




# Flint Hills

WOODTURNERS

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Eccentric turning is a subset of offset or multi-axis turning. While offset or multi-axis turning uses both the headstock and tailstock, most eccentric turning does not use the tailstock, so a good tenon and tight chuck jaw grip make all the difference.

**April Club Event**

# **Eccentric Turning**

***with Daniel Dubois***

April 1, 2023

Red Hollow Lathe Works, 4025 Walnut Creek Drive, Wamego, KS 66547

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



# President's Corner

*by David Delker*

April 2023

## **Basket Illusion Inspiration**

The online Basket Illusion demonstration by Harvey Meyer that we enjoyed at our March meeting inspired me and convinced me that I would become a better woodturning artist if I were to buy just a few more specialized tools! After getting my beading tools in the mail, I quickly turned two 7-inch maple plates and proceeded to cut beads! I was impressed with how cleanly the D-Way beading tools formed beads. I referred to the recording of Harvey's video several times as I proceeded, and that really helped me improve my technique.

The next step involved making an index wheel and a jig with which to mark the radial burn lines. Marking the lines was easy, but tedious. Burning the radial lines was likewise straightforward, but extremely tedious. I'm not a pyrography expert, so it took a while to get the temperature and technique just right. The results I achieved were not perfect, but overall, I'm quite pleased. As I rationalize it, this technique is to create the illusion of a handmade basket – not one created on a CNC machine in a factory and decorated by a robot!

As I write this, I have started to apply ink to create the design. Of course, as with most projects, I began by modeling some possible designs on the computer (doesn't everyone?). So far, I've just inked the black segments. I plan to add more color and hope to have something to show you at our Show and Tell time at our April meeting!



By the way, I found a source for free polar graph paper that does NOT print the annoying watermark, as did the version Harvey showed us. You can use that online app here:

<https://incompetech.com/graphpaper/polar/>

# President's Corner

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## Program Updates

The April 1 program will introduce our newest member, Daniel Dubois. Several of you know Daniel, as he is a member of the Topeka club. Daniel is active on YouTube, so check out his channel "Tournage Dubois" for a glimpse of him in action!

The lineup for the rest of the year looks great, as well! Note that we still need a demonstrator in June and one to do a shortened demonstration and share the spotlight with Dave Davis in November. Let me know if you are willing to fill in those schedule gaps!

April 1: Daniel Dubois ("Offset Turning")

May 13: Dennis Biggs (topic TBD)

June 3: **NAME** (topic TBD)

July 1: Steve Bietau ("Finials")

August 5: Tom Shields ("Christmas Ornament")

September 2: Bob Holcombe ("Yarn Bowl")

October 7: Ross Hirst (topic TBD)

November 4: Dave Davis ("Offset-turned Christmas Tree") and **NAME** (topic TBD)

December 2: Vaughn Graber (topic TBD)

## Feedback from March 14 email

While I am pleased that I received a few offers of technical assistance from my March 14 "urgent message" email, we still lack support in many key areas if we are going to enhance our demonstrations with audio and video, connect with distant members via Zoom, and to include an occasional interactive remote demonstration in a club meeting. I will not bore you by repeating that email message here; you can find that in your mailbox and read it yourself.

It would be a shame to go back to the way things were at the beginning of our club's history when we had no audiovisual equipment or expertise. I'm hopeful that some of you will volunteer to push the envelope a little bit by learning some new skills and help your club maintain its level of quality! The Board members and I cannot do this alone. We need your help!

# President's Corner

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## **April Meeting Strategy**

Now is your chance to help your club overcome the challenges I mentioned previously! I hope that some of you members are willing to carve out even a corner of your garage or basement to store a few things between meetings, and that you will step up to the challenge by volunteering your time and talents to help manage and operate our “technology” systems.

Here's the proposed plan for the April meeting: the audio and video equipment will be brought to the April 1 meeting, after which we will divide the items into manageable and logical “subsystems” that individuals will take with them to their respective homes to store until the next meeting.

