



Flint Hills

WOODTURNERS

September 2023

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September Club Event

Self-Winding Tops

with Bob Holcombe

September 2, 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!

No, my comments this month will not pertain to my views on the 2024 US presidential election! Instead, I want to inform you about the election of club officers for 2024 that will occur in November – just a few short months from now! November is the month when, according to our Bylaws, we elect officers for the following year.

Some changes will be happening next year. I will be “retiring” from my duties as President, and Vice President Joe Beck will be doing the same. Tom Shields has agreed to be nominated for the office of President. That opens his Operations Director slot, which Robert Kloppenborg has agreed to fill, if elected. Tom Boley has agreed to serve, if elected, as Program Director. That leaves just the Vice President position, and the Board members are working to find someone for that role.

In summary, here is a list of the 2024 club officer nominees so far:

President: Tom Shields

Vice President: ?

Secretary: Barbara Drolet

Treasurer: Ross Hirst

Program Director: Tom Boley

Operations Director: Robert Kloppenborg

At-Large Member/AAW Liaison: Heather Marusiak

Please contact me or one of the other Board members if you are interested in being nominated for the Vice President position, or if you would like to suggest someone for that office. (Note that the Vice President must be an AAW member). Duties of the Vice President include presiding at club meetings in the absence of the President, attending Board meetings, and performing other duties to be determined.

President's Corner

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Past duties have included managing our vendor discount programs and the club library, but those duties are negotiable.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor for any of these positions at the November meeting. Thanks to everyone who agreed to be nominated to serve our club! And a big “thank you” to the current officers for their service!

September 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!

Spin Tops!

I am anxious to see the demonstration Bob Holcombe has lined up for us this month on turning a self-winding spin top. These would make great gifts for kids of all ages, and I’m sure you’ll agree there is nothing like making toys in the workshop to make one feel like a kid again! I know Bob’s demonstration will be a great one, and it may even get us in the holiday spirit, despite the 100+ degree temperatures we’ve been having this week!

Conclusion

I look forward to seeing you September 2! 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

Last Chance!

Vote Now for the AAW Board of Directors

The AAW Nominating Committee is pleased to present six candidates, who are running for the AAW Board of Directors. The nine-member AAW Board volunteers its time and energy to represent the membership and support the advancement of the art and craft of woodturning. Board members may serve two consecutive three-year terms. Three Board positions will be filled from the results of this election.

[Click here to see the candidates and vote.](#)

Voting closes at 11:59pm ET on August 31, 2023

Election results will be announced by email the week of September 10, 2023.



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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!

Monday, September 11 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!***



August Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Barbara Drolet

Aug 5, 2023, 9:00 am at 1921 Barnes Road, Manhattan, KS

A total of 24 people attended, including 1 visitor and 2 attended on Zoom.

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). Mike Ballard was thanked for setting up the A/V. Program updates were provided and are listed below.

VP – Joe Beck – Members were reminded to check out library materials. Club members receive discounts from Klingspor and Penn State Industries. Joe will follow up with Woodcraft to see if they still give a 10% at store discount.

Secretary – Barb Drolet – Thanks to Tom Shields for covering secretary duties for our monthly meetings in June and July.

Treasurer – Ross Hirst – provided 8-11-2023: the Club bank balance is \$2,840.30 with a petty cash fund of \$56.40.

Programs – (Vacant, Delker Acting): The Club is still in need of a Program Coordinator. Please contact David if you are interested in this position. In September, Bob Holcombe will demonstrate how to turn yarn bowls and self-winding spinning tops. The schedule for the remainder of the year can be found in the newsletter and include demonstrations by Ross Hirst, Dave Davis, and Vaughn Graber.

Operations – Tom Shields: The Club will participate in the annual Pumpkin Patch event, Sept 30th from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Poyntz Ave. Contact Tom if you are interested in helping.



August Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Barbara Drolet

Newsletter/AAW liaison – Heather Marusiak: AAW board elections are being held throughout August. AAW members should check their AAW email or the FHW newsletter for more information. There are two relatively close regional woodturning symposia coming up: Southwest Association of Turners (SWAT) in Waco, TX will be Aug 25-27, and Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium will be Sept 15-17 in Loveland, CO. AAW is looking for video submissions for its Explore database/library, which is a valuable resource of videos, articles, projects, and AAW archives for AAW members. Links to more information on these symposia and video submissions can be found in the newsletter.

