

Flint Hills Woodturners

Manhattan, Kansas

<http://flinthillswoodturners.org>

May 2018

Flint Hills Woodturners meet the first Saturday of each month in the workshop of Golden Prairie Honey Farm, 8859 Green Valley Drive, Suite 4, Manhattan, KS. Come around to the rear of the building and look for the Flint Hills Woodturners sign on the door. The meeting will start at 9:00am with Show and Tell but members start gathering a little after 8 for coffee, donuts, and a lot of information sharing. Please join us. Our next meeting will be 5 May 2018.

May 2018 Meeting

Bob Holcombe, our erstwhile newsletter editor, will present a program on spoons and scoops. Come get “the scoop” in person on May 5th.

The Call of the Lathe

I know this is not the newsletter you expected but we should have our new web site up and running by the end of May and that will replace our newsletter. Our newsletter editor, Bob Holcombe, has retired from the newsletter as he will soon retire from Kansas State where he has had access to the software he has used to produce those amazing newsletters every month for three years. I have seen a lot of woodturning club newsletters over the years and the ones Bob produced for us have been by far the best of the lot. We owe Bob a huge THANK YOU for all his time, effort, thought, and skill which he put into each and every newsletter. It has been a real pleasure for me having him on the Board. In recognition of his outstanding efforts with our excellent newsletter these past three years and in accordance with our Bylaws, the Board has unanimously decided to award Bob with our first Lifetime Membership in Flint Hills Woodturners.

Many thanks to all of you for your three years of participation in the effort to establish and grow Flint Hills Woodturners. It has been a great success as we now have a larger space and our own full size lathe on which we can do our demonstrations at meetings. We just celebrated that three years with our annual potluck birthday party with about fifty members and family. I love potlucks because everyone brings their best dishes. Show and Tell at our annual potluck is usually more Show than Tell but our families get to see some of the great things you all make on the lathe. Thank you to everyone who made it work and a special thanks to Carolyn Dorhout who made those outstanding table

centerpieces. Those were really cool and a big addition to each table. We did not do the prize drawing that evening for reasons explained in the grey box below so read there how we'll make it up. That was a mighty enjoyable evening for Judi and me and I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did.



As we start our fourth year, we should look ahead to goals for the year. I would certainly like to see us continue our outreach to the community in both public demonstrations of our craft as well as giving to the community through donations of our turned wood products to worthy charities. We should be thinking about expanding our Skill Enhancement with a second Delta Midi lathe. I would like to see Skill Enhancement begin to focus from time to time on specific skills such as spindle turning, hollowing, pen making, and other specialized aspects of our craft in addition to working on whatever you wish when you come out. We have some pretty skilled instructors who come to Skill Enhancement for you so taking advantage of their time is a big benefit of membership. I would also like to see a group of us visit two other woodturning clubs this calendar year. There is a lot of advantage in that because we see how other clubs function and what their members are making, all of which can inspire us. I would like to get more of you on the lathe. I know there are some who rarely or even never turn wood because you don't think you are good enough or just because it has been so long since you did so and are hesitant because you are rusty. Maybe this year we can help you fix that. Finally, I think this is the year we can start to bring in outside and well known woodturners as demonstrators. We have held off because of the cost but we now seem to be sufficiently financially stable that we can give that some serious consideration. I am excited about 2018 and all it can bring for FHW.

So, it's SPRING! Throw open the garage or shop door and make something round.

Tom Boley

Oops!

*One of the big events at our annual birthday party for FHW is giving away something which we normally see in the raffle. We have done that once in a row now, having started that last year at our 2nd Birthday party. Well, I just didn't get the raffle tickets from the bee shop in time nor did I remember to bring the prize to the dinner. SO, let's make up for that. I have written the name of **each member who attended the dinner** on a small slip of paper and at our May meeting, we'll have someone draw one name from the pot. That person will have the choice of a curved scraper or an 1/8" parting tool. The other item will become part of the raffle prizes for that meeting. I hope everyone who attended the dinner will be at the meeting. Otherwise, if the winner is not present, I will pick for you but may not get the tool you prefer. If you know you can't be there, tell me ahead of time by e-mail which you would prefer and if your name is drawn, that is the one you'll get. E-mail me at tboley10@gmail.com for your preference.*

Minutes of the April 7, 2018 Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Flint Hills Woodturners began at 9:00 a.m., April 7, 2018 at the Golden Prairie Honey Farms, located at the Green Valley Industrial Park, [8859 Green Valley Drive, Manhattan Kansas](#).

Vice President Ray Case called the meeting to order.

