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## Upcoming 2022 Club Events

- **Back to Basics "Bottle Stoppers"**
- **Special Guest Matt Monaco**  
(See Page 6 for details)

### MONACO BOWLS



Our company and our unique collection of original wood pieces is the creative expression of Master Craftsman Matt Monaco, a skilled artist designing and creating in the Ozark region of the Missouri southwest plains.

As a gifted woodturner, Matt has dedicated his craft to making the highest quality and affordable wood-turned products for collectors and all people who value the functionality, warmth and timeless beauty of wooden decor and unique wood pottery in their daily lives.

Matt's connection to nature and over 15 years of experience turning wood has allowed him the opportunity to explore the rigors of creating a skill that translates the splendor of nature in a way that offers his craftsmanship to homeowners, gallery buyers, museum stores and commissioned work opportunities for interior designers as well. Sharing the timeless beauty of nature with his turned wood original designs is Matt's way of keeping the magic of the earth in our homes, our businesses and our lives.

- **Learning your Woods**

Wood Identification by: Dr. Charles Barden

Submissions, suggestions or questions please email to: [fhwpresident@gmail.com](mailto:fhwpresident@gmail.com)

**Back to Basic Series  
Natural Edge Bowls**

**February 19th  
IRD by: Dennis Biggs**



Pictured are a wet green bowl blank, a dry rough turned bowl and a finished live edge bur oak crotch bowl. I will try to walk (turn) you through my process of making these. This live, but virtual demo will be for our February meeting.





# President's State-of-the-Club Report

## Inspiration!

I just read survey results in which people in the U.S. rated January and February as their least-favorite months. Perhaps the crummy weather has something to do with that, or it may be that people feel let down after the holidays. I was feeling rather down recently myself, as I started gathering the piles of paperwork with which to file my income tax return.

Luckily, my attitude improved significantly when I set aside the paperwork and returned to the workshop after a few weeks of inactivity. What inspired me? It was our recent interactive remote demonstration by Rudy Lopez on turning thin-stemmed goblets. I chose a relatively warm day to tromp around in the backyard to find the perfect limbs to turn into goblets. I'm pleased to report that 100% of my goblets were successful. O.K., I only turned two of them, but I'm still pleased!

That simple exercise taught me several things:

- I learned how to keep the thin goblet stem from oscillating by fastening the bowl of the goblet to the tailstock and then putting the workpiece under tension, rather than compression.
- I got to practice my skew chisel technique

by refining the stem diameter to 1/8" with my trusty 1/2" micro skew chisel.

- I learned that sharp tools are a necessity when working with thin goblet stems.
- I learned that green goblet stems dry and distort rather quickly, so don't take a lunch break and expect to return after lunch (like I did) and find your creation to be the same as you left it.
- I learned that fuzzy bark on a Russian Olive branch can whack your fingers and leave little cuts that are not even noticeable until you wash your hands later.
- I learned that focusing on how to make the next cut with your lathe tool completely obliterates negative thoughts about the pandemic, income tax, politics, and other obstacles to enjoying life!

Anyway, I learned a lot and had fun with a new woodturning challenge, all because of another great demonstration our club provided. I'll share some photos of my finished pieces during our Show and Tell segment at our next meeting.

By the way, my income tax paper piles are still on the table where I left them. I've got plenty of time to finish that stuff, but first, my workshop is calling me!

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# President's State-of-the-Club Report Continued

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## Another Virtual Meeting

Yes, the Board members decided to meet virtually again for the February meeting.

Unfortunately, we are riding the crest of a wave of COVID cases right now. Some of that stems from holiday gatherings, more relaxed social interactions, and the fact that the Omicron variant is highly transmissible. In Saline County (where I live), there were 3,510 new cases reported in January, which broke the previous record set in December 2020 when there were just over 1,700 cases.

As I've said before, your club officers continue to monitor official health directives to determine when we can safely resume our pre-pandemic activities. We know that many of you or your loved ones are at high risk from COVID-19, and the decision to return to an in-person format will be made very carefully. In the meantime, we will continue to meet virtually, with a variety of demonstrations and other activities planned.

