



Flint Hills

WOODTURNERS

March 2023

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We will meet in Tom's shop, as usual, and devote the full 3-hour time to Harvey's IRD.

Please join us afterward at Pizza Ranch (511 McCall Road) for some social time.



March Club Event

Basketweave Technique

IRD with Harvey Meyer

March 4, 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

Plates and Platters, Oh My!

I was pleased by your feedback following my Plates and Platters demonstration. I was especially delighted to hear from several of you who tried one or more of the techniques I shared! Please contact me if any of you have questions about materials or processes, or if you want to share a picture or two of your work. I'd love to hear from you!

Speaking of decorated plates and platters, I just saw the AAW interactive remote demonstration (IRD) by Stewart Furini. If you missed that, you still can see Stewart in action on his YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/stewartfurini>.

I love trying new woodturning techniques, with inspiration from folks like Stewart and many of our own club members! Maybe if I were to quit trying new things and focus on just one technique, I'd actually be an expert at *something* by now! Nope. That's not going to happen! One thing Stewart Furini has taught me is that it's OK to totally redo a previous project and give it a new and improved appearance. That's exactly what I did with the two plates I painted during my recent demonstration. I was not pleased with the appearance of either plate, so I scrubbed off the acrylic paint and started over! If I'm pleased with their reincarnated looks (I'm not done with them yet), you'll see them during Show and Tell at a future meeting!

March Demonstration

Harvey Meyer, who is known as the guru of the basket illusion technique, will be our guest Interactive Remote Demonstrator (IRD) at our March 4 meeting. We will meet in Tom Boley's shop as usual and devote the full 3-hour meeting time to Harvey's online interactive demonstration. (NOTE: We will send a Zoom link to our "distant" members in advance, so you'll be able to join in from your locations).

All members who have paid their 2023 dues will be eligible to attend at no extra cost! By the way, we will dispense with the usual officer reports and will skip Show and Tell this month to devote the full meeting time to Harvey's demonstration.

See some of Harvey's remarkable work on his website: <https://www.harveymeyer.com/>

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The basket illusion technique is very popular in turned vessels that mimic Native American baskets. Do a quick Google search and you'll find hundreds of examples of basket weave patterns used to embellish bowls, vases, plates, and even bottle stoppers! I'm looking forward to learning more and trying that technique!

After the demonstration, we plan to gather for an informal lunch together at Pizza Ranch (511 McCall Road, in front of Menards). Note that you will pay for your own meal and make your way to our group seating area.

Program Director Help Wanted!

Just like the ever-present "help wanted" signs all over town, we still need a Program Director to coordinate demonstrations for future meetings. Please contact me or one of the other Board members if you are interested in serving your club in that capacity, or if you would like to suggest someone for that office. I held that position several years ago and would be happy to visit with you about the job duties.

Program Update

As your acting Program Director, I am pleased to share the list of upcoming programs scheduled so far:

March 4: Harvey Meyer ("Basket Illusion" IRD)

April 1: Tom Boley (topic TBD)

May 13: **NAME** (topic TBD)

June 3: Dennis Biggs (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** ("Offset Turning")

December 2: Vaughn Graber (topic TBD)

There are only two vacancies on the schedule: the May meeting will be the SECOND Saturday of the month due to conflicts on our usual first Saturday date. Dave Davis's demonstration time in November will be shared with another person demonstrating an offset-turning project.

President's Corner

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Thanks to all who volunteered to demonstrate! Please help me fill in the blanks with YOUR name and demonstration title or encourage your fellow members to do the same.

A Permanent Home

I feel like I am repeating myself. Again. We are continuing our search for a permanent location that will accommodate 40 or 50 occupants, have adequate climate control, internet access, and space to store equipment between meetings. Another criterion, of course, is cost! As we saw at the last meeting, seating space is a bit cramped. Please let me or one of the other officers know if you have any suggestions for a suitable meeting place in or around Manhattan.

Nametags

Some of us are rather forgetful, but please wear your nametag to the meetings so people will be able to associate names with faces! If you've lost your name tag, let me know so we can order a replacement. The club pays for name tags for new members, but the cost of replacements would be the member's responsibility.

