

**December 2020**



**December 5th at 9am (early birds at 8:30am)**

**Virtual Zoom**

**Meeting with Live Interactive**

**Demonstration**



Long time  
club member  
Vaughn

Graber will plan on turning a 5 sided platter. He hopes to explain how to determine and show how



the sides are transposed onto the blank, how the blank is cut and then attempt to turn the platter.

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# December 2020 Presidential update

## Fellow Flint Hills Woodturners –

December marks a turning point for our club calendar. Our new officers will begin their terms at the start of the new year, and we all hope that 2021 will be better than what we've experienced in 2020. Our new president will provide a look into the new year with the January newsletter, so let me reflect on the past year with my December column.

The year started off well, with our club hosting our monthly meetings with wonderful attendance, engaging Show-and-Tell discussions from our members, and great demonstrations by our members and a few guests. Ray Case and the leadership team helped us through the early days of the pandemic by continuing our newsletters and developing a virtual gathering platform for us to host meetings.

We were introduced to club members' lathes, and even had a few virtual shop tours. A few of the members also created their own YouTube tutorials. We also expanded our capabilities in providing "live" demonstrations at club meetings by expanding our video capabilities. On top of including our own FHW members, we invited club members from around Kansas to join us while they learned from us about video demonstrations and holding virtual meetings. While we probably never intended to learn these skills, the creative nature of us woodturners inspired some of us "old dogs" to learn some new tricks.

This year marked another milestone for the Flint Hills Woodturners – we "celebrated" our 5-year anniversary. Founded in March, 2015, we were planning our annual celebration that was unfortunately derailed by the pandemic. With the emergence of a vaccine this winter, I hope the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will be twice as great!

This fall witnessed the club's second public art show at the Manhattan Arts Center, MAC. While struggling with the pandemic and its associated limitations on entertainment and art shows, the MAC invited the FHW to select work to be displayed for a month (late September through late October), and images from that show appeared in the November newsletter. A team of jurors, including several community members/artists, was selected and the club responded with over 100 pieces submitted for consideration. The MAC also featured several FHW members providing demonstrations as part of our club's mission to provide public outreach and education.

As the calendar turns another page, so do I. In January, Carolyn and I will be moving to Ames, Iowa, where I will take on a new position at Iowa State University and join a new woodturning club: Ames Area Woodturners (I'm waiting to learn which AAW came first). As long as we will continue to meet virtually, I hope to stay connected at the monthly meetings and offer my Safety Corner for your consideration. Special thanks to all the FHW member-volunteers who contribute time and talent to make our club a great place to socialize and learn new skills. The club is successful because you make it that way. Even if you are relatively new to woodturning or woodworking, each member can contribute to the meetings and success of the club by offering a little bit of your time and talent. Thank you.

Peter Dorhout  
President



# December's Virtual Meeting

**Zoom access link:**



Raymond Case is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: FHW Dec. club meeting

Time: Dec 5, 2020 08:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89407754914?pwd=T2FoQklUZjFTSjZnbW1YRVp5M0lvQT09>**

Meeting will be open for social time from 8:30am to 9:00am.

Club business meeting and announcements,

Live interactive demonstration given by Vaughn Graber,

Then we will have show and tell.

# Flint Hills Woodturners YouTube Channel



Flint Hills Woodturners  
27 subscribers

Check out the latest video that has been posted to the club channel. Subscribe to receive notice if a new video has been added to the site.

You, as members, are always welcome to make short or long videos that we can post to our channel. Just send an email to [rcase164@gmail.com](mailto:rcase164@gmail.com) letting me know about your video and we can get it posted.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-UiRWJGKcw&t=1s>



# Flint Hills Woodturners Suggestions



Fellow Woodturners,

As your new (as of next month) program chair, I ask for your opinion.

One of the positive developments from the virus is the online demo. Please send me your suggestions/requests for topics or the names of demonstrators you are particularly interested in seeing. I will do my best to secure them for one of our meetings.

The opportunity we have to learn and developed our turning skills through these demos is one of the best things about our club. The more of you I hear from, the better. Thanks for your continued interest/ involvement!

Steve





# Ya Gotta Eat

Wednesday Dec. 16th

Back room

**Noon**

Show and tell

welcome



# Home Gallery Show and Tell



Vaughn Graber

#218 Cherry vase with the center ring being made from scraps of laminated strips from other bowls. 4 1/2 in tall and 5 in dia. Finish is 2 coats of Old

Masters Wipe on Gel Poly.

Kokeshi Doll My doll collector wife saw this on Pinterest and guess what! The base and hat are Walnut. Leg and upper body are Maple. Dress is Cherry. The hat was turned separate and just sits on the head. The height is 8 inches. The doll was turned between centers. Once the doll was turned on center it was turned off center to get the upper body and lower body shapes. I put a mark on both the top and bottom of the blank 1/4 in on opposite sides of center. I used one mark for the upper body and the other for the lower body to get the shape I wanted. Finish is Tung Oil.



# Home Gallery Show and Tell

Mark Sodamann

My Covid project. Mr. Boley told me to get a 1/2 inch bowl gouge, so I did and have been practicing using it.





# Peter's Safety Corner



December has become the month for past reflections and for giving and receiving gifts. This December marks a point in my life when I need to pack up the shop and move to a new home. As I start to disassemble tools for packing and shipping, I'm very thankful for the library of operator's manuals that I've managed to stockpile over the years. Most provide some rudimentary assembly instructions, which I use for "disassembly". They also provide an important set of safety instructions.

Most of us are excited to receive a new tool for the Holidays, and there are any number of "hint dropping" strategies that we each employ in order to let our family or friends know what would be a special addition to the shop this year. Whether you subtly leave out your favorite catalog open to a particular page with an item circled or elect to add an item to your favorite web site "wish list", which somehow got emailed to your spouse, 'tis the season for giving hints.

When that new item arrives, take time to read through the safety manual with care in the hope that you don't spend a Holiday in the ER. Even if that item is an upgrade to something you already have, some of the safety features may be different from the tool you have.

One of the advantages to being a member of a club like the FHW is that you have a number of experienced members who may have some tips about using that new item. When in doubt, ask a member about her or his experience with something. Alternatively, if your gift is something that needs to be picked up at the store, like Woodcraft, the sales people should be able to answer your questions about setting up and safely using a tool. They may even have a class that will teach you a few new skills along with those safety features. No one is a fool for asking a question about safety, but the urgent care centers are filled with those who didn't.

Before beginning your work with a tool – new or old – take a moment to think about the safety features before you start. If it's been a while since you used it, be sure to test your technique on a piece of scrap wood before you sacrifice your rare/expensive wood. If you remember the Russian proverb that President Reagan often quoted to Premier Gorbachev, "doveryai, no proveryai," or "trust, but verify," apply that with your tools. Trust the safety features, but verify that you understand how they work.

Even if you are not preparing to move like me, take some time this Holiday season and refresh yourself on the safety features of some of your tools that you haven't used in a while. I hope you keep your manuals like me, but if you don't, you can always find a user manual online these days. The manuals are also a bonus if you want to sell a tool and buy a newer/bigger one – the buyers appreciate having them.

Stay safe – Peter

**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 Hills 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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Unless otherwise announced, meetings are held at 8859 Green Valley Drive, Suite #4, Manhattan KS Meetings start at 9:00am but come any time after 8:00am.

