



Christmas Ornaments and Stocking Stuffers, Part 2.

Our December program will feature Tom Shields, who will demonstrate how to make a pseudo-inside-out Christmas ornament with a tree in the middle. If you've never seen "inside-out turning" before, then you are in for a real treat!

David Delker will complete the program by showing how to turn pendants, including one in which he uses offset turning to create a unique shape that can accentuate the grain of the wood.

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The Call of the Lathe – December 2016

It's getting down to crunch time. Christmas is just not that far away and it is definitely time to get started on Christmas gifts. The good news is that we are woodturners so making great gifts for friends and family is actually pretty easy to do. Everyone loves bowls and they are fun to make but there are a billion woodturning kits available, too, for other things such as ice cream scoops, coffee scoops, pepper mills, pizza cutters, and of course pens. Kits for these and many other items are available through Woodcraft, Craft Supplies USA, Packard Woodworks, Penn State Industries, and many other companies. When you order, call 'em up so you can chat with a sales person to be sure you are getting all the gear you need to make something. It is mighty frustrating to open up your order and then find when you are ready to make the item that you are missing something like a special mandrel or sizing bushings. But all these kinds of things are cool to make and a great way to use up some scrap wood which may be lying around your shop. A piece of advice: Keep track of what you give to whom so next year you can make something different for them.

On behalf of the officers, I want to thank you for your confidence in us as the leadership team for Flint Hills Woodturners. You put a lot of money into dues and

other things pertaining to our club and you deserve to have good leadership which will take care of both your money and you. We all love woodturning and try very hard to do the right thing for FHW as we make decisions about equipment and programs. Your questions and comments are always welcome as we steer us all in the direction of safe, successful, and enjoyable woodturning. And let me give a word of thanks to Ray Case as VP, Ned Gatewood as Secretary, Tom Shields as Treasurer, Randy Zelenka as Operations Director, David Delker as Program Director, and Bob Holcombe as Newsletter Editor. They make my job easy and I greatly appreciate what they do for all of us.

Sort of in conjunction with that, here at the end of the year I also want to thank Randy Zelenka, Tom Shields, and Dennis Biggs for their many trips to my shop to help our members at Skill Enhancement. While Tom and Randy come from Manhattan, Dennis drives here from Abilene. That is real dedication to our Skill Enhancement program and to you who participate.

So 2016 is nearly over and there is so much wood left to turn. Be careful, be safe, and have a ball.

– Tom Boley



Meeting Minutes — November 5, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Flint Hills Woodturners began at 9:00 a.m., November 5, 2016 at Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, 4025 Walnut Creek Driver, Wamego, Kansas. President Tom Boley called the meeting to order.

The meeting began with Show and Tell with members David Delker, Tom Boley, Ernest White, Randy Zelenka, Dennis Briggs, Bill Mathewson, Rod Reel, Tom Shields, Ned Gatewood, and Kevin Dix sharing their recent work.

Several visitors were introduced: Rod Reel, Steve Haug, and Bob Kloppenborg.

Officers' Reports were presented:

President: This month's meeting is our official annual meeting, and officers for the coming year need to be selected. The current officers have all agreed to continue serving if so elected. A slate of the current officers was presented, voted on, and were elected to serve in 2017. Tom encouraged all members to submit articles for the monthly newsletter. Tom also reminded members if they have any woodturning tools or equipment for sale, to submit them to Bob Holcombe, Newsletter Editor, and he will post them in the newsletter.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: We have approximately \$2,400 in the treasury. Annual dues will be collected in January, 2017 and at \$35 per member, that will add another approximately \$1,000. A discussion followed as to how the club might like to spend these funds. One idea offered was to bring in a regional or a nationally known woodturner for a presentation. Another idea was to purchase audio visual equipment so members can better see a presentation in progress.

Program Director: David Delker outlined the upcoming programs. December will be Tom Shields

demonstrating making ornaments and Ray Case will be filling the Tips and Tricks segment of the program with homemade tools and stabilizing wood. Tom Boley will be demonstrating spindle turning skills in January.

Operations Director: Randy Zelenka expressed appreciation for those that participated on the Mini Makers Faire and Pumpkin Patch. We had club-made tops left over from these events. The next event is Buttons and Bows on November 12th. There was discussion about purchasing a booth at one of these events and selling members' bowls and other turned items. It was pointed out our club is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, and profits of items sold would not go to individual members, but would be turned over to the club's treasury. Also, we often qualify for special benefits at events or from locations just because we are a non-profit. Members can, however, purchase a booth and sell items on their own while having no affiliation with the club. We are considering participating next year in Salina's Smokey Hills River Festival and possibly the Tulip Festival in Wamego.

Newsletter Editor: Bob Holcombe requested members submit items for newsletter.

This month's raffle offered several valuable turning tools, and the silent auction offered about a half dozen pieces of wood of various species.

Tom Boley told the membership he is hosting the Topeka woodturning club next week in his shop, and Flint Hills Woodturners members are welcome to attend. He will demonstrate the turning of a wood hat.

The next Flint Hills Woodturning meeting will be Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works.

— Ned Gatewood

From the Program Director:

December Program:

This month we wrap up (that was a subtle Christmas pun, in case you missed it) our holiday-themed program on making Christmas ornaments and stocking stuffers. Tom Shields will demonstrate how to make an inside-out Christmas ornament. Inside-out turning can be used in many applications to create special effects that leave the viewer thinking, "How did they do that?"

