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November 2015



# Turning for the Holidays Part 2

At our November meeting we will continue our three-part series on making Christmas ornaments.

David Delker will demonstrate “eccentric” turning (yes, he admits to being eccentric, but so is the technique used in this project)! He will show how to sculpt a tree using four axes of rotation. (Note: axes = plural of axis, not to be confused with the tools used by Paul Bunyan). He also will show how to make the more conventional trees shown in the photo using a spindle gouge, skew or (for those with terminal skewphobia) a parting tool. All this from a scrap of construction-grade 2x4!

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# The Call of the Lathe

Did you notice that it is getting cooler, even a bit chilly in the evenings? But that makes for some great turning weather for those of us who have garage shops. Don't miss this opportunity to spend time at the lathe with the doors open and the leaves blowing in. Once winter really sets in, you will be wishing you had done more when the weather was mild.

But that is always the case. I find that each day I wish I had spent more time the day before at the lathe. Turning is not only great fun but good therapy, too. When I am at the lathe, I find that the time passes swiftly and I just don't think about anything except shaping that piece of wood. It is a real mental health break. Now that I am retired, I generally spend days in the shop. Before retirement, I would come home from work, have dinner, and then go to the basement for the evening. Now, I spend most of the day in the shop and in the evening actually spend time with Judi in the house!

We just had a donation of five chairs to the club. A couple who had come to my booth at Pumpkin Patch and had also watched the club's demonstrations there had expressed interest in the craft and in joining FHW. When I told them about bringing a chair, they immediately said they had some extra metal folding chairs which they would be glad to donate to the club. Our secretary, David Delker, has sent them documentation of their donation so they can take it off their income tax for this year. Since we are a non-profit, donations to the club are tax deductible, as you know, and everyone wins. Many thanks to Rob and Shehanna Adams for the chairs.

And thanks to our members who have brought things for the Silent Auction. That is a good source of income for FHW as well as a good source for members of wood and other items. I am pretty sure that there will be more wood available at the Nov meeting, too, so if you have a choice, bring the truck.

What a real pleasure it has been getting to know all of you and seeing Flint Hills Woodturners do so well. Thanks for the help in setting up and cleaning up after the meetings. See you at the lathe.



# Meeting Minutes — October 3, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Flint Hills Woodturners began at 9:00 a.m., October 3, 2015 at Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works; 4025 Walnut Creek Drive, Wamego, Kansas. President Tom Boley called the meeting to order with 25 people in attendance; he welcomed the eight first-time visitors. During the Show and Tell activity several people showed mallets, rolling pins, mushrooms, and tire thumpers in response to the challenge given at the September meeting. Following the Show and Tell activity, the club officers gave these updates:

- President Tom Boley reminded the members that the November meeting will include election of officers. The current officers have agreed to continue in their roles, but others are welcome to express their interest in a club officer position if they are interested. Tom mentioned that professional demonstrator Rudy Lopez will present an all-day demonstration at the Kansas City club on October 24th. Tom plans to attend; let Tom know if you are interested in sharing a ride.
- Vice President Randy Zelenka thanked those who participated in the Maker Faire and the Pumpkin Patch events. The demand for tops outpaced the supply, so next time we will need to make more tops in advance. Several in the group shared their positive experiences in demonstrating and/or speaking with the crowd during those educational events.
- Treasurer Tom Shields reported that we have \$511.04 in the treasury. Our silent auction items continue to be a good source of revenue. Tom encouraged members to bid on the silent auction items on display at the back of the shop.

- Bob Holcombe announced that November meeting program will include two more Christmas ornament demonstrations. The group commended Bob for the quality of the Newsletter. Other clubs have noticed and wish to emulate our success.
- Secretary David Delker distributed a signup sheet through which we will add newcomers to our e-mailing list for future newsletters and announcements. He reported that the *Manhattan Mercury* published another *Lifestyle* article about our club.

Tom Shields demonstrated how to make an “inside out” angel Christmas ornament, including customized wings and various halo options. Webmaster Don Eisele captured the presentation on video, and he will post it on our website.

The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m., November 7 in the Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works shop.

David Delker, Secretary

## Officers Meeting Minutes - October 3, 2015

The club officers met on October 3, 2015 at the Sirloin Stockade. Discussion focused on planning for 2016 and beyond. Items discussed included:

- Program planning
- Educational mission
- Facilities. Long-term possibilities
- How to transform visitors into new members
- How to keep visitors and new members engaged
- Library
- Skill enhancement activities
- 2016 AAW grants

# Show&Tell

## Rolling pins, mushrooms and mallets...oh my!



Your humble newsletter editor was so overwhelmed with the response to our September challenge, that he couldn't take photos of everyone. Thank you all for stepping up to our first club challenge.