Membership Growth

I am pleased to see new members and/or guests every month! We now have 46 members, with additional people inquiring about joining each month. That's a few short of the 52 we had last year, but I'm optimistic that our club's upcoming public events will attract even more new members. Please invite and encourage other woodturners or those aspiring to learn more about the craft to a future club meeting!

Conclusion

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meeting! As always, I invite your feedback, questions, and suggestions. I may be reached at fhwpresident@gmail.com. Enjoy some time in your shop and stay safe in all you do!

-David Delker

Calling All Volunteers!

Help is needed at



This year marks the 8th annual Meet the Makers event at the Flint Hills Discovery Center! The Flint Hills Woodturners will have the opportunity to set up in the first-floor atrium, demonstrate woodturning, share completed woodturned items, and interact with patrons and answer questions about woodturning.

We need FHW volunteers to help at intervals throughout the day. Set-up will begin at 9:00 AM in the main atrium, and tear-down will begin at 4:30 PM. Please contact Tom Shields for more information, 5tommyshields@gmail.com.



AAW Bulletin

News from the American Association of Woodturners
by Heather Marusiak

- **Online Event: Nicole MacDonald and Elizabeth Weber, 2023 AAW Artist Showcase Awardees.** Saturday, March 4, 2023, 3:00PM CST. [Click here for more information.](#)
- **Online Event: Lyle Jamieson, Turning a Thinned-Walled Goblet.** Saturday, March 18, 2023, 2:00PM CST. [Click here for more information.](#)
- **Save the Date: 2023 WIT Virtual Exchange Presentation of Projects,** Saturday, April 29, 2023, time TBD. Stay tuned for more information and to register.
- **Call for Entries: Out of the Woods, 2023 AAW Member Exhibition.** Submission dates: January 1 - March 15, 2023. The theme for the 2023 AAW member show is *Out of the Woods*, embracing the versatile and beautiful medium we work in and referring to the many challenges and changes of the past few years. As always, artists are encouraged to interpret the theme for themselves. AAW's goal is to host a Symposium exhibition that showcases and celebrates the full scope of excellent work being created by our members, from perfect traditional forms to innovative sculptures. All work exhibited will be selected through a blind jurying process. There are two cash prizes for this exhibition: the \$300 Masters' Choice, selected by the jurors or their representatives, and the \$200 People's Choice, selected by Symposium attendees in Louisville. [Click here for more information and to apply.](#)
- **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 the 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.](#)



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Nicole MacDonald, Elizabeth Weber

WIT Presents: Nicole MacDonald and Elizabeth Weber 2023 Artist Showcase Awardees

Moderated by Janine Wang

Saturday, March 4, 2023
4:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Join us for a visit with the two talented makers selected for this year's Professional Outreach Program (POP) Artist Showcase.

Nicole MacDonald is a second generation woodworker from Montreal who has been active in the visual arts since high school. Through her intricately detailed work she explores the natural world at both micro and macro levels, hoping to inspire viewers' respect for and excitement about our intimate interconnectedness with the environment.

Elizabeth Weber is Seattle-based maker and turning instructor who has always loved wooden objects. In her practice, she adds vibrancy and movement to her turned pieces by using colors and bold surface textures. Elizabeth has a background in civil engineering, and sees parallels between the two, particularly the challenges and problem-solving that woodturning presents.

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

The logo for Vista Drive In, featuring the word "Vista" in a blue, stylized font with a star above the 'i', and "DRIVE IN" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font below it.

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DRIVE IN

Ya Gotta Eat!

