



Flint Hills

WOODTURNERS

August 2023

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This snowflake ornament will incorporate some lessons about stove turning, sled preparation, and glue up. If you are looking for a new ornament design, this is a good one.



August Club Event

Snowflake Ornament

with Tom Shields

August 5, 2023

Faith Evangelical Free Church, 1921 Barnes Rd, Manhattan, KS 66502

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



President's Corner

by David Delker

Safety, by Example

I do a lot of volunteer work for the Kansas 4-H program, and this time of year I keep busy judging 4-H exhibits at county fairs. I typically judge electronics, model rockets, robotics, computer programming, woodworking, and photography projects. Last week I judged my first woodturning project. The 16-year-old young man had turned a gavel for his retiring club leader, using a piece of apricot wood from a tree branch on that lady's property. He used an old lathe his grandfather gave him and some primitive turning tools (mostly scrapers). The results were quite good, all things considered.

I had a good conversation with the young man, showed him some of my work via my website, and encouraged him to continue exploring woodturning. That brings me to the "Safety, by Example" title of this section. While he claimed to have worn safety glasses while turning his project, he really should have worn a face shield.

I spoke with several other woodworking project exhibitors that had NOT used any personal protection equipment. A few wore safety glasses, but none used hearing or dust protection – even though some of those kids operated a router or compound miter saw! Many exhibitors had been helped/mentored/coached by "Dad" or "Grandpa" and some even admitted that their mentor did not have such safety equipment in their shop.

The moral of this story is that we should always model appropriate safety practices, especially when teaching and mentoring young people. I keep a set of safety glasses and hearing protectors in my cupboard for my grandson to wear when he occasionally works on a project with me. I encourage you to do the same when you are demonstrating your woodturning techniques to others! The behavior

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your model today may prevent a serious injury or health problem years from now.

August Meeting

Please remember to **bring your own chair to the meeting and wear your name tag!** Some new members joined our club recently, so name tags are especially important to help them get acquainted. By the way, I seem to have misplaced my nametag, as I couldn't find it when I got home after the July meeting. Let me know if you see it clinging to the fender of your truck or some other metal surface!

Help support our club by donating some woodturning-related "Silent Auction" items. Of course, I should emphasize that the "support our club" thing only happens when someone *buys* something, so bring your wallet or checkbook!

Christmas in August!

I am excited to see the demonstration Tom Shields has lined up for us this month on turning a Christmas ornament. I know his demonstration will be a great one, and it may even get us into the holiday spirit early enough to finish a project or two before December 25! Now, if only that holiday mood would bring cooler temperatures...

Conclusion

I look forward to seeing you August 5! As always, I invite your feedback, questions, and suggestions. I may be reached at fhwpresident@gmail.com.

David Delker



AAW Bulletin

News from the American Association of Woodturners
Compiled Heather Marusiak

Upcoming Regional Events



Southwest Association of Woodturners

August 25-27, 2023

Waco Convention Center

Waco, TX

[Click here for more information](#)



Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium

September 15-17, 2023

The Ranch/Larimer County Fairgrounds

Loveland, CO

[Click here for more information](#)



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AAW is currently seeking woodturning video content for its Explore database. Members use [AAW Explore](#) to locate a wide selection of curated woodturning videos, as well as articles, projects, and more from AAW's complete archive of publications.

To be included, videos must:

- 1) be hosted in the public domain (YouTube, Vimeo, etc.)
- 2) be well-produced (good sound/video quality)
- 3) feature safe woodturning practices
- 4) offer informative, educational content.

Advertising and promotional content will not be accepted. Once submitted, the videos will be reviewed for safety, quality production and content. After approval, videos will be added to the Explore database. [Click here to recommend a video.](#)

And don't forget:

- The AAW member [Remote Demonstration Calendar](#) features online woodturning demonstrations presented by AAW members.
- 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.](#)



Mentoring Opportunities

Several of our members have volunteered to be available to those looking to practice, learn new techniques, and improve their woodturning skills. These mentors will lend their time and skill help. Just give one of the mentors listed below a call or e-mail so we can determine how best to help and to set up a time to meet. The club is very interested in this new skill building effort and we are looking forward to hearing from you.