The meeting began with Show and Tell. Don Baker, Victor Schwarz, Randy Zelenka, Peter Dorhout, Robert Kloppenborg, David Delker, Ned Gatewood, Vaughn Graber, Melissa McIntyre, and Tom Shields shared their recent woodturning work with the club.

Officers' Reports:

Vice President: Ray welcomed first time visitors Brad Hopper, Norm Wheeler, and Jeannette Kloppenborg (Robert's wife). We now have a new, full size lathe and Ray encouraged demonstrators to become familiar with it. Ray reminded members of our 3rd anniversary potluck dinner at Faith Evangelical Free Church, [1921 Barnes Road, Manhattan](#), on April 28 beginning with hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 and dinner at 6:15. The club will provide the main meat dish, drinks, and tableware. Each family is asked to bring something as follows: last names A-C hors d'oeuvres, D-G salads, H-R side dishes and S-Z desserts. Please bring some recent woodturnings to share so other family members can see what we do.

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: Tom Shields reported the club spent \$250 this month and there is \$4,246 in the treasury.

Operations Director: Steve Bietau announced FHW participated in Meet the Makers on March 19 at the Flint Hills Discovery Center and we had 400 visitors. We will participate at the Discovery Center's Flint Hills Festival on May 19, and volunteers are needed. We will be participating in Pumpkin Patch on October 5 and 6.

Program Director: Dennis Biggs announced this month's program will be Steve Bietau demonstrating developing basic spindle turning skills, and the May program will be Bob Holcombe demonstrating the making of turned scoops. Ray Case will be demonstrating how to make three corner objects at the June meeting. Topics for upcoming programs will be sharpening and turning a bowl with a twist.

Demonstration: This month's demonstration by Steve Bietau was entitled Drills for Skills with Steve encouraging turners to practice their woodturning skills in order to become better turners. Steve began his demonstration by thanking Tom Shields and Tom Boley for helping and encouraging him at the club's Skill Enhancement sessions, which lead him to practice and develop his turning skills. Steve reminded members the Skill Enhancement sessions offered twice a month are a great opportunity to learn from excellent teachers in a one-on-one teaching environment. Steve said good information, practice, and measured performance are three important elements to developing good turning skills. The club has a great library full of good information as does the internet; practice must be disciplined, and then you can experiment with expanding your techniques; and finally, "when performance is measured, performance improves". In spindle turning, practice bead and cove making first and then expand into other spindle forms. He pointed out that making the first of many repeated spindles is the easy part; making subsequent matching spindles, now, that's the hard part.

Raffle: Robert Kloppenborg, Kevin Dix, Lisa Zeller, Dennis Biggs, Victor Schwarz, Don Baker, Dave Davis, Ross Hirst, and Joe Beck won valuable prizes.

The next Flint Hills Woodturning meeting will be on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Golden Prairie Honey Farms, located at the Green Valley Industrial Park, [8859 Green Valley Drive, Manhattan](#).

Ned Gatewood, Secretary

Show and Tell in April



Dennis Biggs



Tom Shields



Vaughn Graber



Don Baker



Joe Davis



Randy Zelenka



Ned Gatewood



Peter Dorhout



Victor Schwarz



Victor Schwarz



Robert Kloppenborg



Melissa McIntyre

Important Dates

May 5, 9:00am	Monthly meeting – Bob Holcomb will demo spoons and scoops	Golden Prairie Honey Farm
May 14, 7:00pm	Skill Enhancement	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works 4025 Walnut Creek Drive Wamego
May 17, Noon	Ya Gotta Eat -- a casual lunch between meetings with Show and Tell	Vista 1911 Tuttle Creek Blvd Manhattan
May 19, 10am - 5pm	Discovery Center's Flint Hills Festival public demonstrations by many groups. We will be there for our third year in a row.	Discover Center -- outside
May 24, 7:00pm	Skill Enhancement	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works
June 2, 9:00am	Monthly meeting – Ray Case three cornered bowl with a twist	Golden Prairie Honey Farm
July 7, 9:00am	Monthly meeting – TBD	Golden Prairie Honey Farm

June Demo Teaser

Our demonstrator for June will be Ray Case, our Vice President. Ray describes his June demo as follows: *For some, their budget allows them to afford all the latest and greatest tools in the shop. For others their budget doesn't. I know that it has taken me a number of years to put together the work shop and equipment that I have so far. One piece of equipment that is on my list still is a bandsaw. I often feel like I'm limited in what things I want to turn simply because I don't have that bandsaw yet. Well... our demonstration in June will show how you can still be creative and turn items even with equipment limitations. The demonstration will show how, from a simple log or wood cylinder, you can create a cube using the lathe only and then with that cube make a 3 corner bowl.*

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