



Flint Hills

WOODTURNERS

October 2022

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Joe Davis will show how he adds an inlayed ring of pewter to bowls and candle holders. Pewter is easy to work with and it adds an attractive accent to woodturnings.

October Club Event

Pewter Inlay *with Joe Davis*

October 15, 2022
Manhattan Army National Guard Building
8:30 AM Social Time, 9:00 AM Meeting Opens





President's Corner

by David Delker

October Meeting

Our October meeting will be the **THIRD SATURDAY of the month (October 15)**. An auction will be going on that morning in the Armory, so we will be meeting in the smaller room at the back of the main space, as we have before.

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

Our **Program Director**, Steve Bietau, has decided to step away from that duty, so we still are 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 demonstration (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 someone will nominate themselves 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 November meeting.

Thanks for volunteering (or planning to do so in the near future)!

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President's Corner

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During our September meeting several members volunteered and signed up for recurring duties at future meetings. A big "thank you" to each person who volunteered:

- Tom Shields:** will run the camera(s) during the demonstrations
- Bob Holcombe:** will take photos of Show and Tell projects
- Todd Salfrank:** will put away sound system
- Dennis Biggs:** will put away video equipment after meeting
- Heather Marusiak:** will compile and publish the Newsletter
- Tom Boley:** will manage Skill Enhancement sessions in his shop

No one volunteered for the following duties, but we still need help with these tasks:

- Set up sound equipment
- Set up video equipment
- Upload and edit video files for use on website
- Maintain the website

We will pass around another signup sheet at the meeting, and you may expect some friendly phone calls, emails, and/or other forms of polite persuasion if all the signup sheet blanks are not filled!

I'm very grateful for the Board members who give of their time each month to keep the club in operation. Their dedication and commitment make them great leaders, but they cannot and should not be expected to run the club entirely by themselves. I would ask that each of you give serious thought about what YOU can do to support the club. Let me know now or at the club meeting if you would be willing to take on a new assignment.

Conclusion

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting October 15! As an incentive for attending, I will be unveiling my latest creation during our Show and Tell time! Just to whet your appetite, here is a photo of a portion of the project (you'll be able to see the rest of it at the meeting)!

As always, I invite your feedback, questions, and suggestions. I may be reached at fhwpresident@gmail.com. In the meantime, enjoy some time in your shop and stay safe in all you do!



-David Delker



AAW Bulletin

News from the American Association of Woodturners

by Heather Marusiak

- **WIT Presents: Helga Winter**, Saturday, November 5, 2022, 3:00PM CT. [Click here for more information and to register \(this is a FREE event\).](#)
- **WIT Presents: Rebecca DeGroot**, Saturday, December 17, 2022, 2:00PM CT. Registration details coming soon.
- **Small Turning Expo (Virtual Symposium)**, November 5-6, 2022, 8:00AM to 6:00PM CT. Love turning small items? Want to see some other items you can turn on your small lathe? Just love turning in general? We have some of the biggest names in the world of turning to teach you projects and techniques. Eighteen sessions are scheduled to bring you everything from pens to peppermills to rings to embellishments and much, much more. [Click here for more information or to register.](#)
- 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
- To become an AAW member, or to renew your AAW membership, please visit: [AAW Membership Home.](#)



Safety Corner Revisited

*Reprinted from March 2020
by Peter Dorhout*

Club member Barbara Drolet shared with me an article from a professional information news feed, ProMED, put out by the International Society for Infectious Disease. If you really want to learn about the world of infectious disease, check out www.promedmail.org.

I still think that woodturning is more interesting, but there are archived reports about industrial work environments and their impact on worker health that are worth looking up.

A number of us turners have been intrigued by the artistic value of epoxy resins and the ability to add color, textures, or other stabilizing agents to our work. Some of these coloring agents are benign dyes that, together with the epoxy dust, should be treated like any other organic dust material.

There are also natural stone or silica stabilizers and thickening agents that can be added to epoxy resins to improve their strength as well as for artistic enhancements. Thickeners like CAB-O-SIL fumed silica or System Three Quartz silica thickener are a few examples. Sanding, grinding, or cutting epoxy containing these will generate potentially hazardous dusts that contain significant amounts of silica that are known to cause a disease called Silicosis.

The ProMED article from October, 2019, examined silica dust exposures from craftspeople who cut, install, grind, or sand “quartz” countertops for kitchens and bathrooms. These countertops are made from mixing silica (quartz) particles with epoxy to form slabs that are then trimmed to fit into new spaces. Unfortunately, the professionals who were studied in this report did not wear proper respiratory PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and were diagnosed with severe cases of Silicosis. A more severe reaction to a chemical relative of quartz, asbestos, is very well known, and the majority of products on the market do not contain that material.

Sure, silica, quartz, and other mineral additives are natural, so how can they be bad for you? Well, there are just some natural things in this world that don't belong in your body—it just won't react well to them. I recommend that you select the right PPE for your job. The 3M company has a great web site that provides guidance about respiratory hazards and your options for protecting yourself: www.3M.com/respiratory/hazards. Appropriate dust masks with the correct filter are as important as your safety shield and safety glasses when turning or sanding your projects on the lathe.

Be Safe!

A stylized illustration of a hand holding a hand saw. The hand is white with black outlines, and the saw handle is also white with black outlines. The saw blade is black with a serrated edge. The hand is holding the handle in a firm grip. The saw is positioned vertically, with the handle at the bottom and the blade pointing upwards. A sign is attached to the handle, extending upwards. The sign is white with a black border and contains the text 'WE NEED PEOPLE LIKE YOU' in large, bold, black letters. The background is red with a pattern of small white dots.

