



Flint Hills

WOODTURNERS

November 2023

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November Club Event

Multi-Axis Christmas Tree

with Dave Davis

November 4, 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

Election News

The election of club officers for 2024 will occur at the November meeting. I'm pleased that we have a full slate of very capable nominees:

President: Tom Shields

Vice President: Tod Salfrank

Secretary: Barbara Drolet

Treasurer: Ross Hirst

Program Director: Tom Boley

Operations Director: Robert Kloppenborg

At-Large Member/AAW Liaison: Heather Marusiak

Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor for any of these positions at our meeting. Thanks to everyone who agreed to be nominated, and a big "thank you" to the current officers for their service!

November 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.

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!

2024 Dues

Our Board of Directors voted to reduce the membership dues in 2024 from \$50 to \$40. When we raised the dues to \$50 in late 2022, we were anticipating a move to

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a location that charged a substantial monthly rental fee, plus we thought we might need to rent a storage unit for our equipment, and possibly purchase a trailer to move things to and from the meeting location. Since none of those predictions materialized, we will be able to cut our dues for 2024. Per the club Bylaws, we will bring this proposed change in the monthly dues to the November meeting for a vote.

Treasurer Ross Hirst will share more details about dues payment methods, deadline, etc. at the November meeting.

On a related topic, the Board voted to make a \$25 per month donation to the church to thank them for generously letting us use their space. The donation should help compensate the church for costs associated with added utility bills, cleaning, and similar overhead expenses.

Multi-Axis Turning Fun!

I am looking forward to the demonstration by Dave Davis, "Multi-axis-turned Christmas Tree." He will lead us through how to make a very impressive piece using simple offset-turning techniques.

As an extension of Dave's demonstration, we will have an expanded Show and Tell time in which you are invited to bring examples of your own offset turning work. I'm anxious to see what you bring!

Conclusion

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting! 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



Now is your chance to enter to win a free 2024 AAW International Symposium Package. There is no easier way to attend the biggest woodturning event of the year, featuring demonstrations from internationally renowned woodturners, the industry's largest and most attended tradeshow, and awe-inspiring galleries, exhibitions and auctions featuring unbelievable wood art from across the world. Sign up for the Symposium Sweepstakes for a chance to win one \$1,500 2024 AAW Symposium Prize Package including:

- 3-Night stay at a Portland, Oregon hotel**
- \$350 Travel Stipend**
- One Banquet Ticket**
- One General Symposium Registration**

One lucky winner will be on their way to Portland, OR May 23-26, 2024
Could it be you? [CLICK HERE TO ENTER SWEEPSTAKES](#)



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Women in Turning Presents

Marilyn Campbell
Kalia Kliban

Saturday, November 4, 2023
4pm EDT | Online

Join us for online artist talks and Q&A with two talented woodturning artists, Marilyn Campbell and Kalia Kliban. Free. Pre-registration required. tiny.cc/WITregister

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR FOR THIS FREE EVENT](#)



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Call for Entries!

AAW 2024 Member Show "Common Roots"

Application dates: January 1 to March 15, 2024

The theme for the 2024 AAW member show is *Common Roots*. Each year, our goal is to host a Symposium exhibition that showcases and celebrates the full scope of excellent work being created by our members, from impeccably-crafted 'round and brown' to innovative sculptures that push the boundaries.

As always, artists are encouraged to interpret the theme for themselves, but here are a few jumping off points for getting the creative wheels spinning: "common roots" could refer to our shared connections through craft, culture, heritage, foods, our role in the ecosystem, human community, or roots as symbols of strength or as an actual material.

Work will be selected through a blind jurying process. The entry fee is \$25 for up to three entries. 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 attendees at the AAW Symposium in Portland, Oregon, May 23-26, 2024. [Click here for more details.](#)

AAW 2024 POP Show and Auction "Balance"

Application dates: December 1, 2023 to January 15, 2024

The Professional Outreach Program (POP) is pleased to announce that the theme for its 18th annual exhibition and auction is "Balance." Each year, the POP shows have featured an exciting mix of excellent work created by a roster of national and international established, mid-career, and emerging artists.

POP themes are chosen to provide a dynamic springboard for creative ideas and a showcase for extraordinary small-scale work. Psychology has shown that limits spur creative thinking, and the size restriction (piece must fit in a 6"/15cm cube) provides a second creative constraint that we hope will spark your imagination and ingenuity.

