



“Finishing Phobia? The FHW Team Can Help!” Part I

You’ve just finished turning a beautiful hollow vessel from an expensive chunk of burl bubinga you bought from one of the natives during your recent African safari. Now you are ready to apply the perfect finish. As you reach for the can of “Acme Universal Clear Finish” that you bought at a garage sale 25 years ago, you begin having second thoughts about the wisdom of that choice. After all, you’ve worked hard to turn that vessel without having it shatter due to a catch; it would be a shame to ruin it now by applying an inferior finish.

If that scenario sounds familiar, come to our February meeting where we will feature several FHW club members sharing finishing tips and demonstrating techniques that will help you be better informed, not

only about choosing an appropriate finish material, but also about surface preparation, finishing techniques, and related safety practices.

We will begin with some essential steps in preparing your work for finishing, including manual and power sanding, dust control and other safety considerations. We will then look at various finishing materials and how to choose and apply the right one for specific applications. Bring your questions and expect some answers!

NOTE: We will continue the finishing topic at a future meeting, at which time we will look at some specialized finishing methods, such as the use of dyes, milk paint, fuming, ebonizing, and more!

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The Call of the Lathe

We tend to be comfortable in what we are used to. Most of us don't really like change too much as everything usually seems to be going pretty well. But some change can be good. We have several changes in Flint Hills Woodturners leadership for this year, adding one person to the Board when Bob Holcombe asked to be relieved of Program duties to concentrate on the newsletter. That let David Delker slide over to the Programs position and Dan Zeller take up the mantle of Secretary. And today, as I write these words on 27 Jan, one of our members got a new lathe. So change can be very good. Why, woodturning itself is all about change. We take a piece of wood and do some pretty cool things to it by changing its shape into something entirely new. And we see changes in people when they try this craft for themselves. They go from being just regular people to being woodturners, and that is something special. Isn't this fun!

We ended the year with 33 members and Treasurer Tom Shields told me we had 22 paid members by the end of the January meeting. I urge you who have not yet done so to come to the February meeting and pay your dues

for 2016. Remember, I want one of our goals for 2016 to be that we will end this year with at least 45 members. Talk to your friends and neighbors. Bring them over and let them try out your lathe. And bring them to a meeting. Bob Holcombe has expanded the tri-fold club brochure to a four-panel beauty for this year as well as created a really great looking club business card we can hand out. We probably won't have them for the Feb meeting but will for the March meeting. Those will help us get the word out about the craft and FHW.

Look what we have accomplished so far, and we have only been in existence since April. So in celebration of our first year of existence, we'll have a FHW Birthday Party this April. Instead of a regular meeting on that first Saturday, we'll meet for a potluck dinner that evening and share the joy of woodturning with our families. We'll talk more later when details are finalized, but please mark that date in your calendars at home.

We ended 2015 very strong and are starting 2016 that way, too. I see great things ahead for Flint Hills Woodturners.

—Tom Boley

North East and North Central Kansas Woodturners

Woodturners in the Manhattan, Kansas, area are working with the goal of forming a new chapter of the American Association of Woodturners.

We invite turners of all skill levels to attend an organizational meeting
Saturday, March 21 at 9am
Meeting will be at Tom Boley's workshop,
4025 Walnut Creek Drive, Wamego, KS

At this meeting we will discuss meeting dates and time, bylaws, standard operating procedures, dues and officers.

For more information...

AAW Local Chapter meetings are held in which people at a variety of skill levels participate and grow in their craft through networking, instruction, and camaraderie.

There are numerous active members of local chapters.

Techniques and Skills by local members or invited speakers provide expert information. Design and viewing the works of other turners.

Communication and sharing of information national/international.

The American Association of Woodturners and the craft of woodturning are interested in turning and have over 350 local chapters.

The mission of the American Association of Woodturners is to promote and support the interest in turning.

What a difference a year makes.
◀ Flyer inviting woodturners to attend our March 2015 organizational meeting.

▼ First meeting, April 2015

Meeting Minutes — January 2, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Flint Hills Woodturners began at 9:00 am, January 2, 2016 at Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, 4025 Walnut Creek Drive, Wamego, KS. Preesident Tom Boley called the meeting to order with 22 people in attendance, including two first time visitors.

Several members brought items for the Show and Tell and discussed the ideas and problems that had gone into their projects.

President Tom Boley welcomed everyone, including two new attendees, and asked everyone to encourage new attendees to come to our meetings.

Randy Zelenka and Bob Holcombe discussed their idea of developing business cards for the club. They felt that a card would be easier to carry and to present to prospective members.

Discussion was also held on how a lathe can hold its value and the reasonable price of mini and midi lathes at this time.

President Tom Boley brought up the openings for Secretary and Program Director, stating that Dan Zeller had volunteered to take the Secretary position and that David Delker would take the Program Director position. He asked if anyone was interested in the jobs. Steve Harbstreit moved to nominate both members and to close nominations. Vote passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on bulk purchases to help the club members. Ned Gatewood stated that the Oneway purchase went well. Lisa Zeller will check into a bulk purchase of CA glue.

