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April 2016



Happy First Anniversary!

We are a year old as of April 2016. That calls for a celebration.

Flint Hills Woodturners will gather at 5pm on the Second of April for a potluck dinner at First United Methodist Church, 616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan. Park in the back and walk around the big air conditioning and heating unit to the west side of the church (**See page 11**). There are steps going down to a door to Fellowship Hall and the church kitchen. We'll have a table set up to display our woodturnings for our families. Kevin Roberts has purchased and will smoke pork for the dinner and we will all bring other dishes to share.

Please bring the following:

- Hors d'oeuvres -- A - B
- Salads -- C - G
- Side dishes -- H - R
- Desserts -- S - Z

If you are no longer a member of Flint Hills Woodturners but would like to say Hi, please join us. If

you are thinking about joining, come be a part of the evening and meet some of your fellow woodturners. Please let our president know if you will be coming and how many adults and children will be in your group so we can best plan.

Special Skill Enhancement Session

Since we will not be having a regular meeting the first Saturday in April because of our potluck anniversary dinner that evening, let's "turn" the morning into a Skill Enhancement session. We'll start at 9 and go until about noon or so. If we have more than six, perhaps some will be able to share a lathe. All are welcome and we'll have coffee and donuts just like a regular meeting. No Show and Tell that morning but bring your turnings to the dinner at 5:00.

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The Call of the Lathe — April 2016

“Mike, Mike, Mike, Mike, Mike, guess what DAY it is.”

“Well,” said Mike, a member of Flint Hills Woodturners, “it’s our anniversary!”

And so it will be. The first Saturday in April marks the one-year anniversary of FHW. We met in March 2015 to decide if there was enough interest to form a club and our first meeting was two weeks later with 21 present. Now our membership is at 33 and we hope to bring in more by the end of the year. Congratulations to all of you who have helped make FHW such a success. With our monthly meetings and now our Skill Enhancement sessions, we have come a long way in a year. Our public demos have helped spread the word and been a lot of fun, too. Let’s celebrate!

Our celebration of our one-year anniversary will be two events on 2 April. We’ll start the day with a Skill Enhancement session from 9:00 to noon. With five, maybe six, lathes, we should be able to accommodate several of our members who are seeking some assistance in improving their techniques. We’ll follow that at 5:00 with a potluck dinner in Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church, 612 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan. Directions are elsewhere in this newsletter. The dinner will also feature a huge display of some of our turnings so family members will be able to see some

of our efforts. I have been to other annual potluck dinners in woodturning clubs and they have always been well worth the time. I also want to invite those of you who have been a part of our activities but who have dropped your membership to at least come join us for the potluck dinner to help celebrate. It would be good to see you.

Once again, thanks to our members stepping up to help, we have taken a big step toward showing the people of Manhattan and the Flint Hills what woodturning is about. Having been a part of the week long special demonstrations in the lobby of the Discovery Center, we displayed the craft to a whole lot of kids and to many parents. Being able to showcase our work and our craft like that goes a long way toward fulfilling our status as an *educational* non-profit organization. Besides that, it is a lot of fun. Who doesn’t enjoy talking to others about something they enjoy doing? The Discovery Center has invited us to come again on Saturday, 21 May, for another demonstration. I will pass along details of that when they are determined.

As I am writing this, I am looking out the front window at the SNOW on the grass! Well, yes, I know it is still only March but it sure seemed like spring with temperatures in the 70s and even 80s some days. But Spring is now here and you’ll soon be able to throw open the garage door and let the breeze carry the dust away while you are turning. Joyous times! See you at the lathe.

—Tom Boley



Tom Shields demonstrating at the Discovery Center



Meeting Minutes — March 2016

The monthly meeting of the Flint Hills Woodturners began at 9:00 am, March 5, 2016, at Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, 4025 Walnut Creek Drive, Wamego, KS. President Tom Boley called the meeting to order with 31 people in attendance, including four first time visitors. Two of the first timers were members of the Kansas Association of Woodturners (KAW) in Topeka.

