boley and Bob Holcombe demonstrated four projects using basic tools and turned between centers. FHW members were challenged to turn one or more of the projects demonstrated and bring them back for show and tell in October.

The Challengers

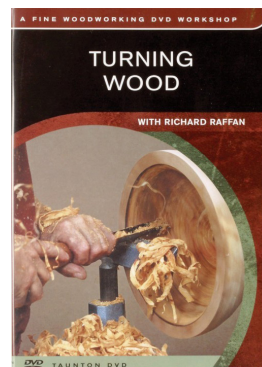


The Projects

See video of all projects here: <http://flinthillswoodturners.org/resources/programchallenge-2015.html>



FHW members who bring one or more of these projects to our next meeting Saturday October 3rd at Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works will be eligible to win the DVD "Turning Wood" by Richard Raffan.



Flint Hills Woodturners at

Aggieville

Mini
Maker
Faire®

Sept 12, 10am-4pm



Events and Marketplace



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



February 26, 27, & 28, 2016
Mesa Convention Center
Mesa, AZ

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



Flint Hills Woodturners

Ya Gotta Eat!

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

Thursday, October 22nd
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.



ONEWAY PRODUCT SALE

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Happy and Safe Turning and Keep Those Turning Tools Sharp!

Contact CA SAVOY cadjsavoy@cox.net

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 Part 1 Gifts and ornaments	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
November 7	Holiday turning Part 2 Gifts and ornaments	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
December 5	TBA	

The next meeting will be Saturday, October 3, at 9:00 a.m at Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, 4025 Walnut Creek Drive, Wamego, KS

