



# Flint Hills


## WOODTURNERS

November 2022

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Woodturners have an immense choice when it comes to selecting and applying the “right” finish for their work. Please join us for some “spirited” demonstration and discussion.

**November Club Event**

# **Finishing Forum**

***With Steve Bietau, Dennis Biggs, Tom Boley***

November 19, 2022

Manhattan Army National Guard Building

8:30 AM Social Time, 9:00 AM Meeting Opens



# President's Corner

*by David Delker*

## November Meeting

Our November meeting will be on the **THIRD SATURDAY** of the month (**November 19**) in the National Guard Armory.

## November Annual Election

The following Board Members have agreed to run for office again for the 2023 club year:

President: David Delker  
Vice President: Joe Beck  
Secretary: Barbara Drolet  
Treasurer: Ross Hirst  
Operations Director: Tom Shields  
AAW Liaison: Heather Marusiak

We still lack a **Program Director** nominee, as Steve Bietau has decided to step away from that duty. We are still seeking someone to fill that position. Job duties of the Program Director include:

- Poll club members to determine appropriate demonstration topics for upcoming meetings.
- Recruit volunteer demonstrators from our own club membership.
- Solicit professional demonstrators (and related workshops) for in-person demonstrations and/or interactive remote demonstrations (IRDs), based on the available budget and needs of the club.

Please contact me or one of the other Board members if you are interested in being nominated for the Program Director position, or if you would like to suggest someone for that office. I held that position several years ago; Steve or I would be happy to visit with you if you would like to learn more about the job duties.

We hope that one or more of you will nominate yourself or someone else for the Program Director position. It's a great way to support the club and get acquainted with folks. Note that nominations will be accepted from the floor for Program Director or for any of the other elected positions, for that matter, at the upcoming meeting.



# President's Corner

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## **Thanks for Volunteering!**

During our October meeting several members volunteered and signed up for recurring duties at future meetings. A big “thank you” to each person who volunteered, but we still have a couple of “tech jobs” that need to be filled:

- Someone to upload and edit video files for use on website
- Someone to maintain our existing website

Don't worry. There would be ample training and coaching to help you take on those tasks. Let me know if you have questions about what those jobs entail!

## **On the Move Again!**

We've met in the Armory for many months now, but that space has not been ideal. Climate control has been poor, and access to the building has been problematic on several occasions. One of the biggest deficiencies has been the lack of internet access with which to connect virtually with our remote members and to take advantage of future interactive remote demonstrations (IRDs) and other online resources.

Since we resumed in-person meetings, our attendance has dwindled quite a bit. Pre-COVID we often had 40-some members in attendance. During the past few months, attendance ranged from 15 to 25. This pattern is not uncommon, as many woodturning clubs and other groups are experiencing similar declines.

Our smaller group size allows us to move temporarily back to Tom Boley's shop, which we left when we outgrew that space. We will continue to seek a more permanent home, but for now Tom's gracious offer to host our meetings will let us reconnect with our virtual members and focus on the future. Please give Tom a big “THANK YOU” for his gracious offer to use his shop space.

## **HELP WANTED!**

We plan to load up our equipment and supplies and move out of the Armory immediately following our November 19 meeting. We will move the lathe to Tom Boley's



# President's Corner

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and we will haul the audio and video equipment to Ray Case's house.

Tom will supply the flat-bed trailer on which to load the lathe. We will haul the remaining gear to Ray's house.

**We need several able-bodied volunteers to help load and unload equipment, as well as two or three pickup trucks. Please let me know if you are willing to help with the moving process!**

## **Future Meeting Dates**

The December meeting will be on December 17 at the usual 8:30 a.m. for social time, 9:00 a.m. meeting opening at Tom Boley's shop (4025 Walnut Creek Drive, Wamego, KS – we'll send you a map before the December meeting).

Meetings in 2023 will move to the **FIRST SATURDAY** of the month, starting on January 7, 2023. The "first Saturday" meeting pattern is what we followed for years, until we moved to the Armory. The first-Saturday meetings will be easier for folks to remember and those dates will avoid major holidays in 2023.

## **A Permanent Home**

As I mentioned previously, moving our meeting location to Tom's shop will be a temporary move. We need to continue our search for a permanent location that will accommodate 40 or 50 occupants, have adequate climate control, internet access, and space to store equipment between meetings. Please let me or one of the other officers know if you have any suggestions in or around Manhattan.

## **Conclusion**

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting on November 19! As always, I invite your feedback, questions, and suggestions. I may be reached at [fhwpresident@gmail.com](mailto:fhwpresident@gmail.com). In the meantime, enjoy some time in your shop and stay safe in all you do!

*-David Delker*



# WE'RE MOVING...



## ... AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**Immediately following** our November 19<sup>th</sup> club meeting at the Army National Guard building in Manhattan, please join us for a short haul as we move our club tools to Tom Boley's shop and AV equipment to Ray Case's house.