Several items were presented for Show and Tell.

President Tom Boley announced the purchase of a used Delta midilathe for the sum of \$300.00. The purchase also included various accessories.

Our scheduled display at the Manhattan Home Show was cancelled due to the lack of space. President Boley will check into a booth at next year's show.

Instead of the regular meeting on April 2, 2016, the club will sponsor a skill enhancement session with a total of five lathes for use by the members. Time will be from 9:00 am until about noon.

Also on April 2nd, the Flint Hills Woodturners will celebrate their first anniversary with a Happy Birthday Party. The party will be held at the Methodist Church at the corner of 6th and Poyntz in Manhattan, Kansas. The celebration will begin at 5:00. All members and their families are encouraged to attend. Bring Show and Tell items for the enjoyment of our guests.

Skill Enhancement for the month of March will be as follows: Wednesday March 9, from 7:00 pm until 9:30 pm, Thursday March 24, from 7:00 pm until 9:30 pm. Both sessions will be held at Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works. Please bring your own tools since they are the tools that you will use at home, as well as wood that you plan to turn. President Tom Boley now has two grinders for sharpening all turning tools. There will be a shop fee of \$5.00 for our Skill Enhancement sessions for equipment maintenance for only those who actually use the equipment. Everyone is encouraged to attend, even if you don't plan to turn. Watching is free and you might learn a new trick or two!

Ya Gotta Eat will be on March 15 at 12:00 noon at Sirloin Stockade, Manhattan, Kansas.

President Tom Boley is teaching a bowl turning class for UFM of Manhattan. He feels that UFM is a very worthwhile school and encouraged everyone to check it out.

Officers Reports:

Vice President Randy Zelenka announced that Joe Beck will be the club librarian. They are working out the details

of the library and asked for suggestions. He also asked the members to donate any extra books or DVDs that would enhance the library. He is also looking at different retailers that may donate money to our club, which is a nonprofit and eligible for donations. Vice President Randy Zelenka also sponsors the mentoring program. He encouraged members to use the program and stated that he is usually in his shop Monday thru Thursday and encouraged members to stop by and practice turning. He also has a list of members' lathes. If you are in the market for a new lathe, you are encouraged to try the different brands before making a purchase.

Secretary Dan Zeller no report.

Treasurer Tom Shields said that the raffle was averaging around \$25.00 in profit for the club. In the past month the club has had expenditures for a new lathe, brochures, and business cards. Thirty one members have paid their dues for 2016. We have a balance of \$1,427.00.

Newsletter Editor Bob Holcombe asked for contributions to the newsletter. He encouraged members to use the classified section to sell tools or advertise for items that they would like to buy.

Program Director David Delker was absent due to illness. It was announced that Steve Harbstreit would demonstrate pen turning at the May meeting.

The club also has an event at the Discovery Center this month. More information to follow. Volunteers will be needed.

Operations Director Don Eisele absent.

Raffle Winners :

Dennis Biggs Bowl Gouge
Dan Zeller Floor Mat
Don Baker Face Shield
Vaughn Graber Marble Wood Blank

Tom Shields gave an excellent demonstration on turning small boxes. Tom shared tips that he has learned and turned a walnut box for the club members.

Lynn Thomas led a round of applause to congratulate the officers for doing an excellent job over the past year.

President Tom Boley will send an email concerning the Birthday Party. This will be a potluck and members will be asked to bring a dish and provide a head count for attendees as the club will pay for a main entree.

Meeting Adjourned

— Dan Zeller

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.