- Steve Bietau, West Manhattan, (785) 317-3179, sabietau@gmail.com
- Tom Shields, West Manhattan, (785) 537-3032, 5tommyshields@gmail.com
- Dennis Biggs, Abilene, (785) 479-6601, dbiggsgolf@yahoo.com
- Randy Zelenka, West Manhattan, (785) 564-7182, randall.m.zelenka.civ@mail.mil
- Tom Boley, Near Wamego, (785) 456-7890, tboley10@gmail.com
- Ross Hirst (penturning), Topeka, (785) 249-7936, ross.i.hirst@cox.net
- Robert Kloppenborg, Marysville, (785) 713-0658, bjklop@sbcglobal.net

Vista
DRIVE IN

Ya Gotta Eat!

Tuesday, August 15 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!*



July Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Tom Shields

The July meeting of the Flint Hills Woodturners was held July first at 1921 Barnes Road. Twenty-seven members and two guests were present.

OFFICER REPORTS

President - David Delker - Thanked Mike Ballard for all the tech work he has done, including setting up on Friday afternoon.

Volunteers are still needed for the website and Facebook page. David and Heather are doing Facebook at this time.

Gary Hobbie has been participating in the Smoky Hill River Festival for several years but is not planning to do so next year. This will leave a potential opening for another turner or group of turners interested in both selling and demonstrating. Interested parties should contact David Delker for more information.

Vice president - Joe Beck recently visited a sawmill near Independence, MO, called L & K hardwoods. They looked like a good resource for wood, particularly slabs.

Treasurer - Ross Hirst reported the bank balance is \$2,867.75, with \$26 in petty cash.

Program - David Delker Acting - Programs for the remainder of the year were reviewed. All slots are filled by our members, with the subject of two programs to be determined.

Operations - Tom Shields. The board has decided to participate in Pumpkin Patch again this year. It will be held on 30 September, on Poyntz Ave and in the mall. Our area will be outside again. Members who are present may sell turnings there. Any who do so are responsible for any sales tax.

Secretary – No report.

No new business was presented.

SHOW AND TELL

Members presenting included Heather Marusiak, with several turnings of nationally known turners. Others with turnings included Vaughn Graber, Robert Kloppenborg, Victor Schwarz, Nyle Larson, Tom Boley, Dennis Biggs, David Delker, Ross Hirst, and Kenneth Stitt.

DEMONSTRATION

Steve Bietau gave a program on finials. Most of his are associated with Christmas ornaments. He discussed design and showed examples with a slide show. The golden mean (1.618 to 1) is usually used for sizing length of top and bottom finials.

Various tools and grinds were discussed. He particularly recommended "Finial Chucky" for support of the small distal end as he worked back toward the headstock. (www.rubberchucky.com) He started his turning with a 2" x 2" x 6" maple block, held in a chuck.

The next meeting will be August 5th. The program will be a snowflake Christmas ornament.