## Show and Tell Reminder

Don't forget that I challenged the January

demonstration participants to create some thin-stemmed goblets and show the results to the club. Even if you didn't tackle that project, please submit some photos of your recent work to share. Even if the project was a complete disaster, you may get some valuable advice from a fellow club member, and you may be able to help others learn from your mistakes. Send photos to me at [fhwpresident@gmail.com](mailto:fhwpresident@gmail.com).

## Conclusion

I look forward to learning, sharing, and enjoying woodturning along with you in 2022! Whether we meet in person or virtually, please know that you are an important part of a friendly and supportive family known as the Flint Hills Woodturners.

I hope you find inspiration to get back to your workshop!

David Delker

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# News from AAW

by Heather Marusiak



## AAW Bulletin, February 2022

### *A Round Up of News and Information from the American Association of Woodturners*

- AAW Presents: *From Penturning to Pen Making with Mark Dreyer and John Underhill*, February 19, 2022, 2:00pm CST
  - ◇ Join in a mini-master's program in pen making in less than two hours! Whether you're new to pen making or a seasoned veteran of the art, Mark Dreyer and John Underhill's inspiring session will feature something for you.
  - ◇ In this demonstration, Mark Dreyer will offer a complete overview of pen making and basic penturning. John Underhill will walk you through everything from beginning to end from setting up a casting area to handling the resin and casting your own blanks.  
\$10 for AAW members, \$15 for all others, preregistration required. To register, [click here](#).
- WIT Presents: *Tania Radda*, March 5, 3:00pm CST
  - ◇ Join WIT online for an energizing session with the remarkable Tania Radda who will share insights into her life, inspirations, and techniques.
  - ◇ Tania's work combines turning, carving, and the use of compressed wood to create work that is both fantastical and technically challenging.
  - ◇ FREE online event, preregistration required. To register, [click here](#).  
<http://www.taniaradda.com>
- Last call for entries for the 2022 AAW Member Exhibition
  - ◇ The theme for the member show is *Bridging the Gap: The Craft and Art of Turning*.
- Application period: January 1 to March 15, 2022, 11:59pm CST. All artists will be notified by March 31, 2022.
  - ◇ For full application details, please visit: [AAW Call for Entries](#)
- To become an AAW member, or to renew your AAW membership, please visit: [AAW Membership Home](#)



# Matt Monaco

We are thrilled to offer a fantastic guest demonstrator and two hands-on workshops to our members in April!

**Demo:** “Turning a Classic Rim Bowl” via Zoom April 16 during monthly club meeting \$10 fee for club members, \$15 for guests.

**Workshops:** “Turned Boxes” Friday, April 15 (Full Day) \$100 for FHW members.

“Fine Detailed Platters” Saturday Afternoon, April 16 (Half Day) \$50 for FHW members.

Both workshops will be held at Tom Boley’s shop 4025 Walnut Creek Dr, Wamego.

Matt is an excellent turner and one of the best young woodturning educators. To sign up, or if you have questions, contact Program Director Steve Bietau [sabietau@gmail.com](mailto:sabietau@gmail.com) or Treasurer Ross Hirst [ross.i.hirst@cox.net](mailto:ross.i.hirst@cox.net)

Matt Monaco operates a full time woodturning studio in the southwest region of Missouri, and makes dedicated collections, signature series vessels, and lidded containers for various industries in fine craft, the interior design industry, high end furniture trades, as well as for private collections using woods from the Ozark Mountain Range & select exotic species. Matt completed over 10,000 hours of trade work, and served an apprenticeship in the furniture trades in the Northeast U.S. making a few thousand bowls of varying design as well as platters, balustrades, hundreds of rolling

pins, furniture components and lidded containers. His training includes both assisting & working with acclaimed master Richard Raffan, and has become an indemand educator & demonstrator across the U.S. Matt is an appointed Ambassador to *Fine Woodworking Magazine*, is one of woodturning's new modern masters of tool control, and carries a strong desire to integrate the craft into future generations, and help to diversify the field of woodturning through value the future of handmade.

