



Holiday Ornaments and Stocking Stuffers

The November program will feature Bob Holcombe showing how to make miniature birdhouse ornaments, which look great on the Christmas tree, and they make wonderful gifts for young and old alike! Birdhouse ornaments are fun to make and provide some challenging practice in spindle turning, hollowing, and finishing techniques.

David Delker will round out (pun intended) the rest of the program by showing how to make some “stocking stuffer” gifts on the lathe, including several small items that can be completed in an hour or two. He’ll share ideas for turned gifts for everyone on your holiday shopping list!

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The Call of the Lathe – November 2016

There is just something special about helping another person learn new skills. In our case, standing next to someone at the lathe and teaching turning techniques to help that person improve existing skills or learn something new about the craft is pure joy. But I sure do remember when I was one of those newbies and hardly knew a bowl gouge from a bowl. Nothing like time at the lathe to help that learning process. And that is why we hold Skill Enhancement sessions at our meeting place. These sessions are for any member who would like to learn a new skill or improve an old one. Sometimes, we just plain get rusty with our technique and need a helping hand to get back on track. I hadn't turned a bowl in a long time since I was doing almost exclusively commercial spindle work. There was a roughed out piece on the shelf which I really wanted to finish so I finally had a moment to do so. Long story short – I went through the bottom. That is probably because I hadn't done a bowl for awhile and forgot some of the fine points. If I had just worked on another bowl, something not quite so special, before I did this one, maybe I would have done better. But my story exemplifies what can happen when you get rusty. Our Skill Enhancement and our mentoring program are both designed to help get you going well. We try to have two a month but sometimes it is only one. Even if you aren't going to turn, come on out, see what is going on, watch others do their turning, and enjoy the fellowship.

Another article in this newsletter is a short piece about Beads of Courage. I would certainly encourage you to be a part of that process for FHW. We have about 46 members so our target is, as a club, to produce 46 Beads of Courage boxes to take to the 2017 AAW Symposium as a donation to children who are battling cancer and other diseases. This will be our primary donation to community for 2017 but that does not preclude us from making another donation to a worthwhile cause.

Don't forget to carry a few FHW brochures with you in the car and maybe a couple FHW cards in your pocket. You never know when you may run into persons who may be interested in the craft and the brochures which you hand to them may be just the thing which starts them on a lifetime of woodturning joy.

Finally, November is our annual meeting month when we have our official corporate annual meeting to elect officers for the coming year and to take care of any other business of the corporation. I know of nothing which we need to do this time other than elect our officers and the current slate of officers are all willing to continue in their positions if you are willing to have us. If any of you would like to run for an office, please do let me know and we'll put you on the ballot. You are also welcome to nominate someone from the floor at the meeting. See you on the 5th.

— Tom Boley

Beautiful Boxes for BOC from Glendale Chapter

In September, the Glendale Woodturners Guild, La Crescenta, CA, created and donated a wide variety of remarkable woodturned boxes to Beads of Courage (BOC). BOC is an innovative, arts-in-medicine supportive care program to transform the treatment experience for children coping with serious illness.



The article above appeared in the October 2016 issue of Keep Turning with the AAW, a monthly electronic publication, and is reprinted in our newsletter with permission. We are reprinting this because Flint Hills Woodturners will focus on Beads of Courage boxes between now and June 2017 when we will take them to the AAW Symposium as a donation to children with cancer and other diseases to use to hold their own beads of courage. Our goal is one Beads of Courage box for each member of FLH. Some of us will not make any and some will make more than one but all are invited to participate.

<http://www.beadsofcourage.org/pages/woodturners.html>

Meeting Minutes — October 1, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Flint Hills Woodturners began at 9:00 a.m., October 1, 2016 at Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, 4025 Walnut Creek Driver, in Wamego, Kansas. Operations Director Randy Zelenka called the meeting to order.

The meeting began with Show and Tell. David Delker, Peter Dorhout, Randy Zelenka, Ernest White, Joe Beck, Don Casey Baker, and Lowell Regehr shared their recent work.

Several visitors were introduced: Alison Wheatley and Loren Reiswig.

There was no raffle this month.

Officers' Reports were presented:

Operations Director Randy Zelenka noted fewer members in attendance today, about 19 compared to the normal average of about 35, because many members were attending and working at Pumpkin Patch, as well as attending other events happening around Manhattan. Randy thanked those that worked and made tops for the annual Aggieville Mini Maker Faire on September 10. Our woodturning demonstrations and our giving tops away to children at this year's Faire was a big hit.

Program Director David Delker thanked all that participated in Pumpkin Patch and Makers Faire. He said today's program will be given by Randy Zelenka entitled Back to the Basics: Bowl Turning and Chucking

Methods. David said the November and December programs will be on making holiday ornaments and small stocking stuffers, and Bob Holcombe will talk about turning birdhouse holiday ornaments. Additional presenters are needed in November and December. David also requested ideas for future programs. Tom Shields reported we have \$2,186 in the treasury.

Peter Dorhout presented this month's Tips and Tricks, explaining the use of rubber chucks as a means of holding bowls on the lathe. He showed how he has cleverly made rubber chucks from rubber stoppers used in chemistry labs. Many members were eager to make their own, and a group purchase of stoppers is planned.

Joe Beck, the keeper of the club library, told members if anyone wishes the club to obtain a particular book or video, to let him know and he will do his best to obtain it for the club library.

The membership was reminded if they join or renew their American Association of Woodturners membership by October 1, they will receive a \$10 discount, and that the cost of AAW membership is increasing \$5 in the future.