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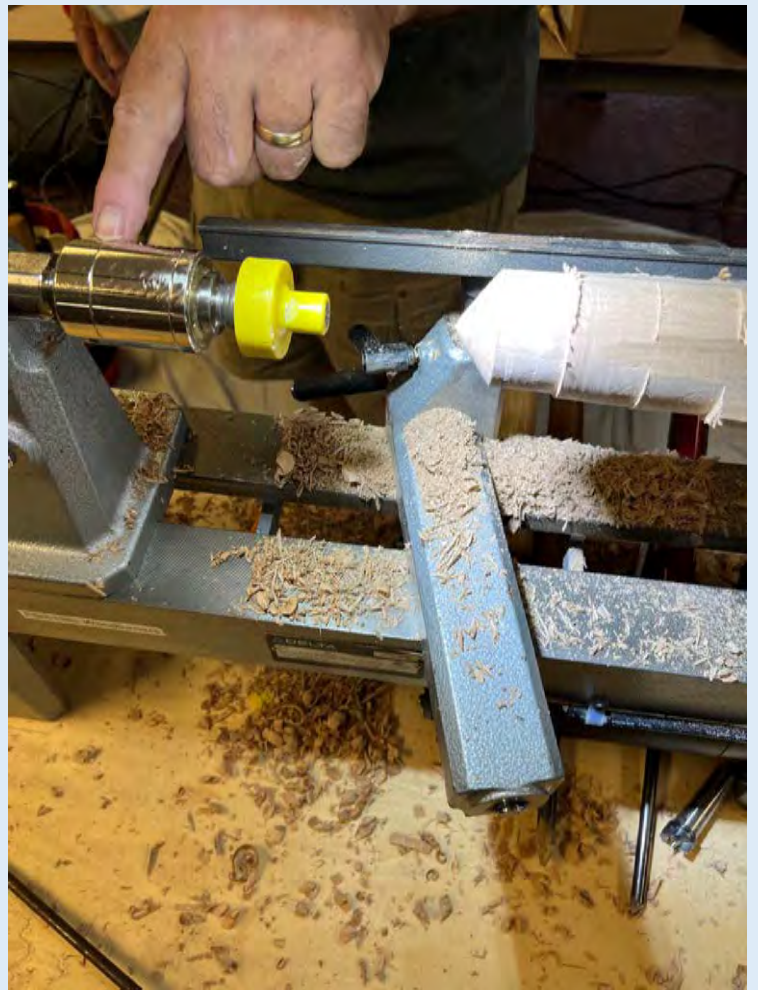
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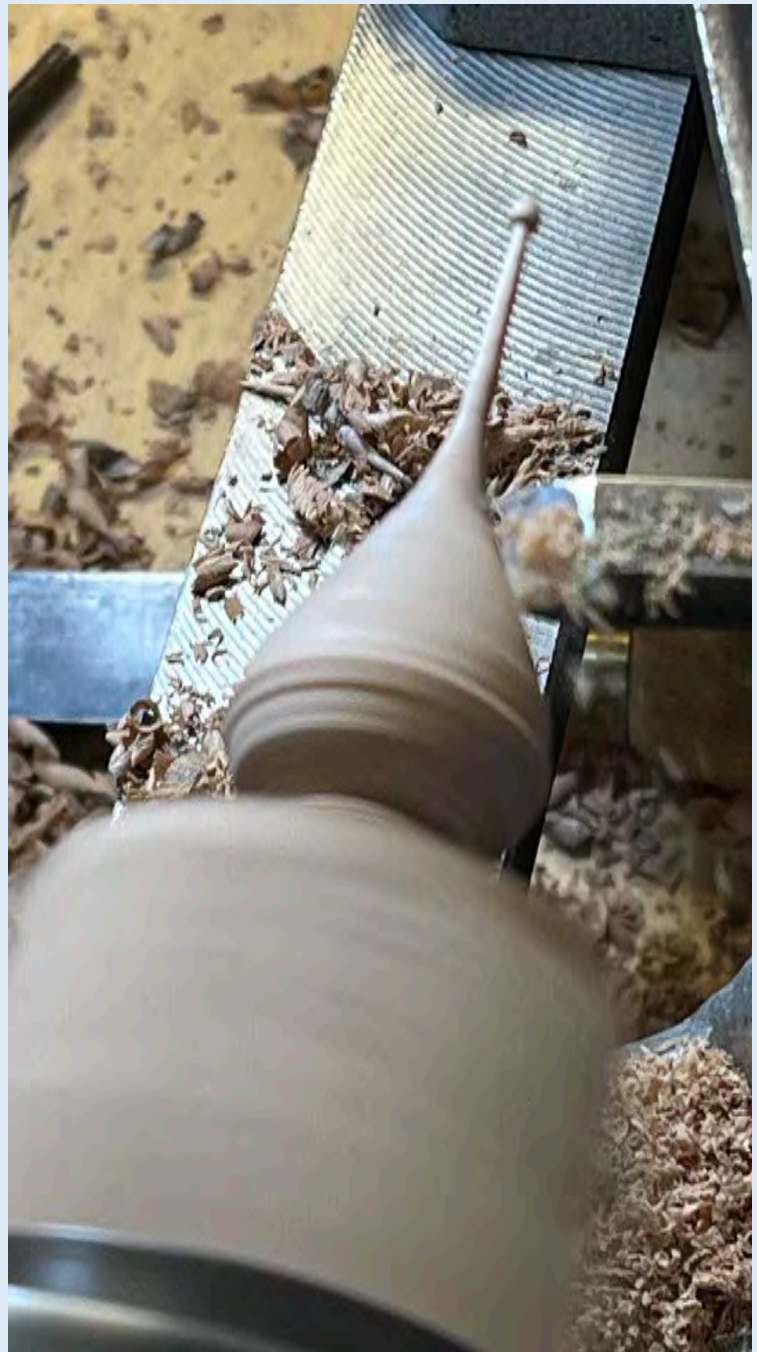
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Vaughn Graber