Everyone was encouraged to pay their dues for the current year. Vice-President Randy Zelenka and past Secretary David Delker applied for a \$1500 grant from the AAW. The money is to be used for the creation of a library and the purchase of a midi lathe to use at demonstrations and for training purposes.

Officers Reports:

- President Tom Boley said that Ya Gotta Eat would be held at the Sirloin Stockade. E-mail to follow.
- Vice President Randy Zelenka stated that the grant was submitted on time. He felt that the club would benefit from the purchase of a video camera and tripod. He also thought that the mentoring program was helpful and that he was in his shop on

Tuesday evenings if anyone wanted to turn. He also stated that he had two lathes that could be used.

- Secretary Dan Zeller had nothing to add.
- Treasurer Tom Shields reported that seventeen people had paid their dues. The checking account had a total of \$1192.00. The club made money on the December raffle and that the club had received an anonymous donation of \$200.00.
- Program Director David Delker has been getting ideas from area clubs on what they do for a program. He also asked for ideas from club members as to what they are interested in and what they would like to have for future programs. David will send an e-mail soliciting suggestions. A program on tips, techniques, and jigs was also discussed.
- Operations Director Don Eisele was absent.
- Newsletter Editor Bob Holcombe encouraged members to contribute to the newsletter by letting him know of events, activities, items for sale or wanted to buy. He also said that the AAW has a challenge to member clubs to do a collaborative challenge for the symposium and wanted to know if we would be interested in participating. No decision was made.

Raffle Winners :

Philip Dix - Bowl gouge
Ray Case - Padauk blank
Dennis Biggs - Watco Danish Oil
Ernest White _ Olive wood blank
Joe Ott - Tom Boley hand made hat

Randy Zelenka gave an excellent presentation on turning a green wood goblet. Randy used a Rubber Chucky in his presentation. He and Tom Boley gave a talk on Rubber Chuckies and how they can be used. Tom also showed his collection of Rubber Chuckies.

The Flint Hills Woodturners club meets at 9:00 a.m. the first Saturday of each month in the Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, 4025 Walnut Creek Drive, Wamego, Kansas. Our next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. February 6, 2016. Guests are welcome, regardless of their woodturning experience level. Call 785-456-7890 for more information.

Dan Zeller, Secretary

FHW Bits and Pieces

News from David Delker, Program Director:

Thanks to all of you who completed the online survey to help prioritize our club's program topics for 2016! In case you forgot, don't worry! The survey still is open and you can complete it by clicking on the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1kjAERhuc8HUIJ82Jn-JYGejyr3hvpQnyZ_3nJ1byY7gA/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link

I appreciate several of you who said you would be willing to help with program presentations! I also saw a few great suggestions for topics I had not considered. The survey results so far show that these are your highest priority topics:

1. Artistic Design
2. Bowl turning
3. Critiquing your work
4. Basic finishing techniques
5. Lathe tool selection
6. Natural-edge bowls

All topics received high rankings from one or more persons. That means we will try to offer a variety of program topics that will meet the needs of all of our members! As always, I look forward to your comments, suggestions, and your offers to help with the presentations! -- David

Save the Date



Flint Hills Woodturners Potluck Saturday, April 2nd

More details to follow



FHW members Ned Gatewood and Tom Boley attended the Kansas City Woodturners Club meeting on January 11. While there Tom participated in their Show & Tell.

To find more information about the KCWT schedule and programs, visit <http://kcwoodturners.org/>

Show&Tell

Members are invited to bring a piece that they have turned to show and to tell other members how they made it, what was difficult or easy, what is special about it, how they finished it or anything else that will be of interest to other members.



Fred Damkroger



Rusty Smith



Tom Boley



Ray Case



Dan Zeller

Show & Tell



Dennis Biggs



Phillip Dix



David Delker



Lowell Regehr



Tom Shields



Randy Zelenka

January Demonstration

Randy Zelenka

Turning a Stemmed Goblet

Turning end-grain green wood is a challenge in itself. Adding to it a long fragile stem tests the delicacy and skill of the turner. Randy Zelenka pushes both in the January demo.



Randy started mounting the limb between centers.



Using a spindle gouge, he create a tenon to mount the limb on a chuck.



With the limb mounted in the chuck...



...he roughed the limb round and removed bark using a spindle roughing gouge.



After removing the tailstock, the tool rest is drawn close to the end of the goblet.



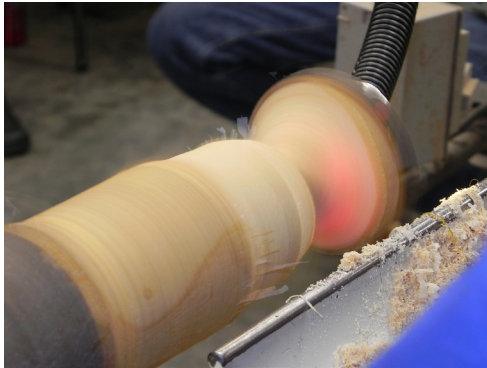
Turning end grain, Randy used a spindle gouge to hollow inside the cup.