*Many hands make light work- thank you for your help!*





**NOVEMBER 19:  
FINAL MEETING AT  
THIS LOCATION**

## Flint Hills Woodturners

Army National Guard Armory  
721 Levee Drive  
Manhattan, KS 66502

8:30 AM Social Time, 9:00 AM Meeting Opens



**Our December meeting is to be held at Tom Boley's shop. Stay tuned for more details.**





# AAW Bulletin

News from the American Association of Woodturners

*by Heather Marusiak*

- **Holiday Vendor Showcase featuring Joe Fleming, Tod Raines, John Jordan, Steve Worcester, Lyle Jamieson, and Cindy Drozda**, Saturday, December 10 & 11, 2022, 3:00-5:00PM CT. [Click here for FREE registration.](#)
- **AAW Presents: Rebecca DeGroot**, Saturday, December 17, 2022, 2:00PM CT. [Click here to learn more.](#)
- **AAW 37th Woodturning Symposium, Louisville, KY, June 1-4, 2023.** Join woodturners from around the world for the valued symposium experience you look forward to. More than 100 compelling presentations and demonstrations over three-and-a-half days. Learn from world-class demonstrators. Evaluate and buy the latest equipment, tools, and supplies in the Trade Show. Make new woodturning friends! [More information and registration coming soon.](#)
- The AAW WIT (Women in Turning) Committee agrees that to further its mission to increase participation of women in the field of woodturning, it will work with chapters to help grow the number of women in AAW. Currently, women comprise less than 9% of AAW membership. To encourage women to join AAW, the WIT Committee offers a limited number of WIT-sponsored half- and full-price AAW memberships to women for a one-year, full "General" AAW membership. For more information, contact Heather Marusiak at [heather.marusiak@gmail.com](mailto:heather.marusiak@gmail.com)
- To become an AAW member, or to renew your AAW membership, please visit: [AAW Membership Home.](#)



# TIPS: WORKING SAFELY

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## Listen to Your Inner Voice

Working safely helps you to avoid accidents. Here is a tip that anyone can and should use as he or she begins the learning curve of woodturning. In fact it's a technique that, once mastered can be used very effectively in all walks of life.

This simple yet powerful technique can be summed up into a very simple statement, "Listen to your inner voice." This little voice is also known as intuition, instinct, insight, even precognition. It is a subtle but uncanny sense that something isn't quite right. Nine out of ten times a person will disregard this moment of odd feeling and nothing out of the ordinary happens and the feeling fades away. However, the one time that something does materialize out of that feeling, an accident may occur with disastrous unintended consequences.

Think back in your own experience. I'll bet you can remember a time when you or someone you know said something like this. "Ya know, I felt something was wrong just before..." Or perhaps you heard, "I should have listened to myself." Or, "I just knew something was going to go wrong." These are very common exclamations people make when telling the story of an accident they were involved in.

There is a reason why these statements are common. In order to bring this well-studied safety concept to the

forefront, so it may help you avoid an accident, you must accept one important assumption. ***These intuitive feelings are not random thoughts. There is a reason why these thoughts develop.*** Your job is to figure out what triggered these odd feelings. Fortunately, using this seemingly esoteric safety concept constructively is far easier than understanding the psychology of the concept itself.

Implementing your intuitive sense is simple. Just follow one simple rule. Any time you have an odd feeling that something isn't quite right. Stop the machinery immediately. Double check everything you are working on and with. Make sure everything is snug, sharp and in its proper place. Once you're confident all is well, then and only then proceed with your project. This routine only takes a few extra moments and you will be surprised how many times you actually find something that is amiss. Remember, woodturning is no fun if you're hurt.

***Stop the machinery immediately. Double check everything you are working on and with. Make sure everything is snug, sharp and in its proper place.***

~ Donald Derry  
Ellensburg, Washington

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by Donald Derry




The Flint Hills  
Woodturners  
are looking  
for our 2023  
Program  
Director.

**WE  
WANT  
YOU!!**

The Program Director recruits  
volunteer and professional  
demonstrators for in-person  
demonstrations and/or  
interactive remote  
demonstrations (IRDs).

Please consider volunteering.  
For more information:  
[fhwpresident@gmail.com](mailto:fhwpresident@gmail.com).





*“Skill Enhancement sessions provide an opportunity to spend a few hours with an experienced woodturner who can help guide you on whatever skills you are trying to enhance. Some need guidance on sharpening, others on turning bowls, and still others on boxes, hollowing, pens, bottle stoppers, and the like.”*

*-Tom Boley*

## **Skill Enhancement**

- Monday, November 28, 2022 at Tom Boley's shop
- 7:00 PM - 9:00/9:30 PM
- \$5 donation requested for shop maintenance
- RSVP to Tom Boley at [tboley10@gmail.com](mailto:tboley10@gmail.com)





