



Tips and Tricks

The July program will be a team effort, consisting of several club members sharing their favorite tips and techniques for making time spent in the shop more productive and fun! This will be our second-annual "Tips and Tricks" program, in which anyone can share a favorite woodturning tip, trick, or technique. Here are the presenters who have signed up so far and the topics they will present:

- Victor Schwarz: "Using wooden plugs to decorate a bowl," and "How I prepare to go to the shop to make a segmented bowl."
- Nyle Larson: "Breathing masks."
- Terry Schmidt: "Sharpening bandsaw blades."
- Ross Hirst: "Bowl bottom thickness jig."
- David Delker: "Workbench drawer organization."
- Barbara Drolet: "Preventing Forstner bits from sticking."
- Joe Beck: "Power sanding disks."
- Tom Boley: "Live center fittings," "Circle templates," and several more.

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The Call of the Lathe – July 2017

As I write this for our newsletter, the American Association of Woodturners annual symposium has yet to occur but this year it is in Kansas City. It is an amazing gathering of woodturners from all over the country and many foreign countries, too. With nearly a million demonstrations on all kinds of woodturning projects and row after row of tables on which are displayed dozens and dozens of examples of turned wood art, it is an excellent opportunity to be awed and inspired by our fellow woodturners. We will have a few minutes during our July business meeting to talk about the symposium. I am very interested in hearing from those who attended what your impressions were, what you learned, and what inspiration you may have gotten.

Summer weather is here. I thought I'd mention it in case you hadn't noticed daytime temperatures in the nineties. That sure makes for uncomfortable turning in the garage. I know. My shop was in the garage for a long time. My shop here is nearly always available to you if you want to come out and do some of your turning in a cooler environment. Just let me know.

Many thanks to David Delker for his untiring devotion to scheduling outstanding programs for us at our monthly meetings. June brought Tom Shields, our Treasurer, who demonstrated turning a tray from a thin piece of wood such as you may find at Home Depot or Menard's. Chucking in the traditional way may use up too much of the thickness of the wood, thus rendering the finished product too thin. So Tom showed us how to use double faced tape to hold the piece on a 6" faceplate while turning both the bottom and then the top. Remember, my challenge was for you to give it a try yourself and bring one to Show and Tell in July.

But the July program will be one not to miss as this is our annual Tips and Tricks. That is always a good program because there are so many of what Judi calls GTKs out there -- Good To Knows. Sharing our ideas of how to do what we do is one of the great strengths of Flint Hills Woodturners and woodturners in general. July this year will just be a concentration of great ideas all presented within about an hour or so at the July meeting. Bring paper and pencil.

— Tom Boley, President



It has become tradition for attendees at the annual American Association of Woodturners national symposia to make and bring lidded boxes to donate to the Beads of Courage program. This program provides these containers for children who are hospitalized for extended periods to collect and store the beads they are given each time they undergo some procedure. Flint Hills Woodturners has donated the boxes pictured here to the Kansas City symposium. More boxes not pictured were delivered by members attending the symposium. For all who participated in making these boxes, well done and thank you for the love you have shared with those children.

Meeting Minutes — June 3, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Flint Hills Woodturners began at 9:00 a.m., June 3, 2017 at Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, 4025 Walnut Creek Drive, Wamego, Kansas. President Tom Boley called the meeting to order.

The meeting began with Show and Tell. Members Randy Zelenka, Tom Shields, David Delker, Terry Schmidt, Ray Case, Robert Kloppenborg and Tom Boley shared their recent work.

Officers' Reports:

President: Tom Boley welcomed our guests today: Terry Schmidt, Greg Paine, and Matt Schindler. Tom encouraged these guests to join the Flint Hill Woodturners club. As the year progresses, dues are reduced \$5 per quarter. Club members receive from Woodcraft a 10% discount on in-store purchases and members have access to our large library of books and CDs. New members can gain new turning skill at the once or twice a month Skill Enhancement sessions held at the Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works. The cost of each session is \$5 to cover the cost of equipment replacement. Tom encouraged members to attend the American Association of Woodturners' Symposium in Kansas City, June 22 – 25. He reminded members the Symposium's Trade Show, the Exhibitions and Galleries, and the Benefit Auction are free to attend and open to the public. Tom has available AAW Symposium raffle tickets for \$5 each. He encouraged members to buy tickets for a Powermatic and a Jet lathe being auctioned and consider buying one in the FHW's name for the club's benefit. Also, Tom has notified the members of a tool auction on June 11 at 2:30 to 5:00; a large number of woodworking tools will be available.

