



Flint Hills

WOODTURNERS

July 2023

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July Club Event

Finials

with Steve Bietau

July 1, 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

Tempus Fugit!

As I write this, I'm contemplating what it will mean to meet on July 1 for our next club meeting. It dawned on me that July 1 will mark the beginning of the **second half** of 2023! Time really seems to slip by. My high school Latin class knowledge is rather rusty, but I recall that "tempus fugit" (usually translated into English as "time flies") seems to fit the situation.

I am asking myself if I've accomplished the woodturning goals I had hoped to complete during the first half of 2023. The short answer is NO! I find myself engulfed in dozens of other things that have nothing to do with woodturning: mowing the grass/weeds, pulling weeds in the flower gardens, digging out dead bushes, planting new (not dead yet) bushes, dragging water hoses around to keep trees and bushes alive, staining the deck, building patio furniture, helping my wife prepare for art shows, and attending meetings and events at several other worthy organizations to which I volunteer my time.

Meanwhile, back in my shop, I count **nine** unfinished plates, bowls, and vessels sitting there waiting for me to complete them. As a goal I will bring at least one of those projects to the July meeting in its finished form! Some pieces need just a few hours of work; others, because of the ridiculously complicated projects I often tackle, will need several days to complete.

Anyway, I am confident that I can meet the "one-project-by-July" goal, because I told my wife to nag me about it until I follow through and do it! I encourage you to set a similar goal that will help you advance your woodturning skills! (NOTE: You will have to find someone else to nag you, as my wife has her hands full keeping me on track)!

Let's compare notes on July 1 to see how well we succeeded!

President's Corner

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July Meeting

Please remember to **bring your own chair to the meeting and wear your name tag!**

We have had new members joining our club recently, so name tags are especially important to help them get acquainted. (Name tags also help us old codgers with memory lapses remember other members' names)!

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!

I am excited to see Steve Bietau providing the program this month on turning finials. Many of you have seen Steve's demonstrations in recent years, and I know you will agree that he does a great job of explaining techniques and processes.

Conclusion

I look forward to seeing you July 1 and to having a productive second half of the year in which we can learn more about woodturning together!

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



AAW 37th Annual International Woodturning Symposium

Louisville, Kentucky
June 1-4, 2023

Congratulations to the 2023 AAW Award Winners!

The AAW International Woodturning Symposium is not just an event to learn about woodturning, it's also a celebration of the accomplishments of woodturners, chapter and artists. This year, AAW presented 13 awards and honors in front of a captivated audience at the Symposium Banquet and Award Ceremony in Louisville, KY.

This included two of the greatest woodturning honors - the Honorary Lifetime Member Award and the POP Merit Award. Both these awards recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the art and craft of woodturning.

Additionally, eight artists were selected and recognized by AAW and the Professional Outreach Program for pieces featured in the Themed Member Exhibition and the Instant Gallery. Chapters were also awarded for best website and newsletter. Congratulations to all the winners!

Congratulations to the 2023 AAW Award Winners!



**J. Paul Fennell: 2023 POP
Merit Award Recipient**



**Mike Mahoney: 2023
Honorary Lifetime Member**

Excellence Awards: Instant Gallery



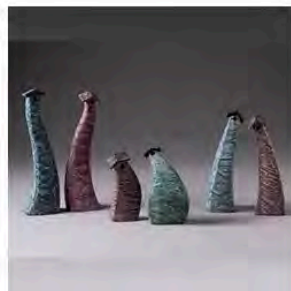
**Donna Zils Banfield,
Derry, NH: *Glacial Tides***



**Betty Scarpino,
Indianapolis, IN:
*Outside/Inside***



**Robin Costelle, Fern
Creek, NY: *Net***



**Art Leistman, Coquitlam,
BC Canada: *Village***



**Heather Marusiak,
Manhattan, KS: *Stargazer***

Excellence Awards: Instant Gallery



Sebastian Montagano,
Jenkintown, PA, *Untitled*
Bowl (Collegian)



Karlyn Theobald, Pine
Bluffs, WY: *A Touch of*
Blue (Youth)

Out of the Woods, Themed Member Exhibition



People's Choice Award:
Tom Clark, Marion, OH:
Buckeye Burl Urn



Master's Choice Award:
Bill Haskell, Placentia, CA:
Contours and Crevices

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!

Wednesday, July 19 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!



June Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Tom Shields

The June meeting of the FHW was held June 3rd, 2023, at 1921 Barnes Road. There were seventeen members present, one guest, and one spouse. The guest was Terry Pfannenstiel, who does have some turning experience.

President - David Delker mentioned again we need a volunteer to manage our website. There was no silent auction today. There was no web feed for today's program. Upcoming symposiums include SWAT in Waco, Texas in late August, and the Rocky Mountain symposium in Mid September.

Vice President - Joe Beck was ill today. No report.

Treasurer - Ross Hirst. We have \$3,007.75 in the bank. We are generally in good shape financially.

Programs - David Delker acting. Programs were reviewed for the remainder of the year. July will be Steve Bietau on finials, August will be Tom Shields with a Christmas ornament, September will be Bob Holcombe with a yarn bowl, October will be Ross Hirst, October will be Dave Davis with an offset Christmas tree, and December will be Vaughn Graber.