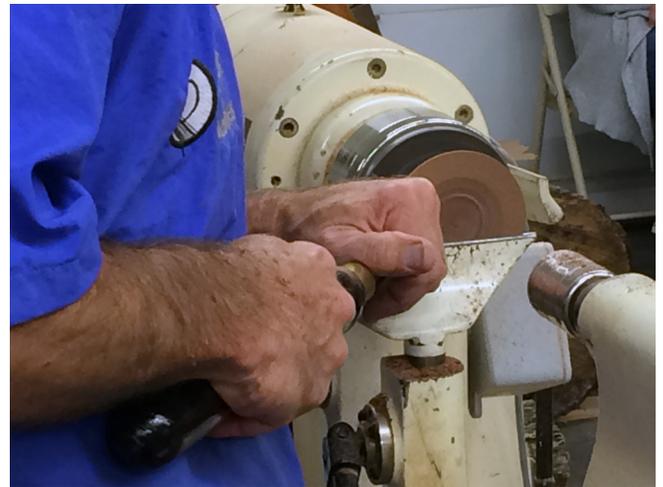
Congratulations to Bill Mathewson for winning the DVD "Turning Wood" by Richard Raffan in our random drawing.



# October Demonstration: Tom Shields



At our October meeting, Tom Shields demonstrated the steps he takes in creating an "inside out" ornament.



# Flint Hills Woodturners at



Friday & Saturday  
September 25—26, 2015



Quote of the day...

**"We need more tops!"**

# FHW attend Rudy Lopez Demo



*From left to right, Tom Boley, Joe Beck, Rudy Lopez, Steve Harbstreit, and Ray Case.*

Four of our members had the unique opportunity to watch a day of demos by Rudy Lopez, nationally known woodturner from Florida, when he appeared at the Kansas City Woodturners meeting on 24 Oct. Steve Harbstreit, Joe Beck, Ray Case, and Tom Boley, garbed in their FHW colors, arrived at the KCWT meeting location in Kansas City, MO, in time to meet Rudy and chat a bit before most of the others arrived. He turned one of his signature thin winged bowls before lunch and then after lunch turned a unique square goblet and then a beaded banana bowl. He is a non-stop teacher,

speaking the whole time about tools, techniques, safety, and other aspects of woodturning. He spent a lot of time trying to ensure that everyone understood the details of each project so they would all be able to duplicate what he did on this day. His presentation was an excellent opportunity to see a top quality woodturner in action. So the challenge is for Steve, Joe, Ray, and Tom to turn at least one of the things which Rudy demonstrated by the time our November meeting rolls around. Good luck, fellas!

# Events and Marketplace



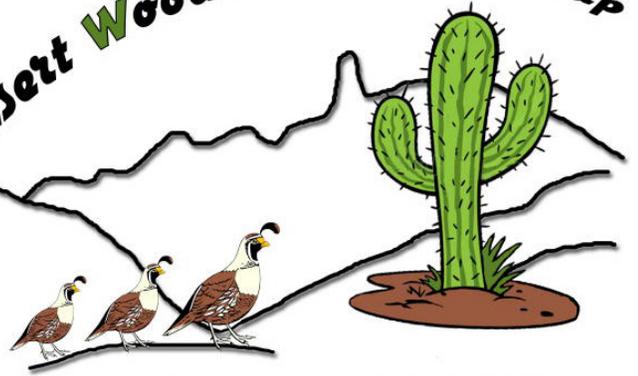
Tennessee Association of Woodturners

2016 Woodturning Symposium

January 29-30, 2016

[www.tnwoodturners.org/symposium](http://www.tnwoodturners.org/symposium)

Desert Woodturning Roundup



February 26, 27, & 28, 2016

Mesa Convention Center

Mesa, AZ

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



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Flint Hills Woodturners

## Ya Gotta Eat!

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

**Wednesday, November 18th**  
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](mailto: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
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 David Delker eccentric tree ornament	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
December 5	Holiday turning Part 3 Tom Boley hollow ornament with finial and icicle	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
January	Randy Zelenka: Stemmed Goblet	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
February	TBA	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
March	TBA	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego

**Unless announced, all meetings start at 9:00 a.m at Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, 4025 Walnut Creek Drive, Wamego, KS**