Vice President: Ray Case announced we have a new Facebook page and suggested members take a look.

Secretary: no report

Treasurer: Tom Shields announced we currently have \$3,620.78 in the treasury. It was noted Woodcraft sells us items for our raffle at cost plus 25%, which amounts to a big savings. We should thank those at the Kansas City Woodcraft store for their generosity the next time we shop there.

Program Director: David Delker reported today's demonstration will be Tom Shields making trays from boards $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick. The July demonstration will be a return of the previously popular Tips and Tricks where various members present an assortment of woodturning insights and ideas. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those wanting to participate. David also noted the August demonstration date is still open and he asked for volunteers. David announced AAW's 2018 Segmented Woodturners Symposium will be held in St. Louis October 11– 14, 2018. Famed segmented turner Malcolm Tibbetts will be attending.

Operations: no report

Randy Zelenka thanked Ross Hirst, Nyle Larson, Steve Bietau, and Tom Shields for their participation in the Discovery Center's May 20 Flint Hills Festival.

Tom Boley suggested a president's challenge for next month. Members are challenged to make a tray and bring it to the July meeting for show and tell. More information is to come.

At this month's raffle, Tom Boley, Steve Bietau, Robert Kloppenborg, Greg Paine, Joe Beck, Ned Gatewood, Butch Wichman won valuable prizes.

The next Flint Hills Woodturning meeting will be Saturday, July 1, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works.

— Ned Gatewood, Secretary

From the Program Director:

July Program: “Tips and Tricks”

The July program will be a team effort, consisting of several beginner, intermediate, and advanced woodturners: namely, YOU! That’s right, this will be our second-annual “Tips and Tricks” program, in which anyone can share a favorite woodturning tip, trick, or technique. This is a chance to share your ideas, gadgets, and tool techniques that you find useful in your shop. All members are encouraged to bring a tip or technique (or several) they would be willing to share. Even if you don’t think your idea is that special, it might be something that others have never seen and would be interested in learning.

Your tips and tricks can take the form of a “show and tell” presentation or you may wish to demonstrate how to perform a tricky cut on the lathe (did someone say “skew?”). Ideal topics are ones that can be covered in 5-15 minutes, but longer ones or shorter ones would be welcome, too. Here are some example topics to stimulate your thinking process:

- How to make a custom grind on a gouge
- Tricks for turning thin spindles
- Lathe safety
- Your favorite finishing technique
- Organizing your workplace
- How to recover from your latest mistake
- Homemade chucks and jigs

We have a great group of presenters already signed up (see page 1), but there is room in the program for more! Send your ideas to me (program@flinthillswoodturners.org) so I can add your name to our list of presenters! If our presenters get long-winded and we run out of time, you’ll have a chance to present at a future meeting.

Future Programs:

We have several great programs in store for us in future months! Our August program will focus on making toy tops. Bob Holcombe and Randy Zelenka will demonstrate several top-making techniques that will be just in time for making tops for “giveaways” at our public demonstration at the Pumpkin Patch Arts and Crafts Fair in October and for holiday gift-giving.

The September program will feature Tom Boley demonstrating how to turn a banksia seed pod. Banksia seed pods are the fruit of a tree native to Australia and New Guinea. If you haven’t seen one, do a Google search to discover how they can be turned (pun intended) into something special!

October’s program will focus on unique finishing techniques. Included in the program will be Rusty Smith showing us how he uses an iridescent finish to enhance his woodturning projects.