The next Flint Hills Woodturning meeting will be Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works.

— Ned Gatewood

Remembering our friend Merle Shogren



Merle Shogren was a member of Flint Hills Woodturners our first year of activity and regularly attended meetings. When he passed away the morning of 7 October, Merle was 89. He was a World War II veteran, having served in the Navy as a pilot. Merle had a degree in Biochemistry from Kansas State and was a winter wheat expert, working to improve hard winter wheat quality. He also was a long time member of Kansas Area Woodturners (KAW) of Topeka and Kansas Quality Woodworkers Association (KQWA). In April 2015, Merle and 24 fellow area veterans accompanied by 25 Wamego High School student guardians were flown by Honor Flight to Washington D.C. to visit the WWII Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Viet Nam Memorial, plus the Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknowns to observe the Changing of the Guard. Merle was a real gentleman and will be missed.

Full obituary can be found at <http://www.ymlfuneralhome.com/obituary/5739>

From the Program Director:

November Program:

Leading off this month's program will be Ned Gatewood, who will give a Tips and Tricks presentation entitled "Making an Improved Longworth Chuck." He will show how a Longworth chuck works, the basics of building one, and some improvements he has made to that classic design. If you've never heard of a "Longworth chuck," this should be an excellent introduction!

Bob Holcombe will help us get into the holiday mood by demonstrating how to make birdhouse ornaments. I find ornament making very satisfying; you can produce several keepsake ornaments in an afternoon and practice a lot of basic skills in the process. I know Bob will do a great job teaching us how to make a beautiful ornament.

I will be following Bob's presentation by demonstrating how to make some small "stocking stuffer" gifts on the lathe. You may be wondering what the dump truck on the front page has to do with wood turning. Actually, it contains 23 parts that I turned on the lathe! I made that toy for my young grandson a few years ago, and at that

time I decided that buying the usual imported wheels made out of pale "mystery wood" was unacceptable! I'll show you how to make those knobby tires so you can make your own monster truck! If monster trucks are not your thing, how about miniature goblets and bowls for a Victorian dollhouse? Maybe a wooden pendant for a very special lady?

I'm sure our November program will have "something for everyone" on your holiday shopping list. Act now! Don't wait until December 24 to start turning!

Future Programs:

Our December program will be the second of our two-part series on making holiday ornaments and stocking stuffers. Please contact me if you would be willing to share at that meeting! As always, feel free to let me know if you have program suggestions or if you have something you would like to demonstrate in the future. I would be happy to visit with you and help you develop your idea into an excellent program!

— David Delker, Program Director



Tips and Tricks



Modification to Jet 1642 Spindle Lock

The Jet 1642 is an excellent lathe, but it does have an annoying problem: the spindle lock is spring loaded and must be held down to keep it engaged. This requires something like a third hand to lock the spindle while removing say, a face plate. But there's a simple solution! Refer to the photo at left. First, loosen the top knurled bolt; temporarily remove the lower knurled bolt; depress the locking button and rotate the u-shaped plate to the side as shown in picture; replace the lower bolt (but not through the u-plate) and tighten it; return the u-shaped plate to its original (vertical) position, and you're back in business. The top bolt requires careful tightening; it can't be too loose or too tight. Now, when you want to use the spindle lock, push in the locking button and rotate the u-shaped plate over the depressed button, and this will hold down the button and lock the spindle.

—Ned Gatewood

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.



Don Baker



Joe Beck



Ernest White



Lowell Regehr



Peter Dorhout



David Delker



Randy Zelenka

FHW at Pumpkin Patch



With guidance from Randy Zelenka, Steve Bietau turns his first bowl.



Using an eastern forehand grip, Steve puts top spin on his first bowl.



Peter Dorhout expertly turns a bowl.



Ray Case answers the call for more tops.



Randy pulled in the adult crowd...



...while Ray encouraged kids to go crazy for tops.

October Program: Randy Zelenka

This month's Program entitled Back to the Basics: Bowl Turning and Chucking Methods was presented by Randy Zelenka. Randy addressed the orientation of a bowl in the tree before it is taken from a tree; the means of preparing a bowl blank for turning; the different styles of woodturning tools; the various means to mount an object on the lathe; and the rough turning of a green-wood bowl, and then drying and final shaping of the bowl.

— Ned Gatewood



A cardboard template is used to help cut the bowl blank



Blank is mounted on a screw center chuck



Bowl outside is turned first



With a bowl gouge, shape the outside.



Turning a tenon to mount bowl in a 4 jaw chuck.



To make sure the tenon is the right size for the chuck, Randy uses a shop made gauge.



The bowl is reversed to turn inside



Flying chips



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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.



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Learning Center
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Flint Hills Woodturners **Ya Gotta Eat!**

Friday, November 18th

Join fellow FHW members for our next "Ya Gotta Eat" lunch at
noon at **Little Apple Brewing Company**

1110 Westloop Place, West Loop Shopping Center

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>



**31st Annual International Symposium
Kansas City, Missouri
June 22-25, 2017
Kansas City Convention Center**



**Tennessee Association of Woodturners
2017 Woodturning Symposium
January 27-28, 2017
www.tnwoodturners.org**

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

 November 5	Holiday Ornaments, Part 1	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
November 17	Skill Enhancement 7:00 – 9:30 PM	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
November 18	Ya Gotta Eat! Noon	Little Apple Brewing Company
November 21	Skill Enhancement 7:00 – 9:30 PM	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
 December 3	Holiday Ornaments, Part 2	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.

