



Flint Hills

WOODTURNERS

October 2023

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October Club Event

Next-Level Penmaking

with Ross Hirst

October 7, 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

As I mentioned last month, the election of club officers for 2024 will occur at the November meeting. I'm pleased that we now have a full slate of 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 the November meeting. Thanks to everyone who agreed to be nominated, and a big "thank you" to the current officers for their service!

A Top-rated Demonstration

Bob Holcombe gave an outstanding demonstration of how to make a variety of spin tops at the September meeting. Recall that he gave a "Turn a Top for the October Meeting" challenge, so let this serve as a reminder to bring your top creations to the October meeting! Bob plans to bring his top spinning table so we all can show our tops in action!

I must admit Bob's demonstration rekindled my interest in creating (and playing with) spin tops. Because of my engineering tendencies, I spent a lot of time analyzing what style of top to make. Much of that time was spent reading online articles and watching YouTube videos. Here is a video that has little to do with making tops, but rather in how to skillfully use them. I think you'll enjoy it:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLYazynm_1M&t=1s

President's Corner

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October 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!

I am looking forward to Ross Hirst's demonstration, "Taking Pen Turning to the Next Level." Ross gave a great introduction to pen turning at a meeting last July, and this month's demonstration will undoubtedly be another winner.

Many of us, me included, got started in woodturning by turning a simple pen. In my case, a vendor at the Kansas City Woodworking Show was demonstrating how to turn pens on their mini lathes. They provided a "free" pen kit and a pen blank, along with some one-on-one personal instruction, and that's all it took for me to get hooked! Note: that "free" pen kit eventually cost me thousands of dollars in tools and accessories, but I don't regret that investment at all!

Kudos to Heather!

After returning from a great vacation trip last week, it took me several days to catch up with the neglected lawn mowing, grocery buying, and the accumulation of mail waiting for me to sift through. When I finally got around to looking at the October issue of *American Woodturner*, I was delighted when I opened the front cover and saw the two-page feature article highlighting the work of our own Heather Marusiak! I'm pleased and proud to see her accomplishments shared with woodturners all over the world. Congratulations, Heather!

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Death of Club Member

I was saddened by the news that Joe Davis, who was a member of our club until this year, died Saturday after battling pancreatic cancer. Many of you may remember his demonstration last October when he showed how to combine molten pewter with woodturning. He was a member of the Kansas Association of Woodturners club in Topeka and very active in creating Beads of Courage boxes for area hospitals.

There will be no funeral service, but a celebration of life will be planned for a future date. Here is Joe's wife's address, in case you would like to send condolences to the family:



Karen Davis, 3410 SE 37th St, Topeka, KS 66605

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

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!

Wednesday, October 18 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!***



September Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Barbara Drolet

Sept 2, 2023, 9:00 am at 1921 Barnes Road, Manhattan, KS

A total of 31 people attended, including 2 guests.

Officer Reports:

President – David Delker – 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). Program updates were provided and are listed in the programs section below. After November David Delker will take over updating and maintaining the Club's website.

In November the Club will have their annual officer elections. The slate of nominees is as follows:

President: Tom Shields

Vice President: open (must be AAW member)

Secretary: Barbara Drolet

Treasurer: Ross Hirst

Program Director: Tom Boley

Operations: Robert Kloppenborg

Member-at-Large/AAW Liaison: Heather Marusiak

VP – Joe Beck – Due to a general lack of interest in checking out library materials, the library will only be brought to meetings every other month or every quarter. The list of materials available has been published in the newsletter. Members wanting to check out materials should contact Joe (joebeck@ksu.edu) and he will bring them to the next meeting. As an update to Club discounts from vendors, in addition to Klingspor and Penn State Industries, Woodcraft and Rockler will give members a 10% discount for in-store purchases only. Members were reminded to contribute adequate funds for the coffee and donuts they consume so that the Club breaks even on this expenditure.

Secretary – Barb Drolet – no report.

Treasurer – Ross Hirst – The Club bank balance is \$2,845.30 with a petty cash fund of \$56.

Programs – (Vacant, Delker Acting): For October, Ross Hirst will demonstrate pen turning. The schedule for the remainder of the year can be found in the newsletter and includes demonstrations by Dave Davis, Bob Holcombe, and Vaughn Graber.



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Operations – Tom Shields – The Club will participate in the annual Pumpkin Patch event, Sept 30th from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Poyntz Ave. Set up will be from 7:00 - 9:00 AM and clean up from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Please contact Tom if you are interested in helping. If members wish to sell items, they are responsible for sales taxes.

AAW liaison/Newsletter– Heather Marusiak – AAW membership provides access to their YouTube videos, articles, projects, and AAW archives which are valuable resources. AAW is looking for video submissions for its Explore database/library. Women in Turning (WIT) is a great resource of turning information and access to skilled women turners. A grant is possible for new women turners to provide AAW membership for one year. Links to more AAW information can be found in the newsletter.

Show & Tell: Presenters included: Victor Schwarz, Dan Zeller, Tom Boley, Robert Kloppenborg, Kate Cahoj, Nyle Larsen, Barbara Drolet, David Delker, Vaughn Graber, Don Baker, and Heather Marusiak.