Thursday, March 23 at 12:00 PM

in the back room of

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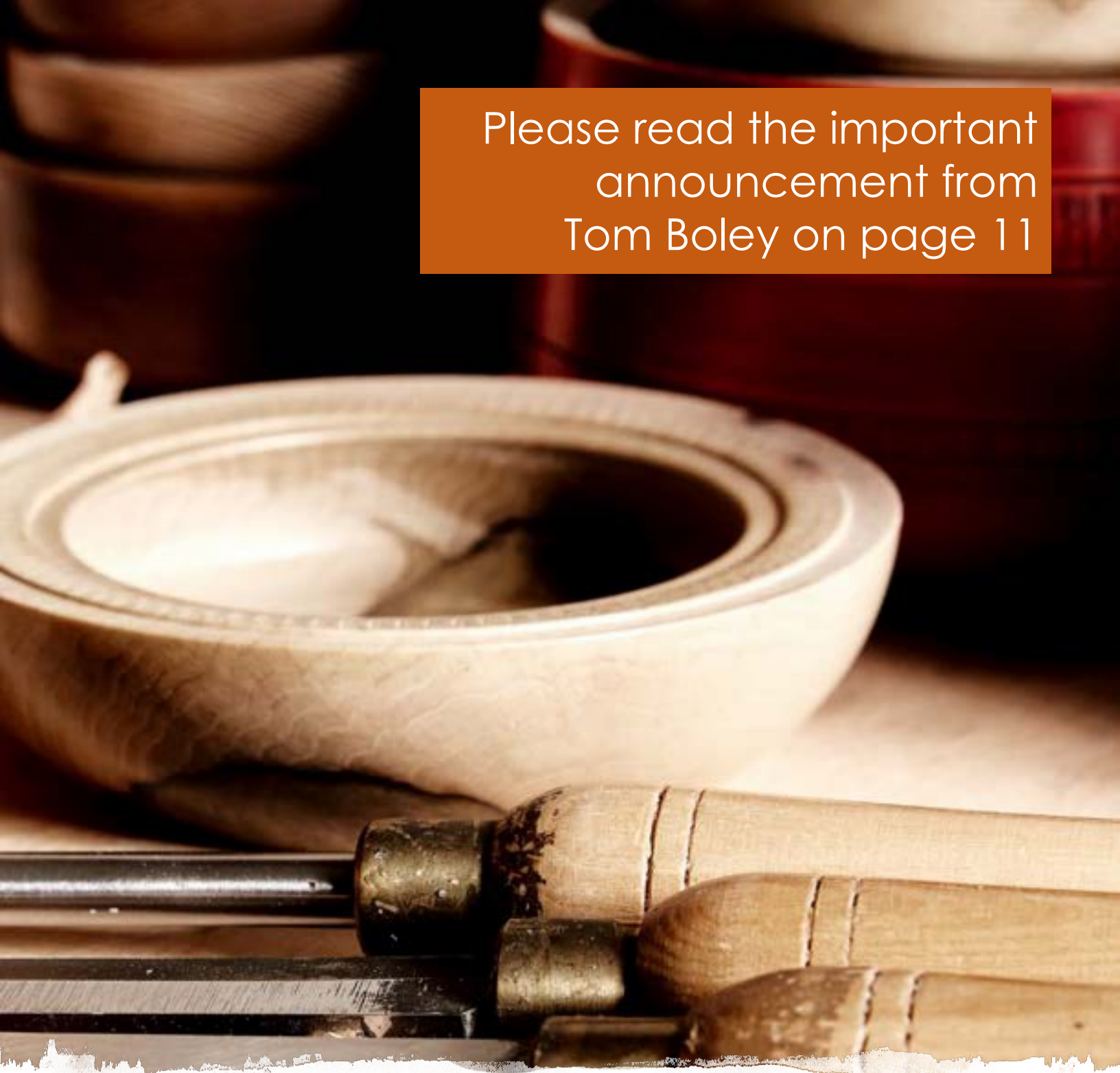
1911 Tuttle Creek Blvd, Manhattan, KS 66502

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

...Food!

...Friendship!

...Woodturning!



Please read the important
announcement from
Tom Boley on page 11

• Skill Enhancement

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 at Red Hollow Lathe Works

7:00 PM - 9:00/9:30 PM

\$5 club donation requested

RSVP to Tom Boley at tboley10@gmail.com

Skill Enhancement Announcement

By Tom Boley

We Flint Hill Woodturners have enjoyed Skill Enhancement since soon after we started this club in 2015. It has been an opportunity for our members to try out new things, to learn sharpening techniques, to perfect skills, and so forth. And it has been an opportunity for us all to spend some time with fellow woodturners in a shop, er, studio environment helping each other. But since the pandemic when we have started meeting once again in person and now even at my shop, attendance at Skill Enhancement has fallen way off. Instead of having four or five woodturners here with three or four instructors to help, we now have one or two members who come for a couple hours. I love helping my fellow woodturners to learn new skills as well as to improve the ones they have. That is the whole point. But frankly, my friends, it is a lot of work to prepare for a formal Skill Enhancement evening. I would love it if more of you came and, if it really got popular, would start having Skill Enhancement a couple times a month. But the time has come to end this effort for lack of interest.