Feel free to contact me if you have something you would like to demonstrate (or to see demonstrated) at a future meeting. I would be happy to visit with you and help you develop your idea into an excellent program!

— David Delker, Program Director.

Show & Tell



Tom Boley



Robert Kloppenborg



Tom Shields



David Delker



Randy Zelenka (2)



Terry Schmidt



Ray Case

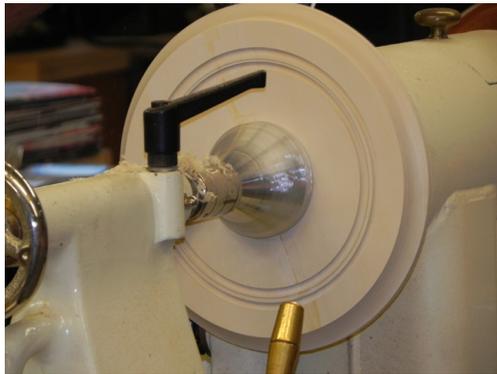
June Program: Tom Shields

This month's demonstration was given by Tom Shields on turning wooden trays, a skill he learned at the John C. Campbell Folk School earlier this year. Tom used a ¾" thick board for his work and noted ¾" wood in a variety of species can be obtained at Menards, Home Depot, or other local lumber yards. Tom glued-up two six-inch wide boards, and rough turned on the band saw a disk approximately 12" in diameter. Next, the blank was mounted on the lathe's faceplate using double sided adhesive tape. He uses tape instead of making a tenon or recess as either would consume a large portion of the ¾" board thickness. Double sided tape intended for wood turners is best as other tapes such as carpet tape won't hold adequately and can be dangerous. Also, he used only two strips of tape for trays of about twelve inch diameter; more tape is not necessary and separating the tray from the faceplate becomes very difficult if more tape is used. He trued-up the tray's edge, formed a foot on the tray to make picking up the tray easier when used, flattened the bottom, formed a decorative bottom edge on the perimeter, and then sanded the tray's bottom. The tray was then turned around and mounted again on the faceplate. Using a bowl gouge and a scraper, Tom recessed the tray's top surface to produce a tray approximately ¼" thick and made a decorative top edge on the tray perimeter. The tray was then sanded while still on the lathe.

— Ned Gatewood, Secretary



June Program: Tom Shields



Trees of Northeast Kansas

Black Locust

Janka Hardness: 1,700

The color of Black Locust can vary from pale greenish yellow to a dark brown, and the wood tends to darken with age. The grain is generally straight and of medium texture. It sometimes is confused with Honey Locust and Osage-Orange. It is very dense and hard, therefore it can be hard to work with hand tools though it responds well to turning on the lathe. It finishes well. It is very hard and therefore has utilitarian uses such as fence posts, and railroad ties.



The **Janka hardness test** measures the resistance of a sample of wood to denting and wear. It measures the force required to embed an 11.28 millimetres (0.444 in) diameter steel ball halfway into a sample of wood. A common use of Janka hardness ratings is to determine whether a species is suitable for use as flooring.

This number is incredibly useful in directly determining how well a wood will withstand dents, dings, and wear—as well as indirectly predicting the difficulty in nailing, screwing, sanding, or sawing a given wood species.

Examples are: Balsa—70; Douglas Fir—660; Black Walnut—1,010; Osage Orange—2,040.



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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!**

Wednesday, July 12th

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

715 Tuttle Creek Blvd, Manhattan

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>

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

June 15	Skill Enhancement 7:00 – 9:30 PM	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
 July 1	Monthly Meeting 2nd annual All Tips and Tricks	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
July 10	Skill Enhancement 7:00 – 9:30 PM	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
July 12	Ya Gotta Eat! Noon	Olive Garden
 August 5	Monthly Meeting Making toy tops	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
August TBA	Skill Enhancement 7:00 – 9:30 PM	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
 September 2	Monthly Meeting Tom Boley: turning a banksia seed pod	TBA
September TBA	Skill Enhancement 7:00 – 9:30 PM	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
 October 7	Monthly Meeting Rusty Smith: unique finishing techniques	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.

