



# Flint Hills

## WOODTURNERS

June 2023

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**June Club Event**

# **Burial Urn Design**

***with Robert Kloppenborg***

June 3, 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*

## **Thank you!**

A big "thank you!" goes to Ray Case for coordinating the successful May meeting at our new location, the Faith Evangelical Free Church. Members had plenty of space to sit comfortably, and the acoustics were great.

Another shout-out goes to Mike Ballard for delivering and setting up the audio and video equipment for the meeting. Mike has been learning to use the computer software and hardware tools that provide our local and remote audiences with good views of the action.

## **June Meeting**

Several of our members will be attending the AAW Symposium and will miss the June meeting, but you can expect several of them to share some of their experiences with us when they return!

Don't forget to **bring your own chair to the meeting!**

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!

## **Upcoming Programs**

I am excited to see Robert Kloppenborg giving the demonstration this month. Robert is well known for tackling a variety of woodturning techniques, and I know you will enjoy his demonstration.

# President's Corner

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Blue Valley Technologies in Marysville recently featured Robert in their “local talent” program on YouTube. The video is very well done, and I think you will enjoy seeing Robert in action! Here is the link to that video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-yCyzYwfZw>

The demonstration lineup for the rest of the year looks great, as well!

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)

## **Help Wanted**

While we have recruited a few willing members to help with some of the technical tasks of running our club, we still need someone to manage our website and keep it up to date. Let me know if you are willing to learn how and take on that task!

## **Conclusion**

I look forward to seeing you at our new location for the next 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





# AAW Bulletin

News from the American Association of Woodturners

*By Heather Marusiak*

- **AAW Virtual Symposium, June 3-4.** If you can't make it to Louisville, KY to experience the AAW International Woodturning Symposium in person, you can register as a virtual attendee and livestream 20 select demonstrations for all skill levels, entertaining interviews, and tours of the gallery, exhibitions and tradeshow. This is the best way to get a glimpse at the biggest woodturning event of the year without having to travel. If you register by June 4, you will have access to the recorded sessions for 30 to 90 days. That means if you can't watch live you have the option to watch the recorded demonstrations later at your own pace. [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.](#)

2023 AAW  
Wood Art  
Auctions

Great works supporting  
great programs!  
Browse & bid open now!  
Live Online Auctions  
June 2-3

[auction.woodturner.org](http://auction.woodturner.org)






AAW presents two premier auctions of contemporary craft in wood, featuring an international array of turned art, sculpture, and functional objects in a kaleidoscope of different woods, techniques, and sizes. Your winning bid supports the American Association of Woodturners and Professional Outreach Program (POP) educational and outreach programs and awards, as well as the artists who create the incredible works in the auction. You may bid *remotely online or in person* at the Louisville Symposium! Online pre-bidding is happening now; live bidding will open at the symposium at the times listed below.

- **AAW Live! Benefit Auction.** Friday, June 2, 5:30pm EST/ 4:30pm CST. [Click here to view.](#)
- **Form/Content, 2023 POP Exhibition and Benefit Auction.** Saturday, June 3, 1:30pm EST/12:30pm CST. [Click here to view.](#)
  - Features work by Flint Hills Woodturners' very own Heather Marusiak!



*Votive Womb, 2022*  
Heather Marusiak, Manhattan, Kansas  
Cherry, acrylics 2 x 4 x 4.75 inches



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





**Vista**  
DRIVE IN

**Ya Gotta Eat!**

**Thursday, June 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!*





# May Meeting Minutes

*Recorded by Barbara Drolet*

**FHW Meeting Minutes, May 13, 2023, 9:00 am at 1921 Barnes Road, Manhattan, KS**

A total of 29 people participated, including 3 visitors.

## **Officer Reports:**

**President** – David Delker welcomed all to the new temporary space at Faith Evangelical Free Church. Members were reminded of the silent auction and encouraged to bid for items and bring wood working items in to donate. All proceeds go to the Club and can be paid by cash, check, or PayPal (to [fhwtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:fhwtreasurer@gmail.com)). The Club now has 50 paid members. Everyone congratulated Melissa McIntyre for participating in the WIT Exchange. Mike Ballard was thanked for setting up the A/V and Ray Case was thanked for doing so much A/V training. The Club also thanked those who are storing and hauling equipment/supplies. Members were reminded to keep their eyes open for a permanent space for the Club to meet.

**Treasurer** – Ross Hirst: The Club treasury balance is \$2898.63. Annual reports were completed for the State of KS and IRS.

**Programs** – (Vacant, Delker Acting): The Club is still in need of a Program Coordinator. Please contact David if you are interested in that position. The demonstration schedule for the remainder of the year can be found in the newsletter. Next month will be Robert Kloppenborg.