An alternative which I would like to propose is this. Rather than have a fixed evening when the shop will be open for enhancing those skills, I would like to offer to make the shop and myself available any time when I am not otherwise obligated. If you want to learn something new or improve your technique in something, just let me know and we will find a day or an evening which will work for both of us and make it happen. As an adjunct to that, I would invite any of you who would like to be a mentor to our members to identify yourself so we can post a list of those members along with contact information. Maybe I just live too far from town and you would prefer to seek help from someone who is closer. If we get some members who would be willing to make themselves available to you, we will let you know through the newsletter.

Our last formal Skill Enhancement evening will be Wednesday, 15 March. None after that unless the membership asks for it again. In the meantime it will be up to you to contact one of us for help. I, and the ones who I suspect will throw their bowl gouges in the ring, love helping others to perfect this craft which we all enjoy so much. Don't hesitate. Call. E-mail. Talk to us at the meeting. The point is to help YOU so, starting in April, YOU are the ones who must initiate the effort.



February Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Barbara Drolet

February 4, 2023, 9:00 am at Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works

A total of 33 people participated, including 1 visitor and 3 attended by Zoom.

Officer Reports:

President – David Delker: The Club is still in need of a Program Coordinator. Please contact David if you are interested in that position. Members are encouraged to bid for items in the silent auction and bring wood working items in to donate. All proceeds go to the Club. Cash, check, and PayPal (to fhwtreasurer@gmail.com) are accepted.

VP – Joe Beck: Klingspor and Penn State vendors were contacted and agreed to provide Club members with a 10% discount if emails were provided. A sheet was passed around for members to opt in for having their email address given to vendors. Joe Beck said he would confirm with the vendors that the emails would not be sold to others.

Treasurer – Ross Hirst: The Club treasury balance is \$2463.83. Currently 38 members have paid dues for 2023. Any 2022 members that do not pay dues by February they will not receive the March newsletter.

Programs – (Vacant, Delker Acting): In March, we will have an IRD by professional turner Harvey Meyer who will demonstrate the basket weave technique. A recording will be made available for one month following the demonstration. The Club will pay for the IRD so there will be no cost to members. There will not be Show & Tell that day. After the IRD, those interested may gather for lunch and Show & Tell. There are tentative demonstrators scheduled for some meetings this summer and fall but please contact David if you are interested in demonstrating.

Operations – Tom Shields: (absent, Delker Acting): The Flint Hills Discovery Center Meet the Makers on April 15-18 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. More information to come.

Newsletter/AAW liaison – Heather Marusiak: On Feb 18, AAW will present an IRD with Stewart Furini (<https://www.stewartfuriniwoodturning.co.uk/>). The link is in the newsletter. The WIT Exchange registration is open through February 18. All female artists, (woodturners or other) are encouraged to apply.



February Meeting Minutes

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Secretary and AV-website – No reports

Other business: Please stay off the grass when parking for the meeting at Tom's shop. The May meeting will likely not be on the first Saturday due to scheduling conflicts with several local events.

Show & Tell: Presenters included: David Delker, Marc Greene, Tod Salfrank, Victor Schwarz, Steve Bietau, Ed Brokesh, Vaughn Graber, Heather Marusiak, Terry Schmidt, Kenneth Stitt, and Tom Boley.

Demonstration: David Delker demonstrated Part 2 of embellishing plates, platters, and shallow bowls. Information included texturing by carving and piercing, and coloring with wood dyes, India ink, acrylic paint, iridescent paint, and reactive metallic paint. A spin technique with acrylic paints was also demonstrated. A detailed handout included supplies, materials, and equipment needed for all the different types of embellishment techniques, as well as some helpful references.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.