If shopping at the jewelry store leaves you squeamish due to the high prices, then I (David Delker) will show you how to turn chunks of ordinary wood into beautiful pendants. Add a nice cord or chain, and you'll have a very attractive gift for someone special. Note: Due to my frugal nature, I will use only simple jigs for the offset turning work - no expensive offset chucks are required!

Finally, Ray Case will give a Tips and Tricks presentation entitled "Wood Stabilization and Homemade Tools." Turning unstable wood that is cracked, heavily spalted, or "punky" is very dangerous, but Ray's stabilization tips will show you how to stabilize damaged wood so you can turn that special piece safely. Of course, we all will appreciate his suggestions for making our own tools.

Sometimes we make our own tools to save money and sometimes we do it because no commercial tool is available to perform the task.

Future Programs:

We already have some great presentations lined up for 2017! Tom Boley will start our new year at the January meeting with "Back to the Basics: Spindle Turning." Kevin Dix will share a Tips and Tricks presentation on how to clamp segmented sections.

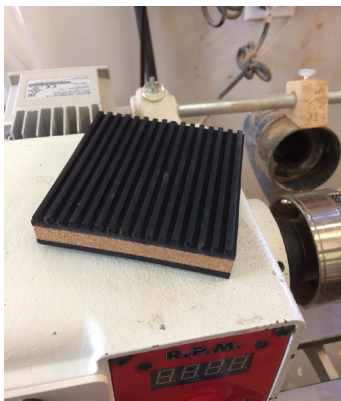
In February, Dennis Biggs will demonstrate how to turn a natural-edge bowl. Randy Zelenka will give a Tips and Tricks presentation on chasing threads.

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 - whether it be a full-length demonstration or a simple Tips and Tricks presentation. 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



If your lathe takes an occasional stroll around the shop when you're turning unbalanced pieces, here is a solution you might want to consider.

Remove the adjustable feet that came with your lathe and install isolation pads; the sort typically used on HVAC equipment. They will provide a far more stable interface between your lathe and the floor.

These pads are approximately 4" x 4" and are available at Ferguson's Plumbing Supply on Fort Riley Boulevard for less than three dollars each. I added the wood blocking simply to raise my lathe to a better height for me, but they certainly are not necessary. Just drill a hole through the isolation pad for the appropriate size bolt and countersink the pad on the other side for the bolt's head. I alternated the ribbing on the four pads so two run one way and two the other way for added stability, but I can't say for sure if that makes any difference.

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.



Rod Reel



Bob Kloppenborg



Bill Mathewson



Dennis Biggs



Ernest White



Tom Shields

Show & Tell



Ned Gatewood



Randy Zelenka



David Delker



Tom Boley



Tom Boley



Kevin Dix

November Program:

In the Tips and Tricks segment of the meeting, Ned Gatewood demonstrated the use and making of a Longworth chuck and encouraged members to make this useful tool.

The first of this month's two demonstrations was by Bob Holcombe demonstrating the making of birdhouse ornaments. He began by turning the body of the birdhouse from a blank, coring out the inside with a Forstner bit, and then shaping the outside. He then turned the top, shaped it, and then added a perch and opening. Bob then made a finial and concluded by describing several means for hanging the ornament.

The second demonstration was David Delker sharing his making of a small dump truck for his grandson which included 23 lathe turned pieces. David described in detail the jig and methods for making the dump truck's wooden wheels.

— Ned Gatewood



Ned Gatewood showing his Longworth chuck



Bob Holcombe at the lathe



David's jig and sanding platform used to make wheels perfectly round.



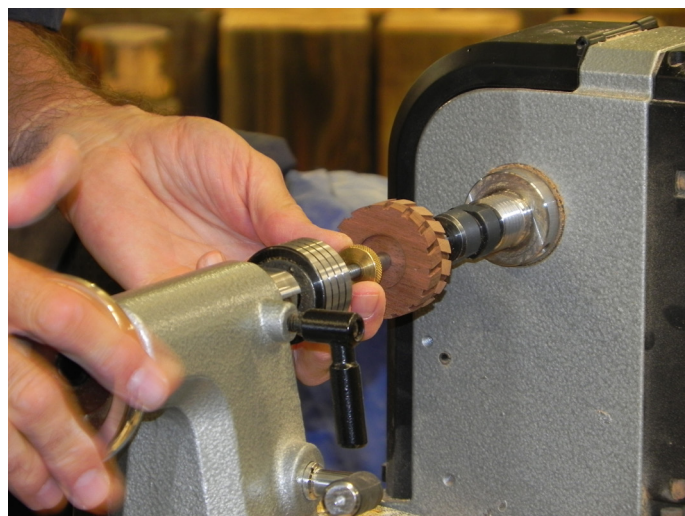
November Program:



David uses double stick tape to secure wheel before turning a hub.



A scraper makes removal easier.



Mounting the wheel in a pen mandrel to finish wheel details.

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



Flint Hills Woodturners **Ya Gotta Eat!**

Friday, December 22

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>



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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.

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Flint Hills Woodturners Program and Events

November 21	Skill Enhancement 7:00 – 9:30 PM	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
December 3	Monthly Meeting Holiday Ornaments, Part 2	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
December 19	Skill Enhancement 7:00 – 9:30 PM	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
December 22	Ya Gotta Eat! Noon	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
January 7	Monthly Meeting Back to the Basics: Spindle Turning	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
February 4	Monthly Meeting Turn a natural-edge bowl	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.

