



Flint Hills

WOODTURNERS

**December 2023/
January 2024**

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December Club Event

Manhole Covered Box

with Vaughn Graber

December 2, 2023

Faith Evangelical Free Church, 1921 Barnes Rd, Manhattan, KS 66502

8:30 AM Social Time, 9:00 AM Meeting Opens



January Club Event

Turning the Small Stuff

with David Delker

January 6, 2024

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8:30 AM Social Time, 9:00 AM Meeting Opens



President's Corner

by David Delker

Happy Holidays!

The Board decided to publish a combined December 2023/January 2024 newsletter again this year to reduce the workload for everyone involved during the busy holiday season. I know I would rather be working in my workshop than typing away at my computer!

November Election

Last month we elected club officers for 2024:

President: Tom Shields

Vice President: Tod Salfrank

Secretary: Barbara Drolet

Treasurer: Ross Hirst

Program: Tom Boley

Operations Director: Robert Kloppenborg

AAW Liaison: Heather Marusiak

Each one of those dedicated members will be offering their time and talent to keep the club running smoothly. Of course, the officers cannot run a successful club without assistance from the rest of you club members who can (and do) help behind the scenes. I encourage each of you to get involved and to say "yes" when called upon!

December Meeting

Our final meeting of 2023 will be on December 2, 2023. The program will feature Vaughn Graber demonstrating how to make a "manhole cover box," which is a clever project that would make a great holiday gift for someone on your shopping list!

Don't forget to bring your Show and Tell items to the meeting!

2024 Programs

Tom Boley, our newly elected Program Director, is already contacting potential demonstrators for 2024. He recently scheduled me to be the demonstrator in January! My topic will be "Turning the

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Small Stuff," which will focus on turning miniatures. I started turning miniatures 30-some years ago, when I made a doll house and several pieces of doll house furniture for my young daughter. Miniatures are fun to make, as they can be made even if you don't have a big lathe or fancy tools. I guarantee you'll enjoy it and learn some innovative chucking methods and several other tricks I've picked up along the way!

The skills necessary for turning miniature bowls, goblets, plates and platters are very similar to those required for turning full-size items. Turning miniatures is a great way to practice tool control and techniques without spending lots of money on expensive tools or materials. A \$2 pen blank can yield several pieces made from common domestic wood. For \$5 you can try turning ebony, koa, or a host of other exotic woods!

Tom will be the featured demonstrator in February, where he will be turning a wood mounting for a purse mirror. He hopes to have some of our club members give demonstrations in March and April. Let Tom know if you are interested in demonstrating or if you have a particular topic you would like to see demonstrated.

Annual Dues Reminder

Don't forget that club membership dues (\$40 for single or family memberships) for 2024 will be assessed and due by December 31, 2023. Only paid-up members will receive the newsletter and be able to participate in club activities in 2024. You may pay Treasurer Ross Hirst by check or via PayPal. He can be reached at ross.i.hirst@cox.net.

Reflections on the Past Three Years

As I wrap up my last "President's Corner" column, I thought I would reflect on the highlights (and some not-so-high-lights) of the past three years.

I took over as president of the club in January 2021, following Interim President Peter Dorhout's 3-month reign. As it happened, I had agreed to serve as Vice President in 2021, but when Peter's career took him out of state, I stumbled into the role of President! I assure you, leading the club through the COVID pandemic was not exactly something I had in mind when I did my retirement planning a few years prior!

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Our club continued to meet virtually through all of 2021 and until May 2022. Thanks to Ray Case's perseverance and technical know-how, we managed to meet virtually throughout that period. While doing Show and Tell and demonstrations via Zoom were not ideal, we still managed to keep the club moving forward as a group.

Oh, there were some complaints about the virtual meetings, and we did lose a few members through the pandemic, but overall, we came out better equipped to use technology to enhance our meetings because of it. In the past three years we virtually interacted with several nationally known demonstrators (Larry Randolph, John Beaver, Phil Rose, Matt Monaco, Rudy Lopez, and Harvey Meyer). Each of them taught us techniques and challenged us beyond our previous comfort zones!

We moved to the Army National Guard Armory in May 2022; unfortunately, that space proved to be less than satisfactory, as we had numerous challenges related to access to the space and security of our equipment. One of the biggest shortcomings was the lack of internet access, which meant we could not connect to remote members via Zoom, and we could not use outside Interactive Remote Demonstrations (IRDs) or other web-based resources.

Attempts to find suitable meeting space in the greater Manhattan area were unsuccessful. Thankfully, Tom Boley graciously offered the use of his shop as a temporary solution. With that, we moved back to Tom's shop in December 2022 and stayed there through April 2023. At that time, we had once again outgrown Tom's shop and were fortunate to be welcomed as "guests" of the Faith Manhattan Church, where we continue to meet.