Operations - Tom Shields. September 30 is Pumpkin Patch. Location will be the same as last year, on Pointz and inside the mall. It is suggested we participate again. Final decision will be made by the board.

Newsletter/AAW liaison - Heather Marusiak was attending the AAW symposium. No report.

Secretary - No report. Minutes today by Tom Shields

Other business – None.

Show and tell - Dennis Biggs had two bowls, one made of spalted Hackberry, the other from a walnut crotch. Victor Schwarz presented two segmented bowls, one with a flame decoration around the top. Victor uses all carbide for his turning. Bill Shea showed his first bowl and described some of the bumps in the process.

Demonstration - Robert Kloppenborg presented segments on burial urns and rolling pins. He reviewed the required size for an urn and demonstrated determining the volume using rice. He also reviewed some of the technical points in turning. No finish should be put on the surfaces of the lid to be glued. The rolling pens are made from 2x2 inch stock, He usually leaves a cylinder in the middle, and tapers 6-8 inches of each end. He demonstrated a jig (adjustable sled) used for making a Celtic knot in the blank prior to turning. Because of the size of his projects, no actual turning was done.

Donuts and coffee were provided by Vince Traffas.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55.



June Meeting Minutes

Photos by Bob Holcombe





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June Show and Tell

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Dennis Biggs



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Victor Schwarz



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Bill Shea



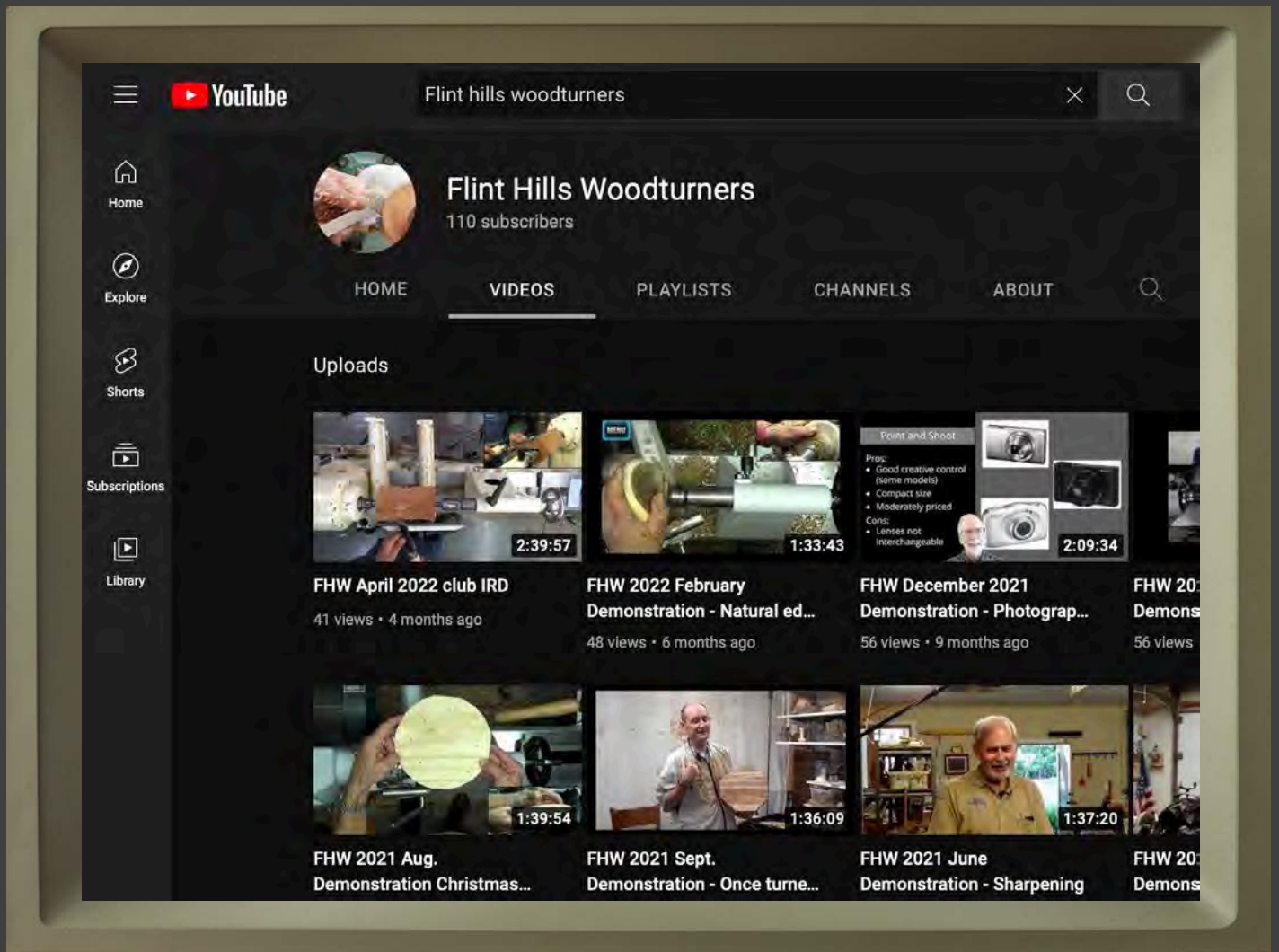
June Show and Tell

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We're on  YouTube

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



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Board Members



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Secretary
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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.