February Meeting Minutes

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February Show and Tell

Photos by Bob Holcombe



David Delker



February Show and Tell

Photos by Bob Holcombe



Marc Greene



February Show and Tell

Photos by Bob Holcombe



Tod Salfrank

February Show and Tell

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Victor Schwarz



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Steve Bietau



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Heather Marusiak

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Terry Schmidt



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Kenneth Stitt



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Tom Boley



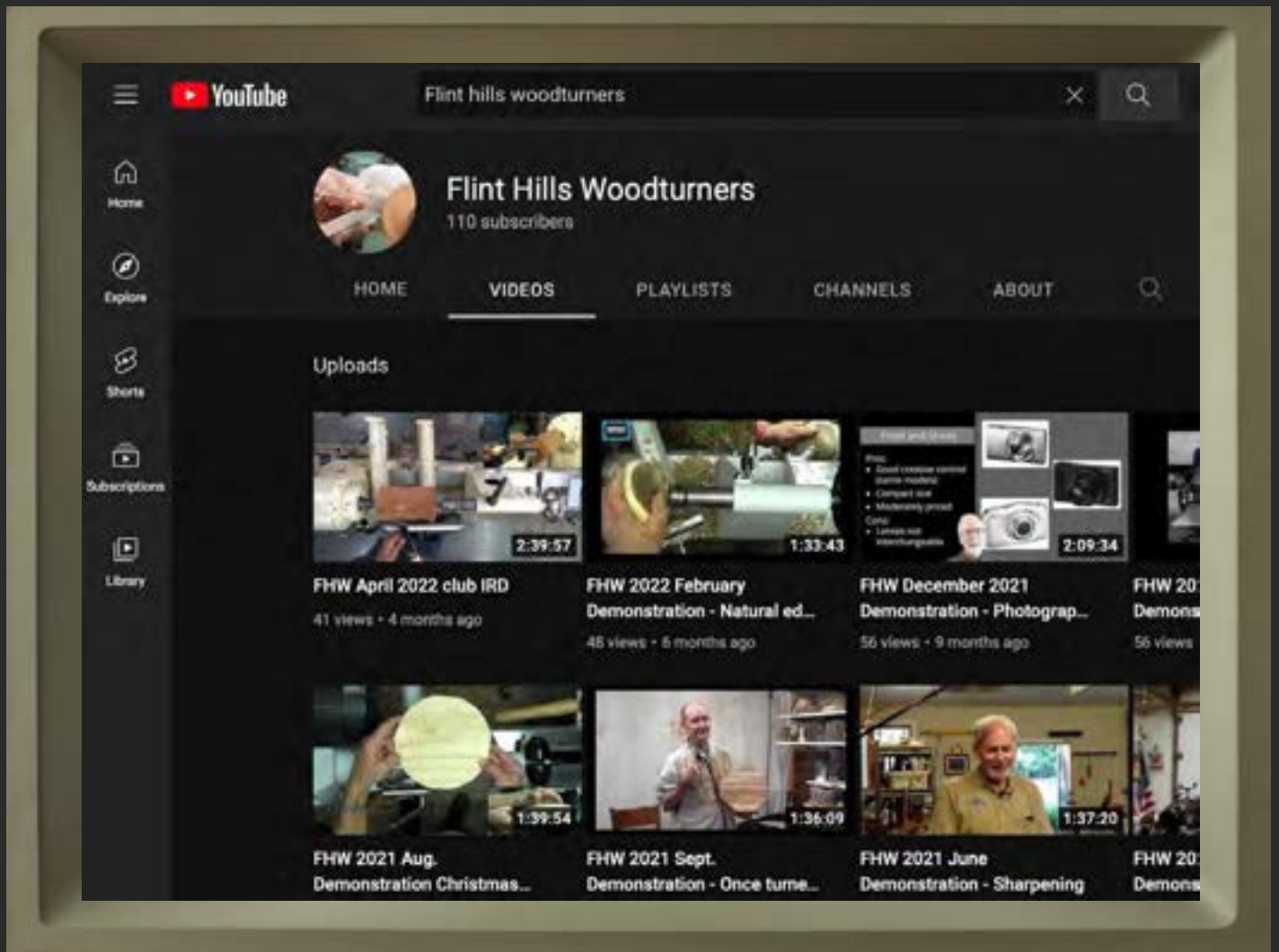
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We're on  YouTube