**Vista**  
DRIVE IN

**Ya Gotta Eat!**

**November 29 at 12:00 PM**

**in the back room of**

**VISTA DRIVE IN**

**1911 Tuttle Creek Blvd, Manhattan, KS 66502**

***Show and Tell  
is Welcome!***

*...Food!  
...Friendship!  
...Woodturning!*





# 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkin Patch Arts and Crafts Fair



October 15, 2022  
Downtown Manhattan





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# October Show and Tell



David Delker



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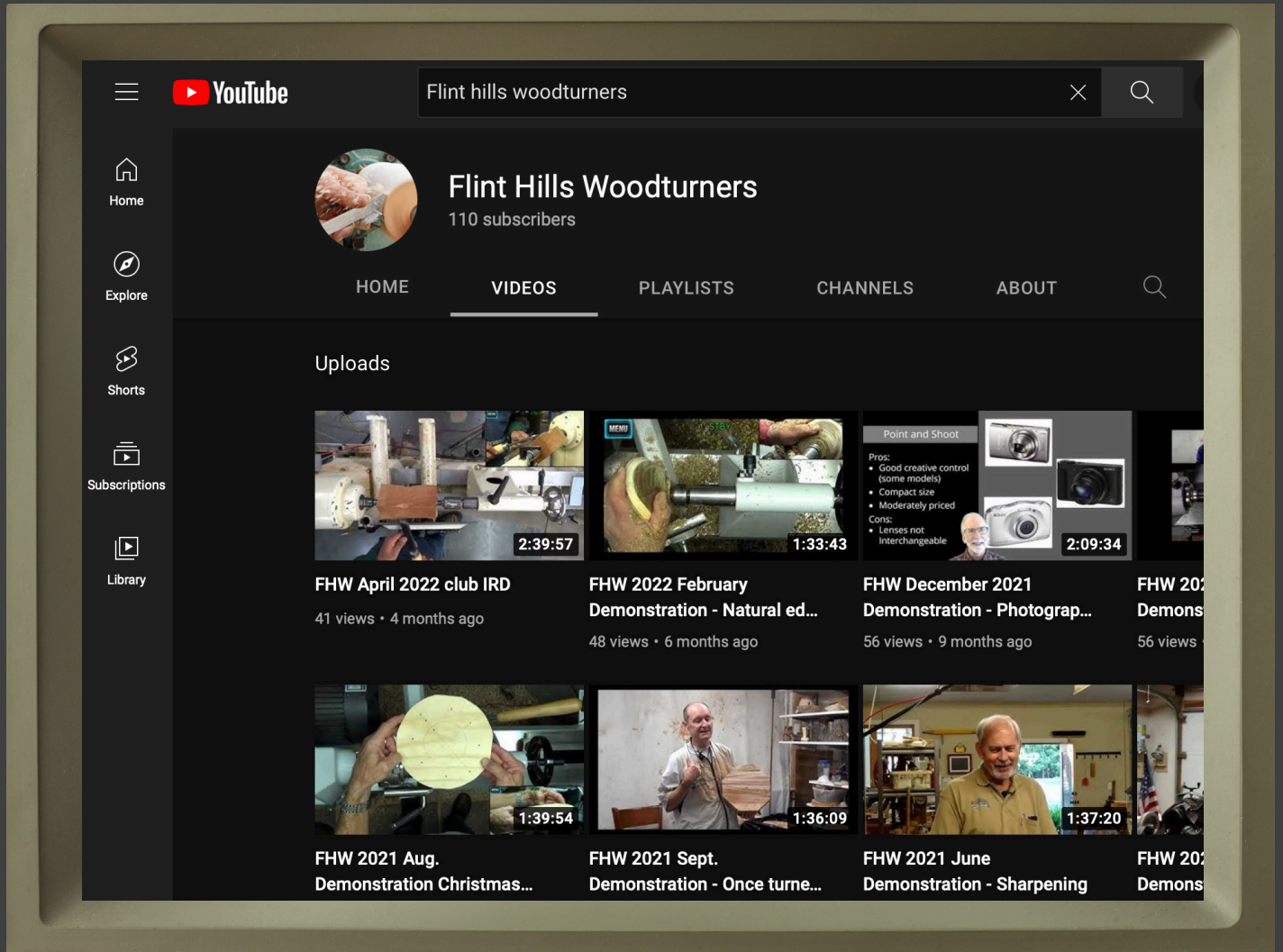


Robert Kloppenborg



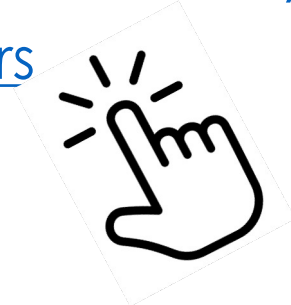
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We're on  YouTube

[Click here to view demonstrations hosted by the Flint Hills Woodturners](#)







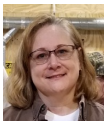
## Board Members



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**Past President**  
Ray Case



**AAW & WIT Liaison  
Newsletter Editor**  
Heather Marusiak

**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.

**If you would like more information about our club, please visit our website:**

<https://flinthillswoodturners.org>

**or email:**

[fhwpresident@gmail.com](mailto:fhwpresident@gmail.com)



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.