**Operations** – Tom Shields: Club members participated in the Flint Hills Festival on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Tom Shields for organizing and for Robert Kloppenborg, Steve Bietau, Heather Marusiak, Bob Holcombe, Melissa McIntyre, and Barb Drolet for volunteering to demonstrate and/or talk with the visitors. There are no additional activities for this summer.

**Newsletter/AAW liaison** – Heather Marusiak: AAW updates can be found in the newsletter. The AAW International Woodturning Symposium will be June 1-4 in Louisville, Kentucky. AAW is also offering a virtual participation registration if interested.



# May Meeting Minutes

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**VP and Secretary** – No reports

**Other business:** Members were instructed to park near the south side entrance so that we don't disrupt church activities that will utilize the main entrance. Dan Zeller told the Club about a wood sale going on in Seneca on May 20-21.

**Show & Tell:** Presenters included: Victor Schwarz, Gary Burgert, Dennis Biggs, Kate Cahoj, Dan Zeller, Robert Kloppenborg, Heather Marusiak, and Lowell Regehr.

**Demonstration:** Member Dennis Biggs demonstrated twice-turned bowls with bead embellishments. Information included how to initially turn a bowl to 10% when wood is wet, how to seal with wax, and best ways to dry the roughed-out bowl to prevent cracking. Once dry, the bowl can be finished. Dennis covered methods to chuck and reverse chuck, shape considerations, preferred tools, beading techniques, and preferred finishing products.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.





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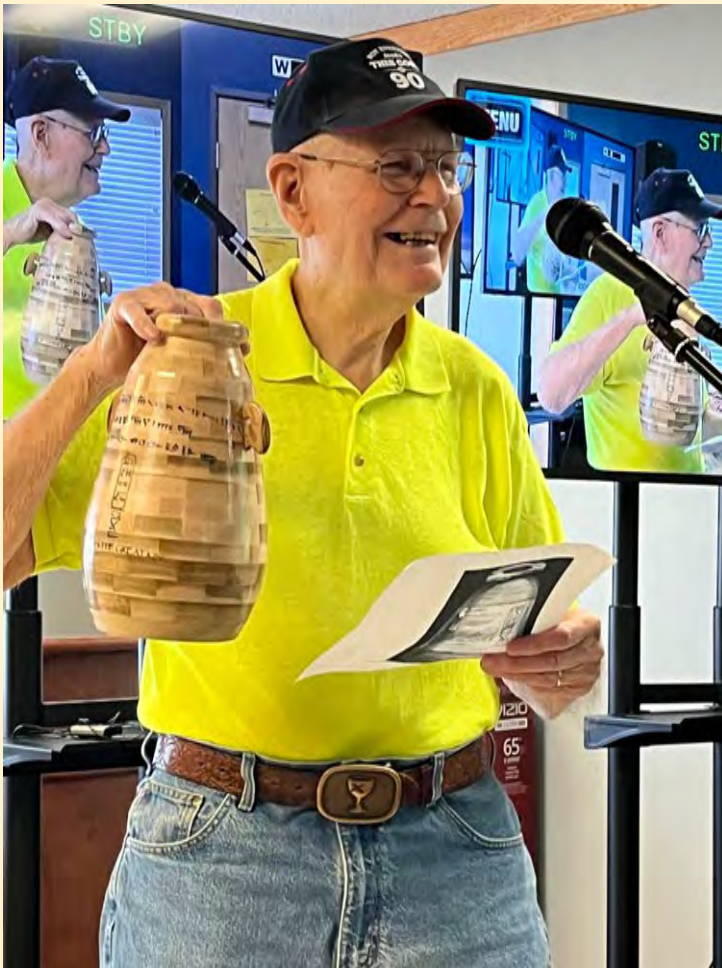
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# May Show and Tell