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



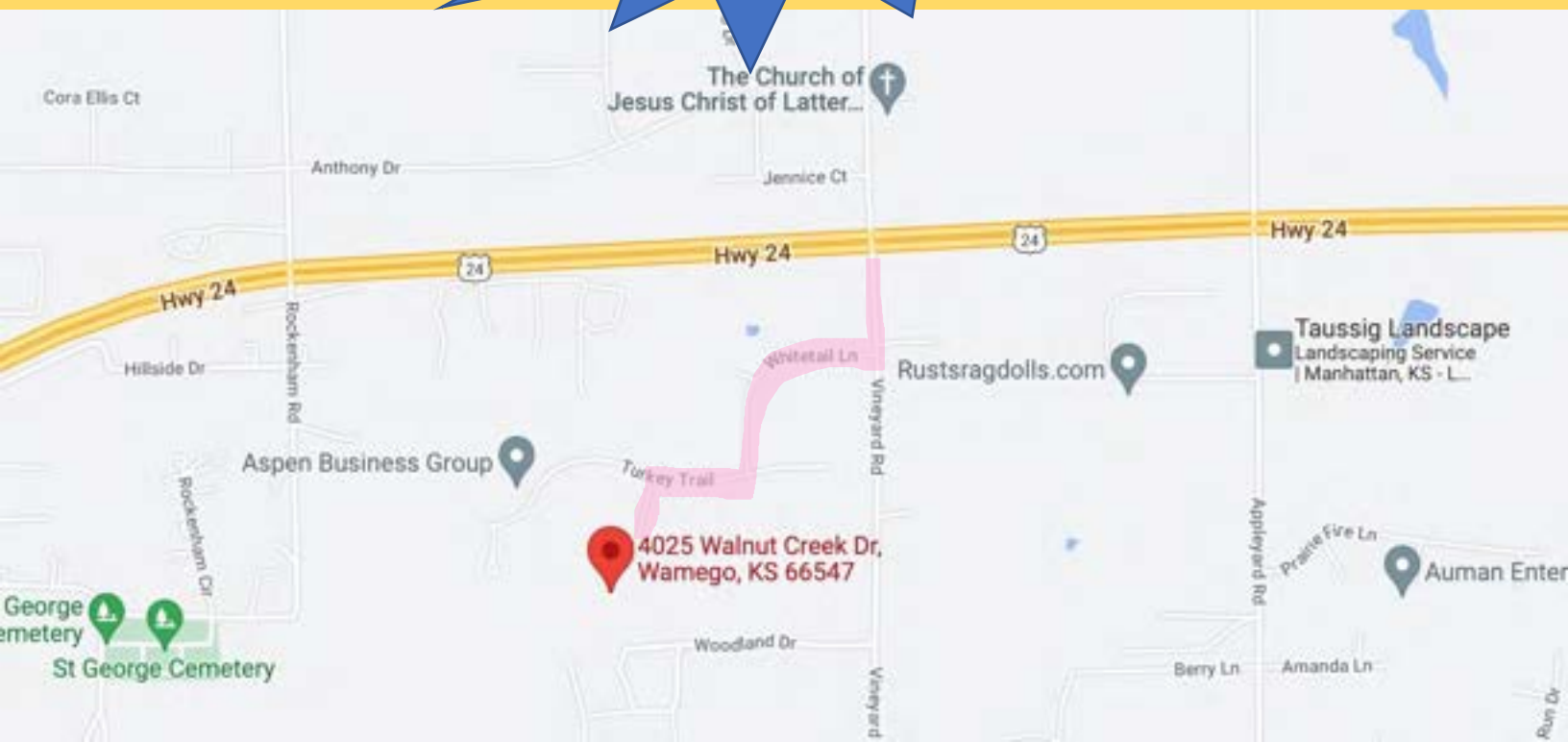
WE HAVE MOVED!



Tom Boley has graciously allowed us to conduct our monthly meetings in his shop until we secure a permanent location.

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

Don't forget to bring
your own chair!





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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://flintheillswoodturners.org>
or email:
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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.