His website is [monacobowls.com](http://monacobowls.com)

# Ya Gotta Eat



**Thursday**

**March 2nd**

**Noon**

**Back room of  
Vista**

**Show and Tell  
Welcome**

# Flint Hills Woodturners YouTube Channel



Flint Hills Woodturners

90 subscribers

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2HZn0FA9r5EwcoRbubFArQ>



FHW 2021 Apr. Demonstration

Flint Hills Woodturners

1:30:17

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8XsGBPr68&list=PLAQEQuvfg2CgmLNkcJfBZK0n13ePKWbQE&index=7>



FHW 2021 May club Demonstration - Resin Casting

Flint Hills Woodturners

1:03:14

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENsHneoES\\_o&list=PLAQEQuvfg2CgmLNkcJfBZK0n13ePKWbQE&index=8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENsHneoES_o&list=PLAQEQuvfg2CgmLNkcJfBZK0n13ePKWbQE&index=8)



FHW 2021 June Demonstration - Sharpening

Flint Hills Woodturners

1:37:20

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPBA9LwGgsA&list=PLAQEQuvfg2CgmLNkcJfBZK0n13ePKWbQE&index=9>



FHW 2021 Aug. Demonstration Christmas Ornament

Flint Hills Woodturners

1:39:54

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0k8KZGiZ73s&list=PLAQEQuvfg2CgmLNkcJfBZK0n13ePKWbQE&index=10>

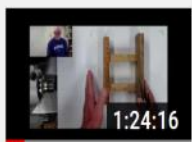


FHW 2021 Sept. Demonstration - Once turned green bowl

Flint Hills Woodturners

1:36:09

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GKrDI1ebzpU&list=PLAQEQuvfg2CgmLNkcJfBZK0n13ePKWbQE&index=11>



FHW 2021 November Demonstration - Segmented turning

Flint Hills Woodturners

1:24:16

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xp5JD61kyeo&list=PLAQEQuvfg2CgmLNkcJfBZK0n13ePKWbQE&index=12>



FHW December 2021 Demonstration - Photography for Woodturners

Flint Hills Woodturners

2:09:34

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZHlkdsBmg4&list=PLAQEQuvfg2CgmLNkcJfBZK0n13ePKWbQE&index=13>



# Flint Hills Woodturners Library

**Holdings, as of December 2021**

Please contact Librarian Joe Beck ([joe.beck@ksu.edu](mailto:joe.beck@ksu.edu)) for more information.

- 1 *Turning wood with Richard Raffan, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, by Richard Raffan*
- 2 *Turning boxes with Richard Raffan, by Richard Raffan*
- 3 *Woodturning, a Foundation Course, by Keith Rowley*
- 4 *Turning Projects, by Richard Raffan*
- 5 *Turning Wood with Richard Raffan, by Richard Raffan*
- 6 *Getting Started in Woodturning, published by AAW*
- 7 *Understanding Wood Finishing, by Bob Flexner*
- 8 *Turning Wood with Richard Raffan, by Richard Raffan*
- 9 *Turning for Food, by Nick Cook, DVD*
- 10 *Elegant Finials, by Cindy Drozda, DVD*
- 11 *Turning it up Vol. 1 w/ Jimmy Clewes, DVD*
- 12 *Turning it up Vol. 2 w/ Jimmy Clewes, DVD*
- 13 *Turning it up Vol. 3 w/ Jimmy Clewes, DVD*
- 14 *Turn it on Vol. 1 with Jimmy Clewes, DVD*