We will maintain a careful inventory of “who has what” and impress on people in possession of the equipment our clear expectations regarding storage and return of those items. Some items, like the rechargeable microphone batteries, will have to be handled appropriately (i.e., recharged) before the next meeting.

On May 13 (our next meeting date) the “keepers” of the A/V equipment will bring to our new location (the Faith Evangelical Free Church) at the prescribed time of 7:30 a.m. (NOT 5 minutes before the meeting is to start) so the entire system can be set up and tested. Ray Case will be responsible for setting things up that day, but he can only do that task if the equipment arrives in a timely manner.

We hope to have identified two or more technically savvy trainees by that time whom Ray can mentor for their future responsibilities as the core members of our “technology team.”

We will continue this conversation at the April 1 meeting. In the meantime, please contact me or one of the other Board members if you can help by storing a few items and returning them each month or if you are willing to become part of our “technology team.”

## **Conclusion**

That's all for now. I've got to get back to work – I've got a lot more segments to fill with ink on my basket illusion plate!

I look forward to seeing you at our April 1 meeting. In the meantime, I invite your feedback, questions, and suggestions. I may be reached at [fhwpresident@gmail.com](mailto:fhwpresident@gmail.com).

-David Delker



# Mentoring Opportunities

*By Tom Boley*

Skill Enhancement the way we have been doing it has gone away for now as explained in last month's newsletter. It will be replaced with several of our members who are all about helping you with woodturning problems or learning new skills. Instead of just once a month, we will be available most any time to help. Just give us a call or e-mail so we can determine how best to help you and when would work for both of us. We are all very interested in this new skill building effort and are looking forward to hearing from you.

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# AAW Bulletin

News from the American Association of Woodturners

by Heather Marusiak

- **Online Event: Derek Weidman, *Sculpting Wildlife with a Wood Lathe*.** Saturday, April 15, 2023, 2:00PM CST. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)
- **2023 WIT Virtual Exchange Presentation of Projects,** Saturday, April 29, 2023, 2:00PM CST. Stay tuned for more information; registration for this FREE event opens April 15.
- **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! [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](mailto:heather.marusiak@gmail.com)
- To become an AAW member, or to renew your AAW membership, please visit: [AAW Membership Home.](#)



# AAW Presents: Derek Weidman Sculpting Wildlife with a Wood Lathe Saturday, April 15, 2023 2:00PM CST

AAW Presents a live, virtual woodturning demonstration with innovative sculptor Derek Weidman.

During this demonstration, Derek will create one to two animals (suggested by attendees!) on a wood lathe using primarily multi axis turning. Time will be dedicated to thorough coverage of safe practices and techniques for multi axis work, before moving into a more fluid design session, learning how to carve with the lathe. Finally, the demo will incorporate some contemporary carving tools, as well as some other tips and tricks.

### You'll learn:

Multi-axis techniques and safety, use of contemporary carving tools, texturing with chainsaws.

### About the Presenter:

Derek Weidman, born in 1982, lives in rural Pennsylvania a bit outside the city of Philadelphia. Initially studying philosophy in college, but a born artist, he choose to follow in the path of his father who was a bird carver. When he began turning in 2003 he approached the lathe as a sculptor, primarily exploring and pushing the boundaries of multi-axis turning. His main effort was trying to create a visually descriptive and versatile language born out of the arcing and circular cuts of a lathe, and has spent well over a decade now building up a vocabulary of shapes and cuts. At the heart of many of his works he treats the lathe almost as an unusual camera, with every subject passing through its lens adding to a visually novel circular zoo of animals.