Demonstration: Member Bob Holcombe demonstrated turning traditional and self-winding spinning tops. Information included how traditional and self-winding tops differ, the best types of wood to use and what to consider in terms of grain. Bob discussed considerations of overall shape and dimensions of the bases, stems, rings and caps for the optimal balance and performance. He discussed his preferred finish, types of string, and when to consider inserting brass brads in the tip. These tops make wonderful gifts for kids of all ages.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM



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September Show and Tell



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Tom Boley



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Robert Kloppenborg



September Show and Tell



Kate Cahoj



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Nyle Larson



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Barbara Drolet



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David Delker



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Vaughn Graber



September Show and Tell



Don Baker



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Heather Marusiak



September Show and Tell



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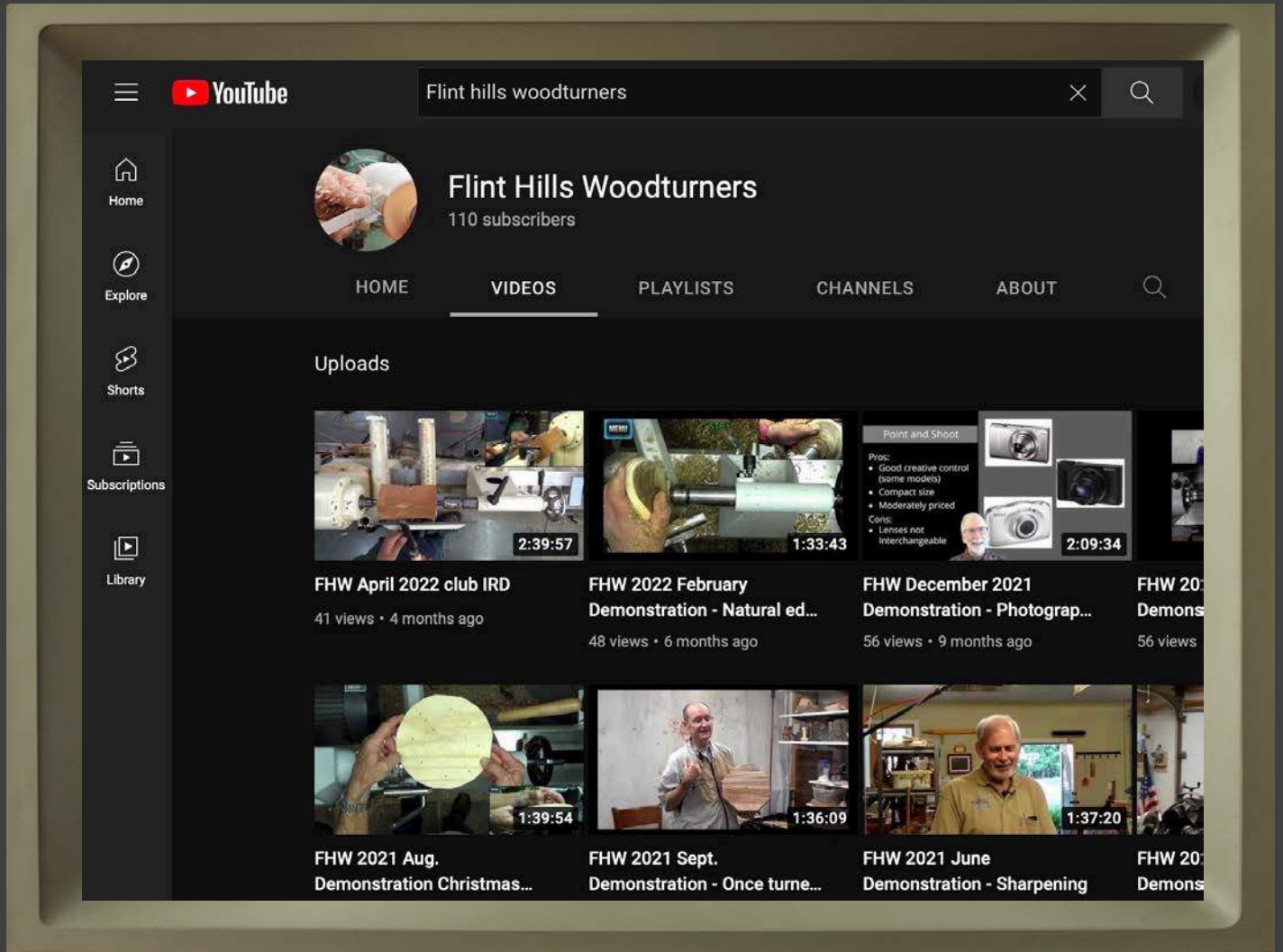
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Check out these resources from our club library!

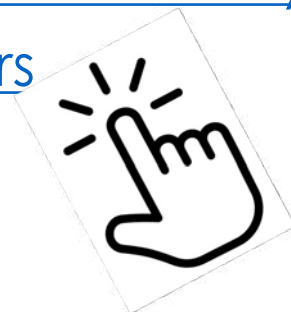
Please email Joe Beck (joebeck@ksu.edu) to coordinate pick up.

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| 1 | Turning Wood with Richard Raffan | 21 | Tips for Turners #3 by David Ellsworth, DVD |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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:

Faith Evangelical Free Church
1921 Barnes Rd
Manhattan, KS 66502

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





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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://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.