Lisa Zeller



Dan Zeller



Tom Shields



Tom Boley



John Lewis-Smith



Dennis Biggs

Show & Tell



Peter Dorhout



Ernest White



Randy Zelenka



Ned Gatewood



Bob Holcombe

Skill Enhancement

We all start out with zero woodturning skills. We take classes, watch DVDs, get help from a mentor, learn from casual conversation with other woodturners, and generally just be alert to a chance to learn more about the craft. As a member of Flint Hills Woodturners, one of your primary benefits is coming to Skill Enhancement sessions to practice turning and get advice from more experienced turners. FHW would like to hold SE sessions twice a month at the same location as our meetings. There are three lathes living there permanently plus two club lathes and one which our Vice President, Randy Zelenka, brings each time for you to use. That gives us six. There are some limitations on the smaller ones but we at least have several which our members can use.

We have not yet settled on a regular schedule of Skill Enhancement sessions so are, at least for now, just announcing them as we decide when instructors are

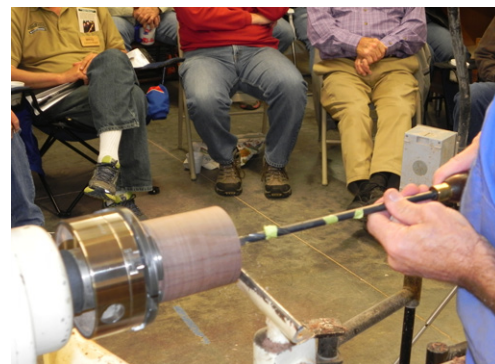
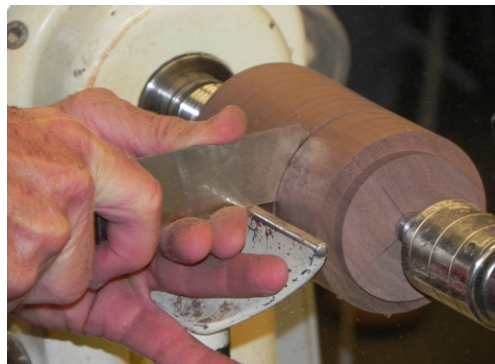
available. We also charge a small \$5 fee if you come and use the equipment. That covers supplies such as CA glue and occasional repairs or replacement of equipment such as band saw blades and drive belts on lathes. If you would like to come and just watch, chat with your fellow members, and soak up whatever you can by merely being present, you are most welcome. There is no fee to just watch and learn.

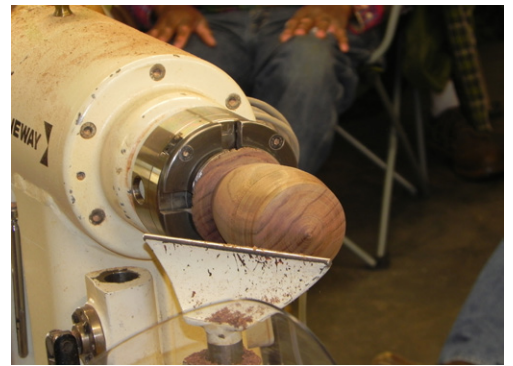
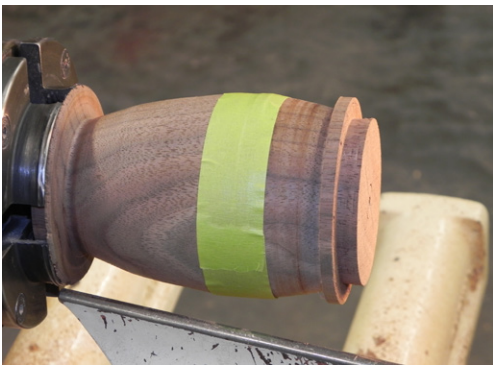
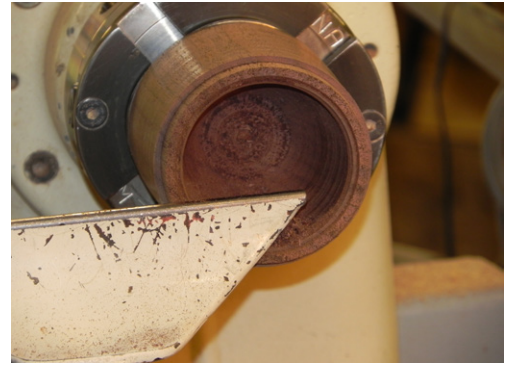
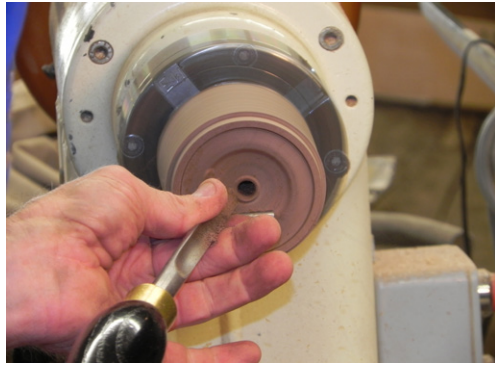
If you have been to one of our Skill Enhancement sessions, you know if this is valuable to you or not. So far, it appears that we are meeting a need by our members for skill building. As more members want to take advantage of it, we will need to have a fair system to assign lathes. What we will try is to have members just draw the name of the lathe from a bowl upon arrival. Whatever the method, we want to be fair and to offer the opportunity to our members to come, turn, and learn.



