



Natural Edge Bowls

Dennis Biggs will turn a natural edge bowl from a blank that was roughed out in March 2016. Almost all of the pieces he turns are from local wood, roughed into shape and finished 6-12 months later.

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The Call of the Lathe – February 2017

What a meeting we had in January. That may have set a record within FHW for attendance. Clearly, we are growing because we are providing something to the public which is interesting and fun. At least that is why I keep coming.

Your response to my challenge for Beads of Courage boxes which we can take to the AAW Symposium in June is already underway. I know of two of you who have made or are making boxes. I would love to take down to Kansas City a number of boxes equal to the number of members we have. I know that some of you will not be able to make these boxes so would ask that others of you make more than one. Ernest White delivered one a couple days ago and it is beautiful. You'll see it at Show and Tell. Let's not wait until the last minute and then have to scramble to meet our goal. **Our target date for collection of these boxes is our June meeting but stragglers can still get them to me by the 17th.**

We have been looking for a new place to meet. I love having the meetings at my shop and that has been working just fine, except that we now seem to be starting to outgrow the place. Unfortunately, you have to bring a chair to each meeting but if you bring a smaller chair, there will be more room for everyone. But the main reason is that I don't want FHW to be dependent on me for a place to meet. We can always meet here if need be but if something happens to me, the club will suddenly need to find a new place.

So we are planning ahead. And we think that we may have found a suitable location where we can hold our monthly meetings. It has parking, restrooms, chairs(!), a place for our coffee pot, TVs, and easy accessibility for everyone. We would need to haul in and set up our gear each month but that is OK. The benefits seem to outweigh the disadvantages so we'll try it out and see how it works for us. We may try it out as early as our March meeting but may put it off a little longer as we continue to search for other options to give ourselves the best we can find. We'll keep you posted.

Please wear your name tag to meetings or make one when there. It is so much easier to learn our fellow woodturners' names that way.

Skill Enhancement in January was keyed to the January demo on spindle turning. Both SE sessions focused on spindles and those who came learned to use the spindle roughing gouge, the spindle gouge, and the dreaded skew. I think all five of those who were here were quite surprised at how easy the skew was to use and how useful it actually is. For Feb, we will return to an open shop format in which you can bring and work on whatever you want. Because of other obligations, Feb will only have one SE night. March and April may turn out to be the same but we'll let you know. In the meantime, be safe and have a great time at the lathe.

—Tom Boley, President



Meeting Minutes — January 7, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Flint Hills Woodturners began at 9:00 a.m., January 7, 2017 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. Members David Delker, Nile Larson, Ray Case, Randy Zelenka, Joe Beck, Tom Boley, Victor Schwarz, Peter Dorhout, Dennis Biggs and Don Baker, Vaughn Graber and Ned Gatewood shared their recent work.

Officers' Reports:

President: Tom Boley welcomed several guests to today's meeting: Victor Schwarz, Kent Byrd and Jim Osborn. Tom reminded everyone January is the start of the membership year, and dues are \$35 payable to the treasurer.

Thirty-five members attended today's meeting; possibly a new record!

Tom told of a generous donation to the club by an anonymous donor. A letter of appreciation and acknowledgement of our 501(c)(3) status has been sent to the donor.

Tom expressed our need to find in the future another meeting place and urged members to keep an eye out for a suitable place.

Flint Hills Woodturners endeavors to serve the community, such as contributing bowls to the Manhattan Homecare and Hospice fundraising auction in which our bowls raised \$899. Tom encouraged members to participate this year by making a box for the American Association of Woodturners' Beads of Courage program. Children with severe illnesses receive a woodturner's box in which they place a Bead of Courage in the box each time they undergo a medical procedure for his or her illness. See <http://www.beadsofcourage.org/> for details. Tom told the story of a proud father who last year brought 14 pounds of these small beads to the AAW Symposium, each one received by his daughter for a procedure she had undergone.

Vice President: Ray Case has membership cards for those who have paid their dues.

Secretary: No report

Operations: Randy Zelenka reminded members of the value of becoming a member of the American Association of Woodturners, including the great educational resources it offers. Randy also mentioned our mentoring program, whereby members of our club can work with another member in developing their skills.

Vice President: No report

Treasurer: No report

Programs Director: David Delker said next month's program will be by Dennis Biggs presenting turning natural-edged bowls, Tips and Tricks will be Kevin Dix, who will share his methods for clamping segmented sections. For future programs, David suggested someone give a presentation on segmented turning, and he also invited members to make future presentations.

Newsletter: Nothing to report

Shawn McMahon was a guest at today's meeting and represented the upcoming American Association of Woodturners Symposium in Kansas City, June 22-25. Shawn encouraged FHW members to attend the Symposium and to volunteer; 3,200-volunteer hours are needed for the three day event. He talked about the many things the Symposium has to offer, and asked members to participate in the Beads of Courage program and suggested a visit to the Instant Gallery where for the cost of admission to the Gallery (\$25) a visitor can take home a woodturner's bowl.

At the monthly raffle, Randy Zelenka, Peter Dorhout, (someone in a purple hat), Kevin Dix, Bob Holcombe, and Dan Zeller won valuable prizes.

Tom Boley reminded members about Skill Enhancement sessions, which are usually held twice a month, from 7 to 9:30 pm. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own tools and wood and make a \$5 donation. This year some of the sessions will have a specific focus, such as in January the focus will be spindle turning.