Show & Tell: Presenters included: Dennis Biggs, Nyle Larson, Tom Boley, Victor Schwarz, Robert Kloppenborg, Bill Shea, Mike Ballard, Bob Holcombe, David Delker, and Heather Marusiak.

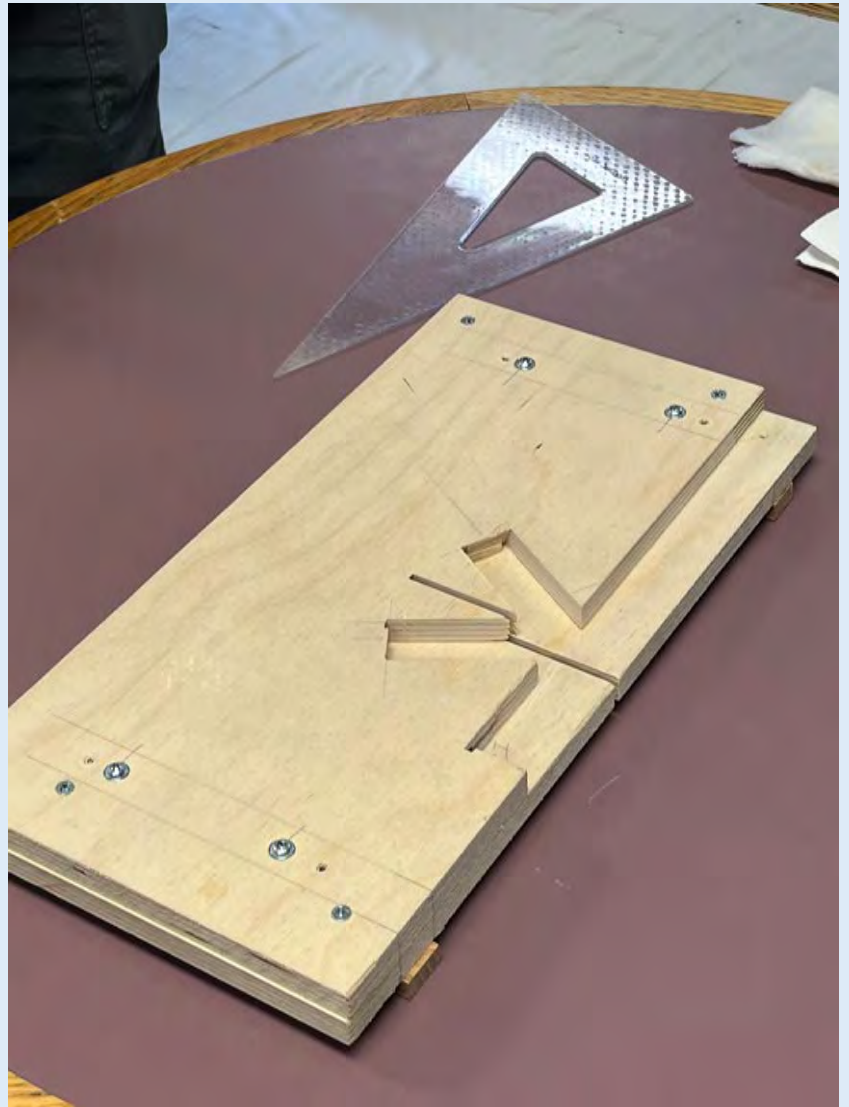
Demonstration: Member Tom Shields demonstrated turning a snowflake ornament. Information included calculating angles, making a table saw sled to cut the six pieces, use of tape and glue to make the hexagonal blank, and how best to chuck that unusual shape. Tom described overall shape and detail considerations, showed disassembly of the cut glue-up and reassembly into the snowflake shape. He discussed his preferred finish, when to consider adding possible embellishments to the center, and where to attach a string for hanging.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM



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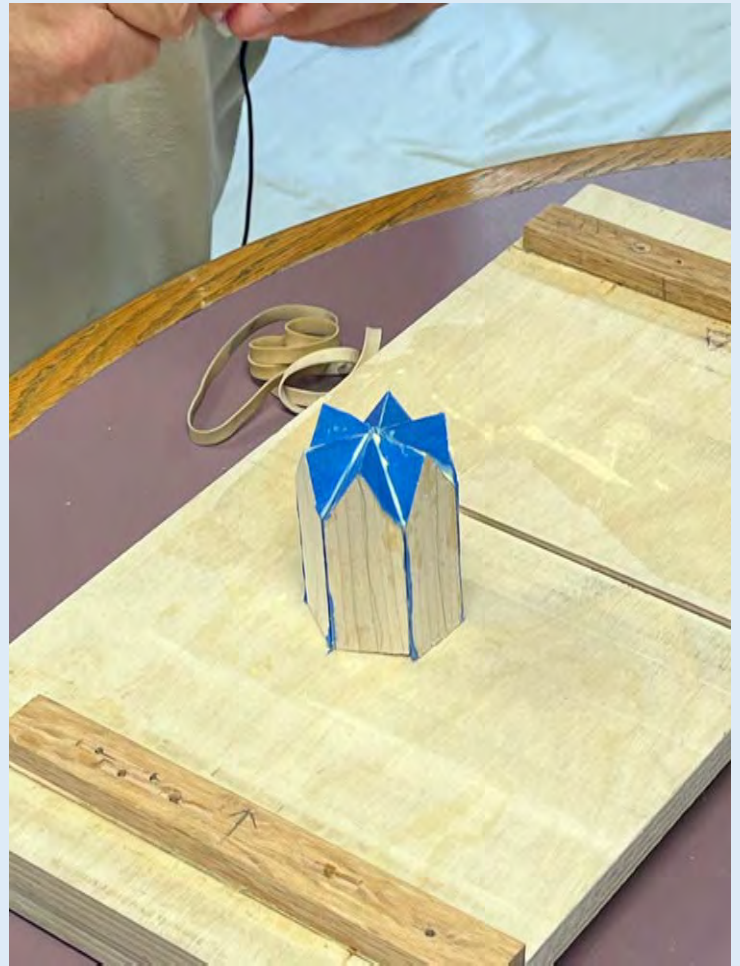
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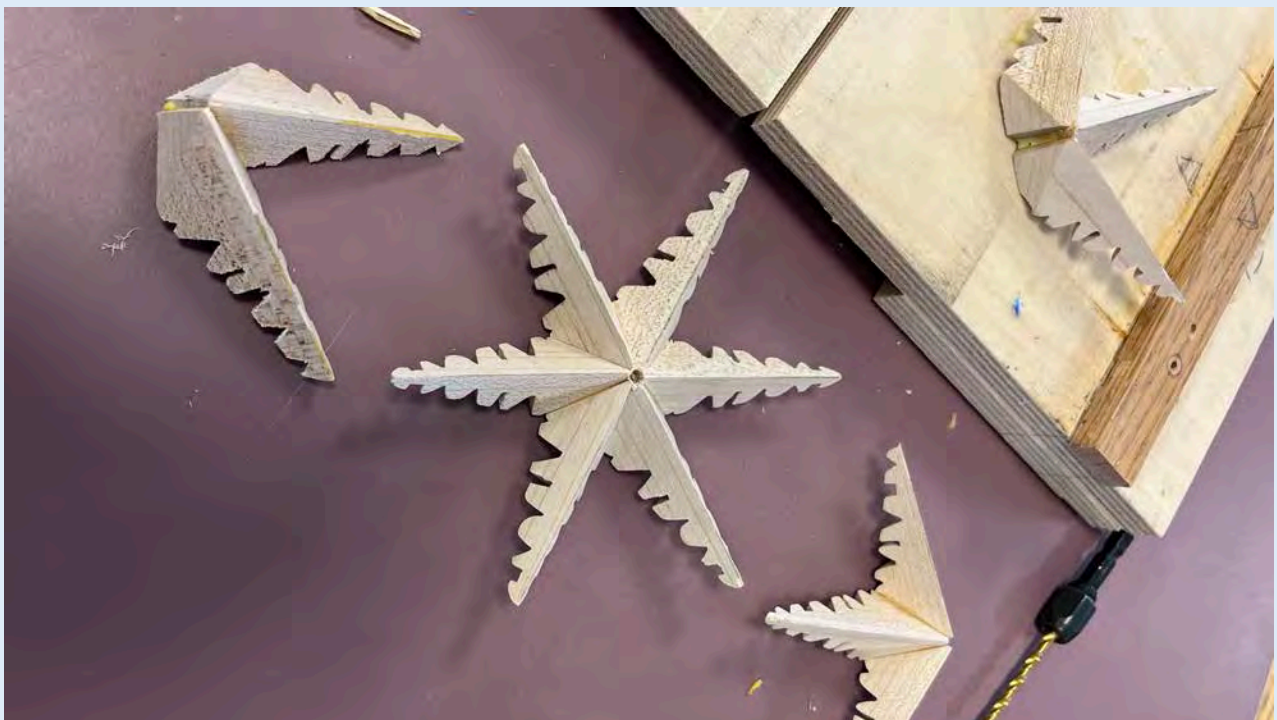
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August Show and Tell