Balance is central to almost every aspect of our existence, and as theme balance offers myriad possibilities. Balance could refer to physical, emotional, or environmental balance; balance as harmony in composition or in materials. Or to work/life balance, bank balance, balance of powers, to name just a few starting points.

The application fee is \$25 for up to three entries. All work will be part of the 2024 POP Auction at the AAW Symposium. Artists may set reserves and retain up to 50% of the auction price. [Click here for more details.](#)



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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!

Thursday, November 16 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!*



October Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Barbara Drolet

Oct 7, 2023, 9:00 am at 1921 Barnes Road, Manhattan, KS

A total of 22 people attended, including 3 guests and 1 attended by zoom.

Officer Reports:

President – David Delker – The Club has a full slate of nominees for all our officer positions. If others are interested in being nominated, contact David. We will vote on the nominees at our November meeting. Members were reminded of the silent auction and encouraged to bid for items and bring woodworking items in to donate. All proceeds go to the Club and can be paid by cash, check, or PayPal (to fhwtreasurer@gmail.com).

The slate of nominees is as follows:

President: Tom Shields

Vice President: Tod Salfrank

Secretary: Barbara Drolet

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Member-at-Large/AAW Liaison: Heather Marusiak

VP – Joe Beck – no report. David reminded the Club that the library materials will only be brought quarterly. Members wanting to check out specific materials should contact Joe (joebeck@ksu.edu) and he will bring them to the next meeting.

Secretary – Barb Drolet – A sympathy card for Karen Davis, wife of our former member Joe Davis, was provided for Club members to sign.

Treasurer – Ross Hirst – The Club bank balance is \$2,845.30 with a petty cash fund of \$85. Starting in November the Club will start collecting annual dues for 2024. The Board will be meeting soon to determine if dues need to be increased.

Programs – (Vacant, Delker Acting): For November, Dave Davis will demonstrate a multi-axis turned Christmas ornament. The schedule for the remainder of the year can be found in the newsletter and includes demonstrations by Bob Holcombe, and Vaughn Graber.

Operations – Tom Shields – The Club participated in the annual Pumpkin Patch event on Sept 30th in Manhattan. Thanks to Robert Kloppenborg, Heather Marusiak, Ross Hirst, David Delker, Dennis Biggs, and Mike Ballard for volunteering to demonstrate or talk with the crowd.



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AAW Liaison/Newsletter– Heather Marusiak – During COVID AAW sponsored events and they are still trying to promote remote demonstrators for their Explore database/library. Videos can be watched even if you are not an AAW member. If you are a member, AAW provides access to their YouTube videos, articles, projects, and AAW archives which are valuable resources. The AAW 2024 Member Show theme this year is “Common Roots”. The submission fee is \$25 for up to three entries. The AAW 2024 Professional Outreach Program (POP) Show and Auction theme this year is “Balance”. More AAW information can be found at woodturner.org and in the newsletter.

Other business:

Tom Shields has been storing the lathe used for our monthly meetings but needs to have someone else store it for the next few months as he is moving. Mike Ballard volunteered to store the lathe.

Tom Boley will be the Program Director for the next year starting in November. David provided a list of previous demonstrations which Tom then organized by person and type. Members were encouraged to read through the list and write down topics they would like to see demonstrated.

Congratulations to Club member Heather Marusiak for being featured in the Gallery section of AAW’s American Woodturner journal! This is a fantastic and well-deserved recognition of Heather’s work.

Show & Tell: Presenters included: Victor Schwarz, Tod Salfrank, Jason Marusiak, Tom Boley, Kenneth Stitt, Heather Marusiak, Ross Hirst, Barbara Drolet, Dennis Waite, and David Delker.

Demonstration: Member Ross Hirst demonstrated pen turning. Information included types of wood or other materials to use like acrylics and antlers, recommended personal protective equipment especially if turning antlers, various kits that are available, considerations of shape, whether to use a center band, preferred finishes that will be durable, and recommendations of published and online resources with cautions given regarding some YouTube videos that don’t show safe practices. Pens make wonderful gifts and sell well at craft shows.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM



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October Show and Tell



Victor Schwarz



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Tod Salfrank



October Show and Tell



Jason Marusiak



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Tom Boley



October Show and Tell



Kenneth Stitt



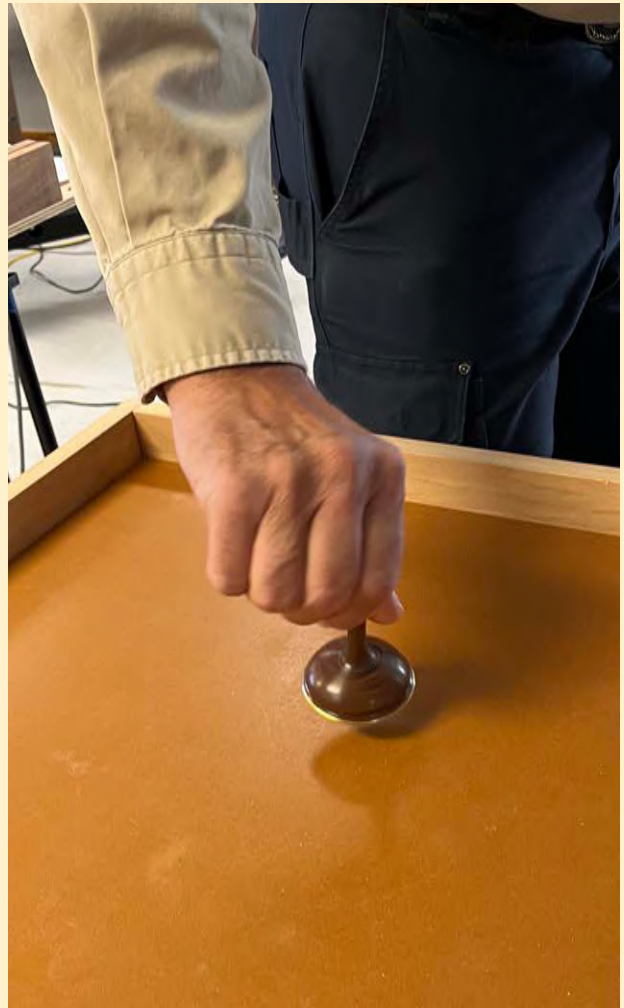
October Show and Tell



Heather Marusiak



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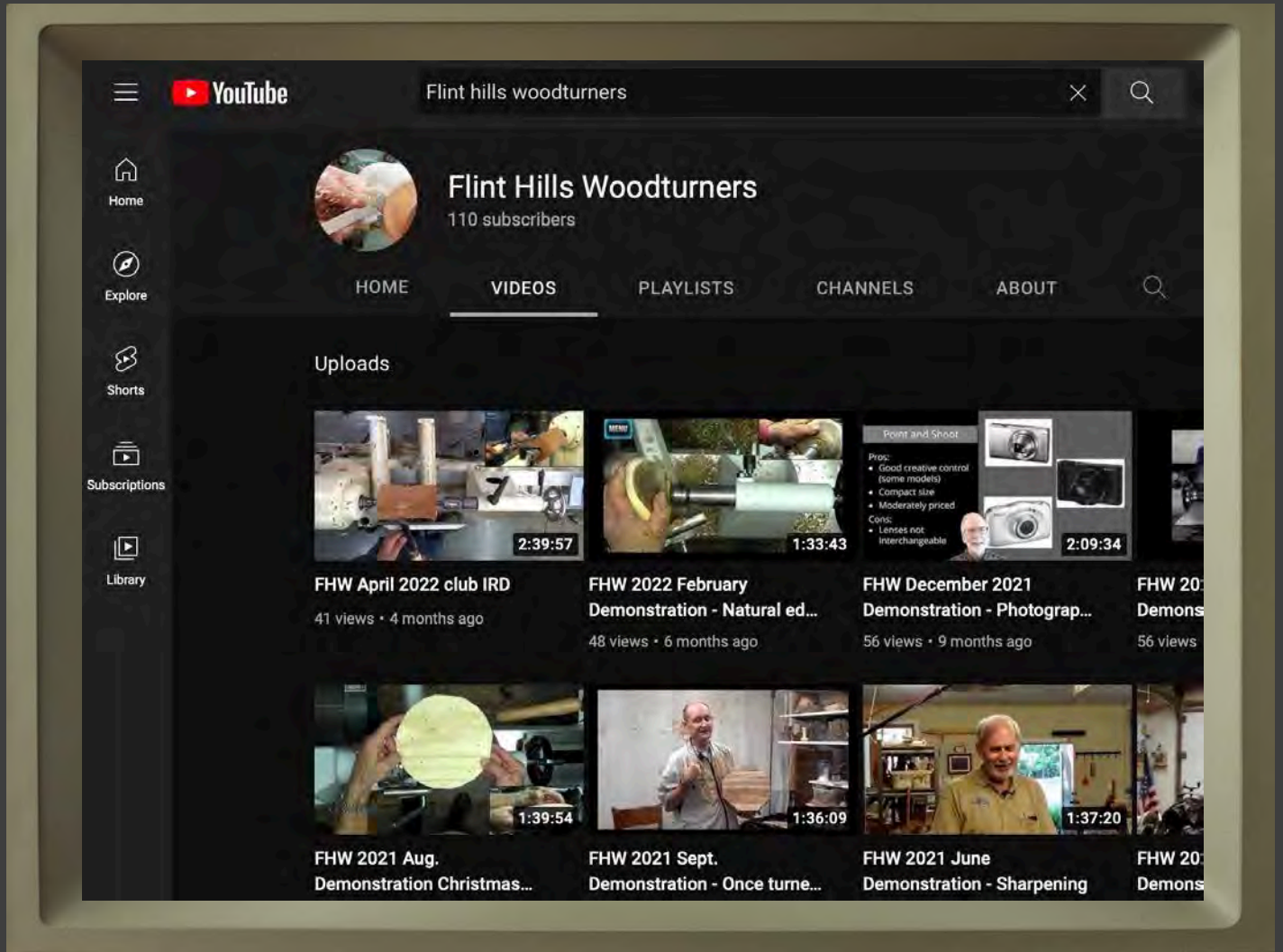
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Check out these resources from our club library!