Turning the outside of the cup is next.



To turn the cup as thin as comfortable, Randy used a LED light inside.



The thinner the wall was turned, the brighter the red glow became.



If a light is not handy, old school calipers work just as well.



With the cup turned, it was time to turn a stem.



To help support the cup while turning the stem, Randy used a "Rubber Chucky". (www.rubberchucky.com)



Using a spindle gouge, and very little pressure, he defined the stem.



Turning slowly towards the goblet base.



Sanding the fragile stem lightly.



The stem is finished. The base is last.



Randy only needs to undercut the base slightly to make sure it sits flat and part off the completed goblet. Almost there...



One of Murphy's laws states: Nature always sides with the hidden flaw. The hidden flaw never stays hidden for long.



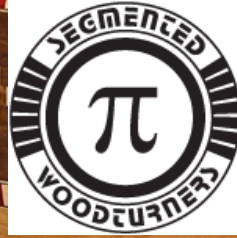
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Desert Woodturning Roundup



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

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



5th Segmenting Symposium

October 27-30, 2016

Quincy, Massachusetts

www.segmentedwoodturners.org



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Flint Hills Woodturners

Ya Gotta Eat!

Join fellow FHW members for our next

"Ya Gotta Eat" lunch at noon

Tuesday, February 16

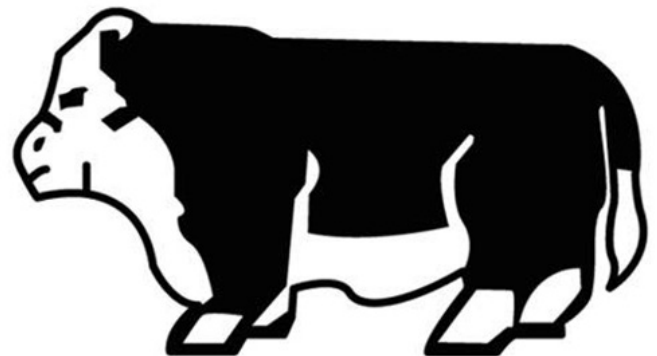
at Sirloin Stockade, 325 E Poyntz Ave

Between Faith Furniture and the old Kmart.

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>



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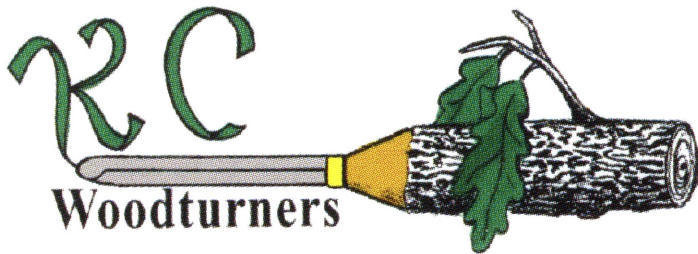


AAW's 30th Annual International Symposium

June 9-12, 2016

www.woodturner.org

Tom Boley Workshop at Kansas City Woodturners



Kansas City Woodturners (KCWT) invites two professional turners a year to provide woodturning demonstrations along with a one-day workshop for their members. **For their spring session, our own president, Tom Boley, has been invited to demonstrate for them on 20 Feb.** Tom will be demonstrating three things that Saturday. First will be turning a square natural edge bowl. Second will be turning a natural edge bowl cut on the bias. The third item will be how to turn a plate or tray from thin wood using double faced tape as the chucking method. At the end of those three demos, Tom will talk about turning what he calls a log bowl and sharpening woodturning tools using the Oneway Wolverine and Vari-Grind jigs. The next day, Sunday, Tom will teach a workshop on turning a natural edge bowl cut on the bias and a tray, both of which will have been demonstrated the day before.

For Sale



Two classic cast iron power tools

Early 1950's **Delta Milwaukee 14" bandsaw**. I restored it back in 2008. It has a Westinghouse 3/4 hp motor. The on/off switch on the bandsaw or the motor switch might need replacing otherwise it's a good workhorse. **Asking \$150.**

1955 **40-440 Delta Rockwell scroll saw**. I believe it was originally from Manhattan High School. In good used condition. **Asking \$50.**

If interested contact Bob Holcombe at bngnov2@gmail.com or see him at the February meeting.

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
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 2, 2016	Randy Zelenka: Stemmed Goblet	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
February 6	Finishing	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
March 5	Tom Shields: Turning a box	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
April	TBA	
May 7	Steve Harbseit: Pen Turning	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
June 4	TBA	

Unless announced, meetings are held at
Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works,
4025 Walnut Creek Drive, Wamego, KS.

Meetings start at 9:00 a.m. but come any time after 8.