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Victor Schwarz



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Mike Ballard



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Tom Boley



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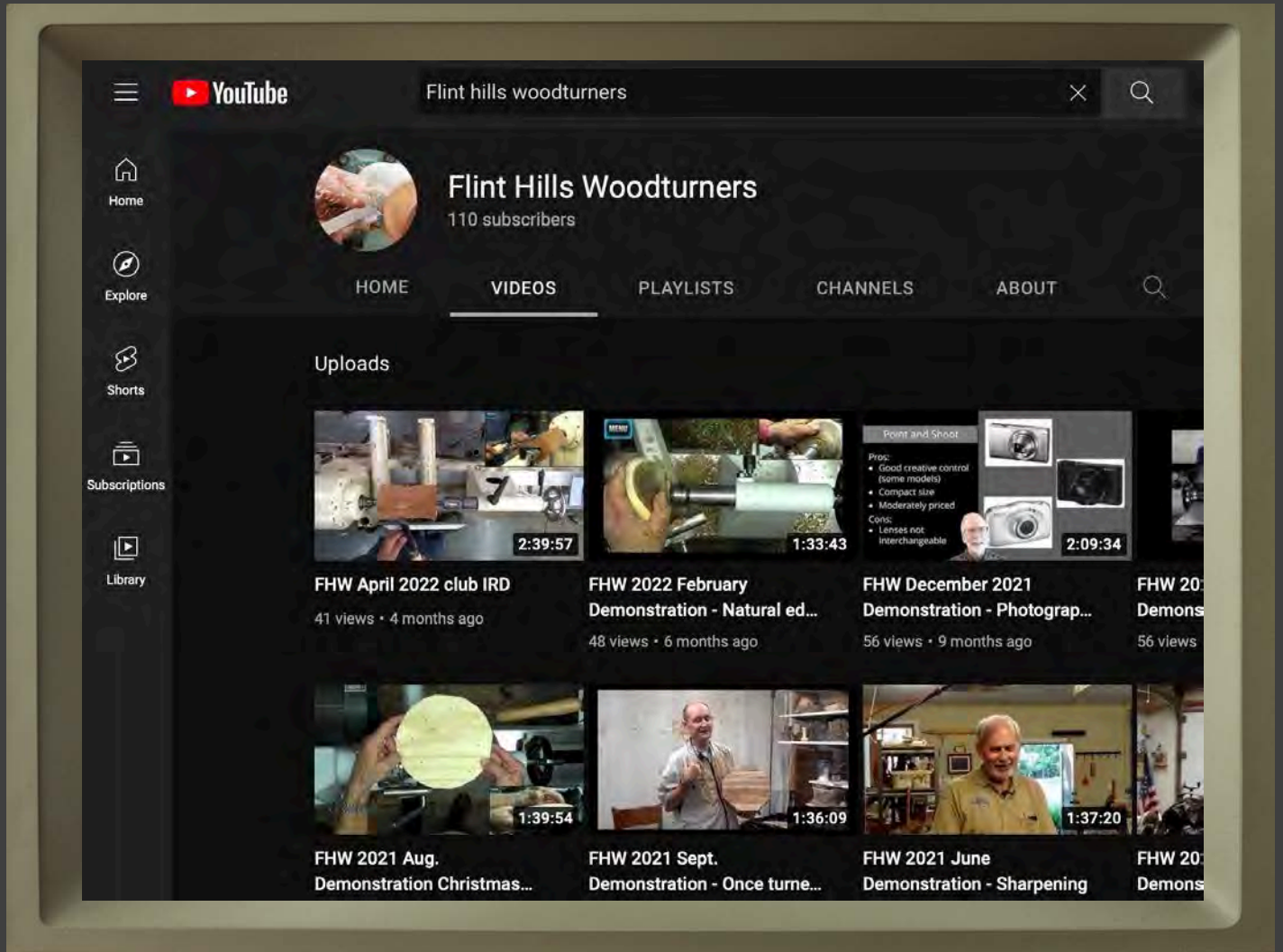


Don't forget to follow, comment, like, and share FHW content on Facebook

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Check out these resources from our club library:

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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](#)



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Manhattan, KS 66502

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Board Members



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David Delker



Vice President
Joe Beck



Secretary
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Treasurer
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Operations
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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:
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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.