Please email Joe Beck (joebeck@ksu.edu) to coordinate pick up.

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| 1 | Turning Wood with Richard Raffan | 21 | Tips for Turners #3 by David Ellsworth, DVD |
| 2 | Turning Boxes with Richard Raffan | 22 | Turning Wood with Richard Raffan, DVD |
| 3 | Woodturning: A Foundation Course by Keith Rowley | 23 | Turning Boxes with Richard Raffan, DVD |
| 4 | Turning Projects by Richard Raffan | 24 | Turning Bowls with Richard Raffan, DVD |
| 5 | Turning Wood with Richard Raffan | 25 | The Art of Turned Bowls by Richard Raffan |
| 6 | Getting Started in Woodturning, from AAW | 26 | The Art of Segmented Turning by Malcolm Tibbetts |
| 7 | Understanding Wood Finishing by Bob Flexner | 27 | The Art of Segmented Turning by Malcolm Tibbetts |
| 8 | Turning Wood with Richard Raffan | 28 | Bandsaw Handbook by Mark Duginske |
| 9 | Turning for Food by Nick Cook, DVD | 29 | Create the Perfect Wood Finish by Joe L' Erario |
| 10 | Elegant Finials by Cindy Drozda, DVD | 30 | Lathe Fundamentals by Rick Peters |
| 11 | Turning It Up Vol. 1 with Jimmy Clewes, DVD | 31 | Woodturning Today from AAW |
| 12 | Turning it up Vol. 2 with Jimmy Clewes, DVD | 32 | Woodturning Tips and Techniques by Carol Rix |
| 13 | Turning it up Vol. 3 with Jimmy Clewes, DVD | 33 | Woodturning Techniques by Woodturning Magazine |
| 14 | Turn it on Vol. 1 with Jimmy Clewes, DVD | 34 | Creative Woodturning by Dale Nish |
| 15 | Turn it on Vol. 2 with Jimmy Clewes, DVD | 35 | Turned Chessmen by Mike Darlow |
| 16 | Turn it on Vol. 3 with Jimmy Clewes, DVD | 36 | A Sourcebook of Shapes by John Hunnex |
| 17 | The Art of Hosaluk in Woodturning by Michael Hosaluk, DVD | 37 | Foolproof Wood Finishing by Teri Masachi |
| 18 | Turn Around with Jimmy Clewes, DVD | 38 | The Skew by Alan Lacer, DVD |
| 19 | Back to Basics with Jimmy Clewes, DVD | 39 | Shopmade Woodturning Tools by Alan Lacer, DVD |
| 20 | Bowl Turning by John Jordan, DVD | | |



We're on  YouTube

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



Monthly Meeting Location:

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1921 Barnes Rd
Manhattan, KS 66502

8:30 AM social time, 9:00 AM meeting opens





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**Member at Large,
AAW & WIT Liaison,
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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.