[Click here to register for this event!](#)





**Vista**  
DRIVE IN

**Ya Gotta Eat!**

**DATE AND TIME TBD**

in the back room of

**STAY TUNED!**

**VISTA DRIVE IN**

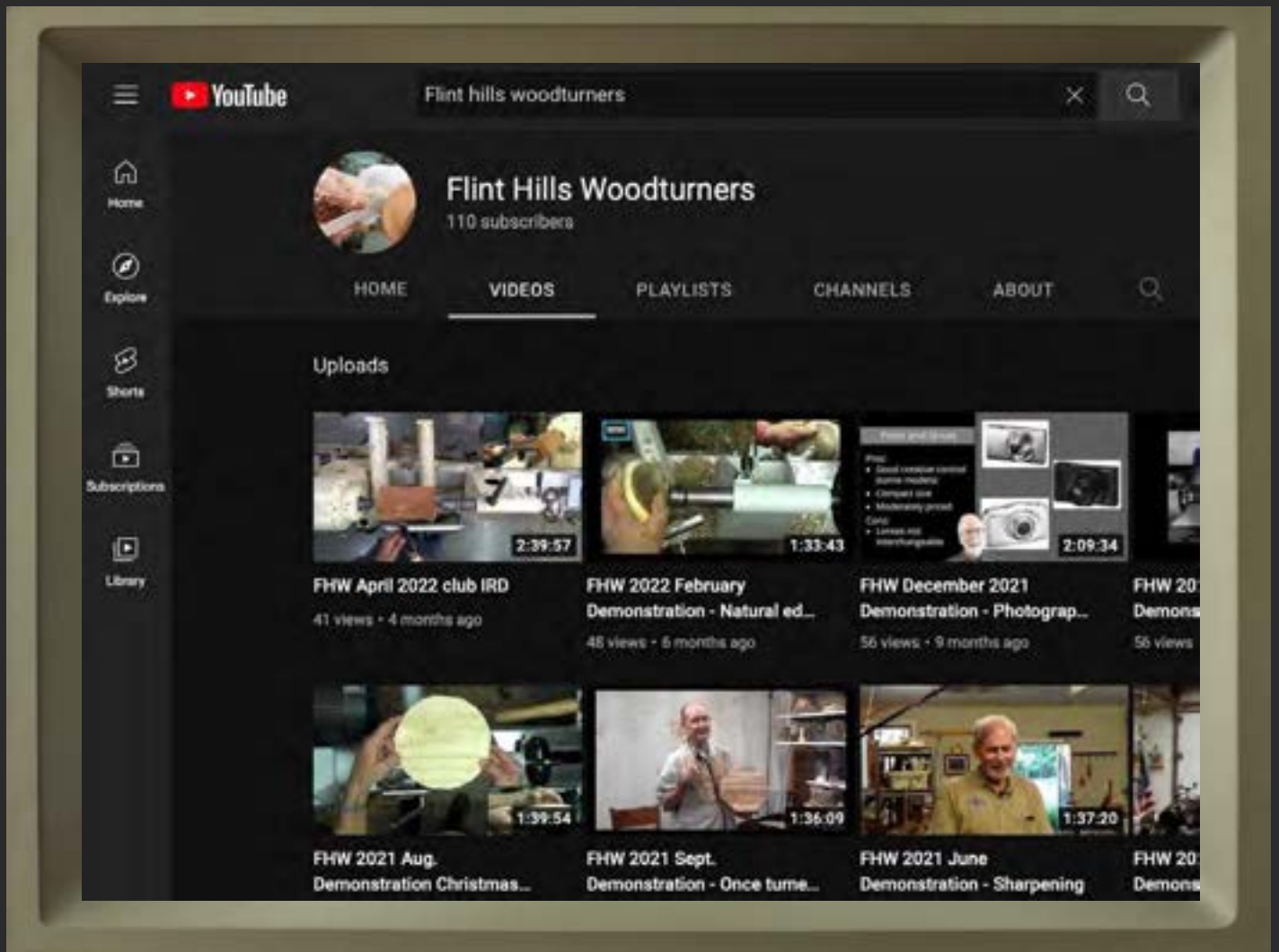
1911 Tuttle Creek Blvd, Manhattan, KS 66502

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

*...Food!*

*...Friendship!*

*...Woodturning!*



We're on  YouTube

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





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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.

**If you would like more information about our club, please visit our website:**  
<https://flintheillswoodturners.org>  
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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.