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Nyle Larson



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Dennis Biggs



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Heather Marusiak



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Tom Boley



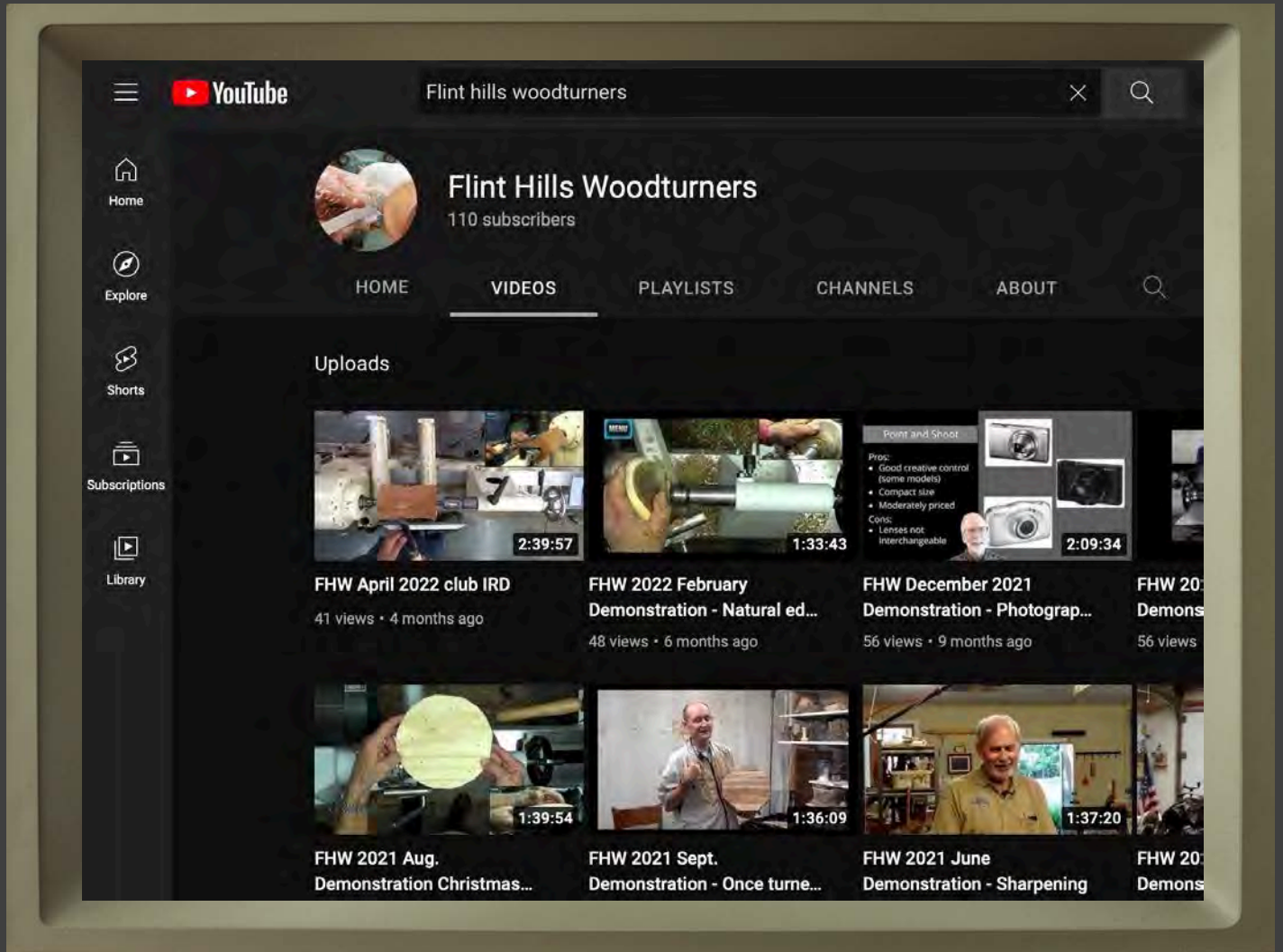
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We're on  YouTube

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



Monthly Meeting Location:

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Manhattan, KS 66502

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Board Members



President
David Delker



Vice President
Joe Beck



Secretary
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Treasurer
Ross Hirst



Operations
Tom Shields



**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.