March Program — Tom Shields Turning a Small Box with a Friction Fit Lid

As Secretary Dan Zeller wrote in the meeting minutes, Tom Shields gave an excellent demonstration on turning small boxes. Tom is a master at making these boxes and guided us through the steps he takes to create them.





Events and Marketplace



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Basic Bowl Class

It used to be called University for Man but over the years, has evolved to just UFM Manhattan and their array of classes is terrific. Among the class selections are iCan with iPad, Sushi Rolling, Genealogy Essentials, Beekeeping, Archery for Adults, and Woodturning for Beginners. It is that last one which is now taught by Tom Boley at his shop, Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works. The class project is a small bowl and is suitable for never-before turners or for those who would like to add bowl turning to their repertoire of woodturning skills. Contact UFM at tryufm.org or e-mail them at info@tryufm.org. Their phone number is 785-539-8763. This is a great way to jump right into the craft of woodturning in a formal way with an excellent instructor in a comfortable woodshop setting. Come, learn to turn.



Community Learning Center
tryufm.org

Ya Gotta Eat!



Flint Hills Woodturners

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

Tuesday, April 21

at Sirloin Stockade, 325 E Poyntz Ave

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

Tom Boley <tboley10@gmail.com>

Bring something for Show and Tell.

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 and Events

Date	Program/Event	Location
March 4-6	Flint Hills Home Show	National Guard Armory, MHK
March 5	Tom Shields: Turning a box	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
March 9	Skill Enhancement 7:00 – 9:30 PM	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
March 17-18	Flint Hills Discovery Center Thursday, 17 March, 10 - 6 and 6:30-7:30 Friday, 18 March, 10 - 5 and 6:30-7:30	Flint Hills Discovery Center
March 24	Skill Enhancement 7:00 – 9:30 PM	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
April 2	Skill Enhancement 8:00 AM – Noon	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
	Flint Hills Woodturners Potluck 5:00 to 8:00 PM	First United Methodist Church 612 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan
May 7	Steve Harbstreet: Pen Turning	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
June 4	TBA	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego

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.



Directions to the Flint Hills Woodturners potluck dinner at First United Methodist Church, 616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan.

First United Methodist Church is on the northwest corner of 6th and Poyntz in Manhattan. The easiest place to park is to go a block north of Poyntz and enter the parking lot from Humboldt between 6th and Juliette. The first picture shows the parking lot from Humboldt. Notice the tall chimney at the corner of the church and the A/C unit to the right of that on the ground.



Go around the A/C unit toward Poyntz and just on the other side is an outside stairway down to double doors into the basement of the church where we will have our dinner.