*Photos by Bob Holcombe*



Victor Schwarz



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Gary Burgert



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Dennis Biggs





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*Photos by Bob Holcombe*



Kate Cahoj



Dan Zeller



# May Show and Tell

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Robert Kloppenborg





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Heather Marusiak



Lowell Regehr



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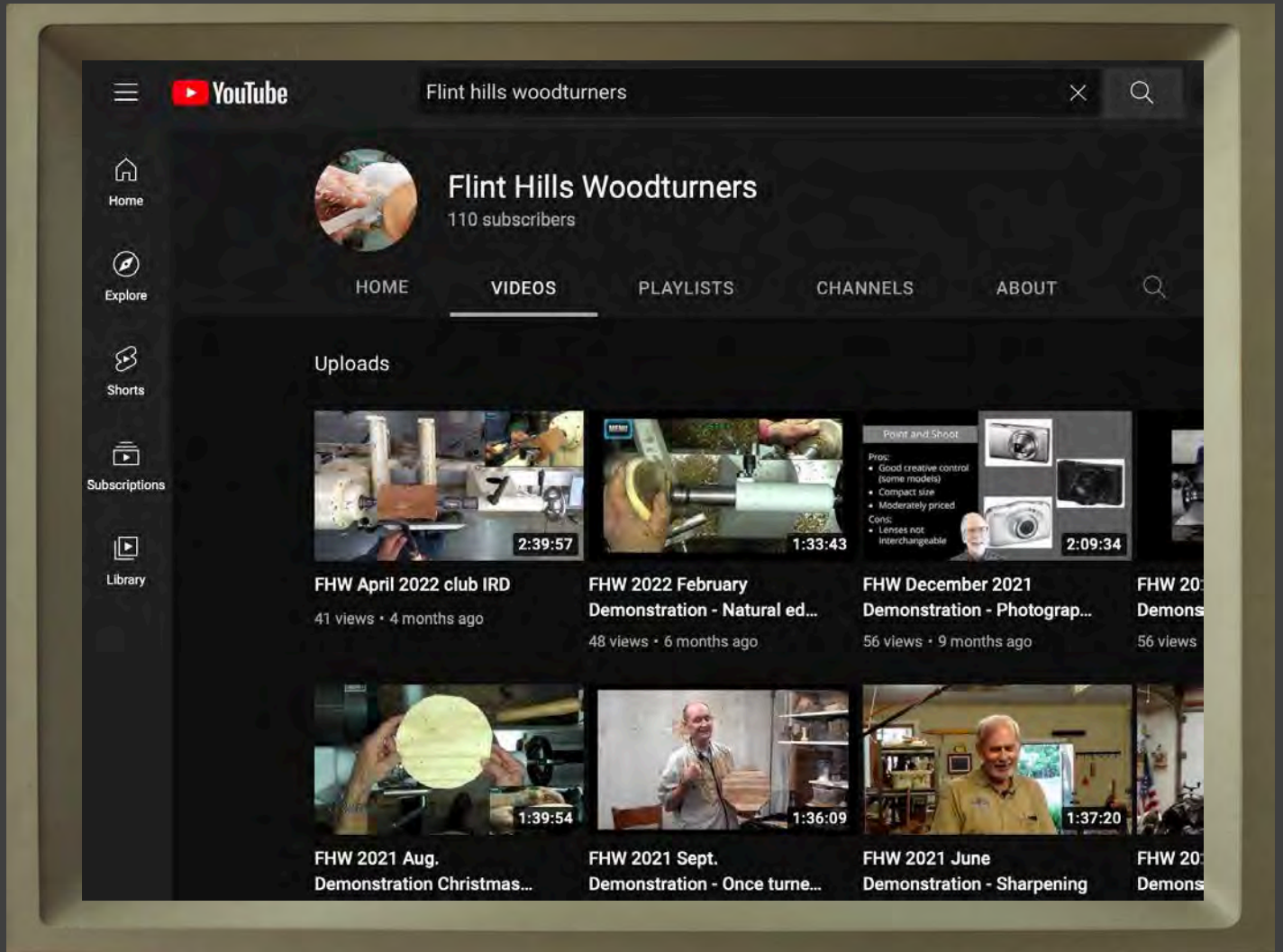
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Don't forget to follow, comment, like, and share FHW content on Facebook

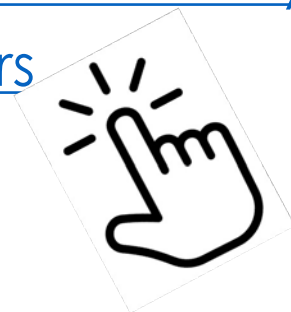
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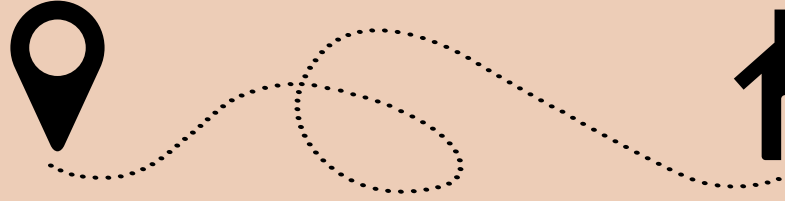


We're on  YouTube

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



# WE HAVE MOVED!



Faith Evangelical Free Church  
1921 Barnes Rd  
Manhattan, KS 66502



Don't forget to bring  
your own chair!

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## Board Members



**President**  
David Delker



**Vice President**  
Joe Beck



**Secretary**  
Barbara Drolet



**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](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.