The next Flint Hills Woodturning meeting will be Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works.

— Ned Gatewood

From the Program Director:

February Program:

This month's demonstrator will be Dennis Biggs, who will demonstrate how to turn a log into a natural edge bowl. His presentation will include wood selection, cutting the bowl blank from the log, chucking methods, and how to turn the bowl while keeping the bark intact. (While he may not admit that it happens to him, I'll bet he can also tell us how to recover when the bark falls off)!

Our Tips and Tricks presenter this month will be Kevin Dix, who will share his technique for clamping segmented sections. What, you don't know anything about segmented turning? We will have a full program on segmented turning coming in March!

Future Programs:

We are looking forward to some great presentations this year! Vaughn Graber will demonstrate techniques for making a segmented bowl at the March meeting, and Randy Zelenka will give a Tips and Tricks presentation on chasing threads.

Since our "birthday party" in late March will be so close to our regular April meeting date, our April meeting time slot will become a skills enhancement session. We will discuss more details about that session at our next meeting.

In May our featured presenter will be Garth Renken, a member of the Kansas Association of Woodturners (KAW) club in Topeka. Garth will be demonstrating applications of the indexing feature found on many lathes.

Beyond May, there are several topics that we will cover. Some of the ideas still in the planning stages are chucking methods, lidded boxes, platters, finishing techniques, and many more. Please let me know if you have additional 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



The Flint Hills Woodturners Helps a Family in Need

The Flint Hills Woodturners recently lent a hand to a family that lost its house and all of its possessions in the May 25, 2016 tornado near Chapman, Kansas.

They lost everything, everything that is, except a small piece of furniture, a vanity that was as family heirloom. This single remaining possession, though severely damaged, became in the days to follow the touchstone of their past and a symbol of their determination to carry on and rebuild their lives.

The family, a military family, contacted another military family, the Everts in Manhattan, who have a small furniture restoration and finishing business, Allee Cat Designs. Allison Everts, owner of the business, offered to restore the vanity, but it needed new legs. Allison contacted Flint Hills Woodturners seeking help.

Flint Hills Woodturners replaces eight legs on the vanity and Allee Cat Designs restored the antique to its former glory. This antique now has fond meaning and brings back wonderful family memories that will be cherished for many years to come.

— Ned Gatewood



Shaun McMahon visits FHW

Shaun McMahon from the Kansas City Woodturners spoke at the January meeting about the up coming AAW Symposium in Kansas City, June 23 - 25. Shaun is the primary guy with KCWT who is organizing the volunteer corps from Kansas City area clubs to support the symposium.

Browse the links below to find volunteer opportunities and sign up.

<http://www.woodturner.org/?page=2017Volunteer>

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.



Randy Zelenka



Nyle Larson



Ned Gatewood



Don Baker



Dennis Biggs



Peter Dorhout



Tom Boley (2)



Show & Tell



Ray Case (2)



David Delker



Vaughn Graber (2)



Joe Beck

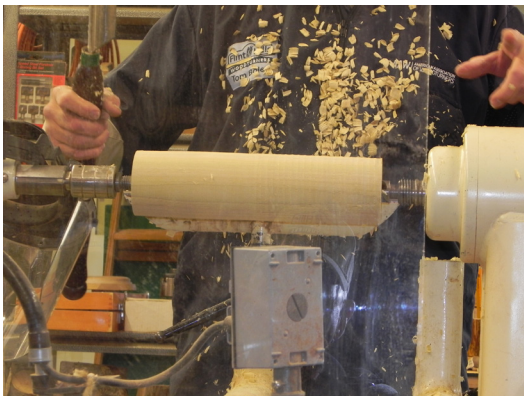


Victor Schwarz (2)



January Program:

For this month's program, Tom Boley gave a thorough presentation of spindle turning, including the techniques and tools needed to develop good skills for creating various spindle forms such as coves and beads. Tom covered which tools are best used for spindle turning and the correct way to sharpen 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.



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Flint Hills Woodturners **Ya Gotta Eat!**

Friday, 17th

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**

Be a symposium volunteer!

The success of every Symposium is due in part to the many individuals who volunteer for a variety of tasks before and during the event. Many volunteers for the Kansas City Symposium are already at work. If you plan to attend the Symposium this year, please support this vital effort. The greatest need is for demonstrator assistants, aids in the Youth Room, and help in the Instant Gallery. Even two hours of your time will be appreciated. Sign up to volunteer today.

Go to the link below to browse volunteer opportunities and sign up.

<http://www.woodturner.org/?page=2017VolunteerPage2>



**SWAT Woodturning Symposium
August 25-27, 2017
Waco Convention Center, Waco, Texas**

For more information visit: www.swaturners.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

January 19	Ya Gotta Eat! Noon	Little Apple Brewing Company
January 26	Skill Enhancement 7:00 – 9:30 PM	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
 February 4	Monthly Meeting Dennis Biggs: Natural Edge Bowls	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
February 20	Skill Enhancement 7:00 – 9:30 PM	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
 March 4	Monthly Meeting Vaughn Graber: Segmented Turning	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
March 26	FHW annual potluck	
 April 1	Monthly Meeting Skill Enhancement	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
 May 6	Monthly Meeting Garth Renken: lathe indexing its applications	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.