**WE NEED PEOPLE
LIKE YOU**

The Flint Hills Woodturners need helpers to set up equipment prior to our next meeting at the Army National Guard on October 15.

*No experience necessary!
We are happy to show
you the ropes!*

Please arrive by 7:30 AM.
Thank you for your help!

The Flint Hill
Woodturners
are accepting
nominations
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 nominating
yourself. For more information:
fhwpresident@gmail.com.

Vista
DRIVE IN

Ya Gotta Eat!

October 30 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!*



"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

- Tuesday, October 25, 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

September Show and Tell



Victor Schwartz



September Show and Tell



Vaughn Graber



Kenneth Stitt

September Show and Tell



Dennis Biggs

September Show and Tell



Heather Marusiak



Steve Bietau



September Show and Tell

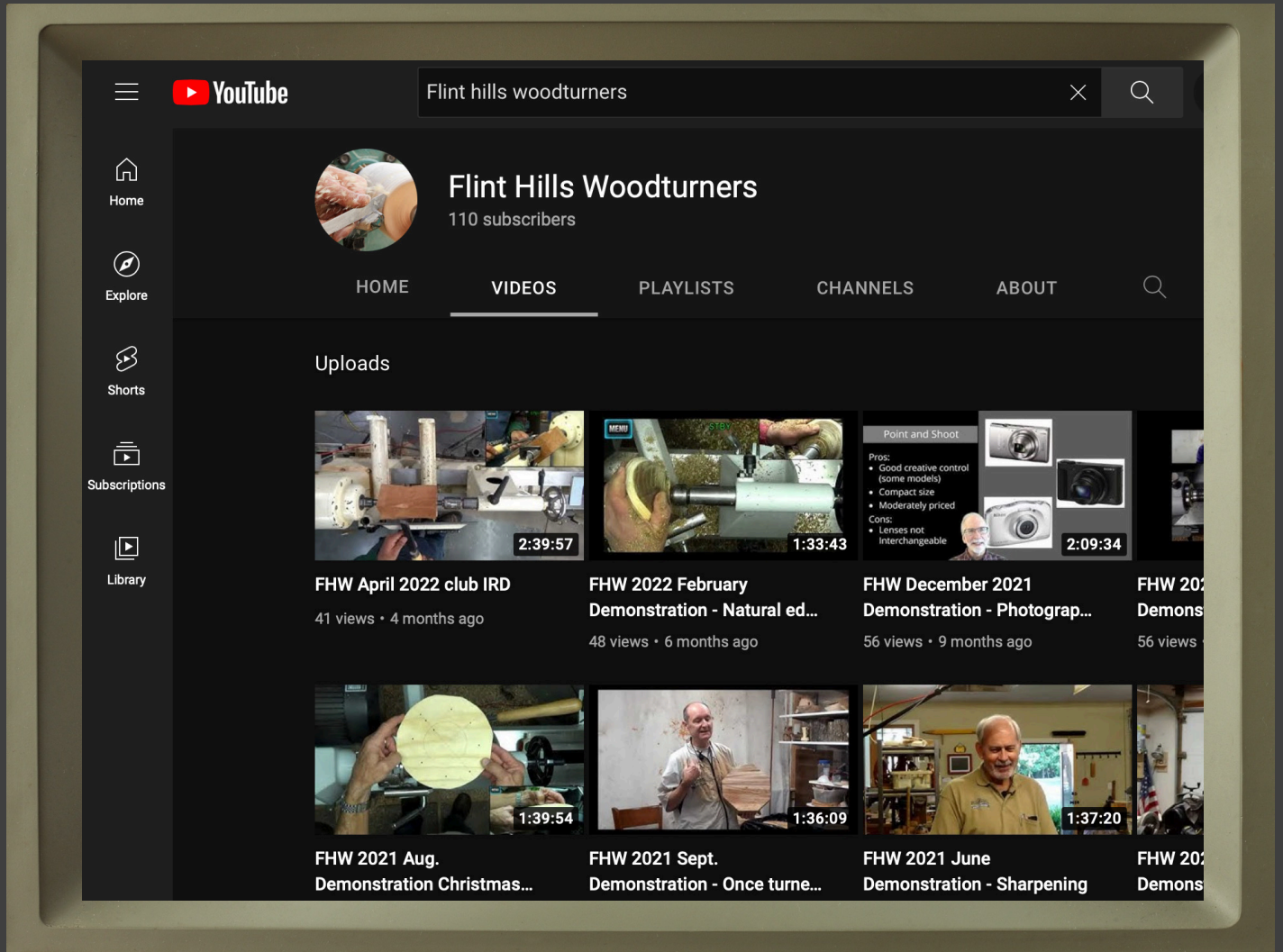


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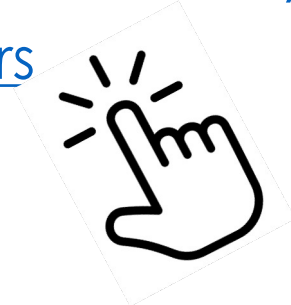
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FHW content on Facebook*

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We're on  YouTube

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





Home of the

Flint Hills Woodturners

Army National Guard Armory
721 Levee Drive
Manhattan, KS 66502

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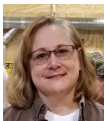
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**AAW & WIT Liaison
Newsletter Editor**
Heather Marusiak

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



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.