# Flint Hills Woodturners Library

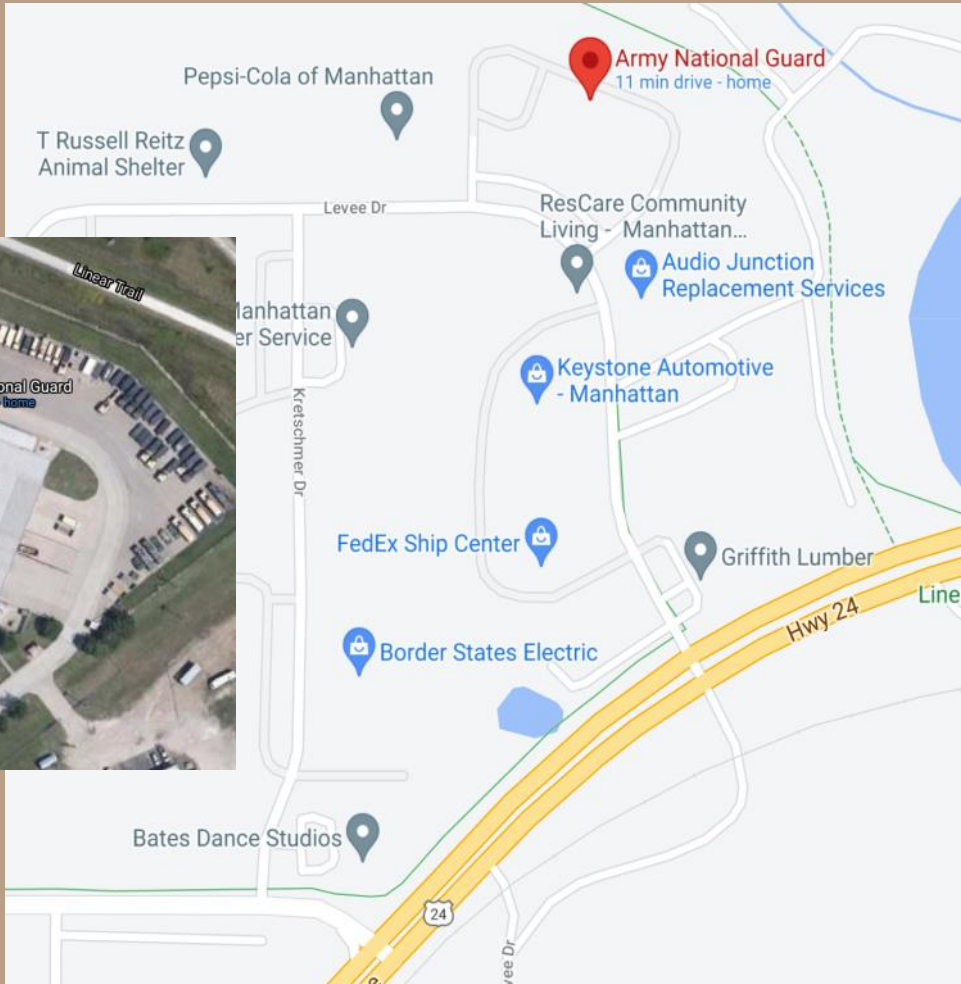
**Holdings, as of December 2021**

- 15 *Turn it on Vol. 2 with Jimmy Clewes, DVD*
- 16 *Turn it on Vol. 3 with Jimmy Clewes, DVD*
- 17 *The Art of Hosaluk in Wood Turning, by Michael Hosaluk DVD*
- 18 *Turnaround with Jimmy Clewes, Jimmy Clewes, DVD*
- 19 *Back to Basics with Jimmy Clewes, Jimmy Clewes, DVD*
- 20 *Bowl Turning, by John Jordan, DVD*
- 21 *Tips for Turners #3, by David Ellsworth, DVD*
- 22 *Turning wood with Richard Raffan, DVD*
- 23 *Turning Boxes with Richard Raffan, by Richard Rannan, DVD*
- 24 *Turning Bowls with Richard Raffan, by Richard Raffan, DVD*
- 25 *The Art of Turned Bowls, by Richard Raffan*
- 26 *The Art of Segmented Turning, by Malcolm Tibbetts*
- 27 *The Art of Segmented Turning, by Malcolm Tibbetts*
- 28 *Bandsaw Handbook, by Mark Duginske*

# Future Home of the Flint Hills Woodturners club



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**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. (AAW).

**We are meeting virtually by Zoom. If you would like more information about our club and its activities please visit**

**our website <https://>**

**[flinthillswoodturners.org](https://flinthillswoodturners.org)**

**or by email: [fhwpresident@gmail.com](mailto:fhwpresident@gmail.com)**

# AAW

# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

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.