The church location has met our needs, although we cannot store equipment or supplies there. Luckily, several members took up that challenge and each month carry equipment and supplies back and forth from their respective homes and shops and turn the church's youth room into a comfortable meeting space each month.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the great IRDs presented by our own club members of the past three years: Tom Boley, Steve Bietau, Steve Hougham, Tom Shields, Bob Holcombe, Vaughn Graber, David Delker, and Dennis Biggs. Of course, our in-person demonstrators were certainly among the top highlights of those three years: Heather Marusiak, Ross Hirst, Joe Davis, Charles Barden, Tom Shields, Tom Boley, David Delker, Joe Davis, Dennis Biggs, Steve Bietau, Robert Kloppenborg, Vaughn Graber, Bob Holcombe, and Dave Davis. (Please forgive me if I've accidentally omitted someone from this "honor roll" list)!

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Conclusion

Thanks to each of you members who supported our club and encouraged me and the other officers during 2023! I am indebted to current Board members Joe Beck, Barb Drolet, Ross Hirst, Heather Marusiak, and Tom Shields for their time, talent, tolerance, and energy that have kept our club alive and well. A special thank you goes to Mike Ballard for taking on the daunting task of learning the audio-visual equipment and faithfully storing, setting up, and operating the equipment each month.

Thanks to those of you who have read this long-winded end-of-year message! I hope you have a happy holiday season, enjoy some time in your shop, and stay safe in all you do!

-David Delker



AAW Bulletin

News from the American Association of Woodturners
Compiled Heather Marusiak



Internationally Renowned Demonstrators

Top woodturners from around the world will be demonstrating their techniques for woodturners of all skill levels.

World's Largest Woodturning Tradeshow

All your favorite woodturning and woodworking vendors will be in one place giving you a hands-on look at the latest and greatest products.

A Sense of Community

Connect with a welcoming community of woodturning hobbyists, professionals, artists, collectors, and vendors.

Gallery, Exhibitions and Auctions

The largest and most unique display of awe-inspiring wood art from around the world.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER](#)



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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!

Tuesday, December 12 at 12:00 PM

in the back room of

VISTA DRIVE IN

1911 Tuttle Creek Blvd, Manhattan, KS 66502

**In 2024, we will meet
Thursday, January 11th!**

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

***...Food!
...Friendship!
...Woodturning!***



November Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Tom Shields

November 4, 2023, 9:00 am at 1921 Barnes Road, Manhattan, KS

A total of 25 people attended, including 4 guests (Petra Marusiak, Mrs. Terry Schmidt, Jake Ziggafos, Marc Woodyard).

Officer Reports:

President – David Delker – The following members have been nominated for our officer positions:

President: Tom Shields

Vice President: Tod Salfrank

Secretary: Barbara Drolet

Treasurer: Ross Hirst

Program Director: Tom Boley

Operations: Robert Kloppenborg

Member-at-Large/AAW Liaison: Heather Marusiak

A motion was made and seconded to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate. The motion passed. Officers will begin their positions in January.

The board recommended dues for the next year be reduced to \$40 per year. This was approved by the membership. Ross Hirst will accept cash, checks, or PayPal (fhwtreasurer@gmail.com).

The board suggested we make a donation to the church of \$25 for each time we use the facility. This was approved by the membership. It will be paid either every four or six months.

VP – Joe Beck – The library was brought in for members to check out materials. Loans may be arranged at other times by contacting Joe (joebeck@ksu.edu).

Treasurer – Ross Hirst – The Club bank balance is \$2,962.54 with a petty cash fund of \$20. Please pay Ross for 2024 dues of \$40 by cash, check or PayPal at fhwtreasurer@gmail.com.

Secretary – Tom Shields, pro tem – No report

Programs – (Vacant, Delker Acting): For December, Vaughn Graber will demonstrate turning a manhole cover box.

Operations – Tom Shields – No report.



November Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Tom Shields

AAW Liaison/Newsletter– Heather Marusiak – There is an artist talk this afternoon on the internet; Marilyn Campbell and Kalia Kliban will be presenting. There is a sweepstakes going on for the May 2024 international symposium in Portland, Oregon. Heather will be one of two POP Showcase Artists at the 2024 Symposium. She will have work on special exhibition, give two demonstrations, and be a part of a panel discussion with David Ellsworth and Sally Burnett.

Show & Tell: Presenters included: Heather Marusiak, Victor Schwarz, Tom Shields, Robert Kloppenborg, Dave Davis, David Delker, and Dennis Biggs.

Demonstration: Member Dave Davis gave a demonstration of multi-axis turning. He produced a Christmas tree that leaned to one side as if the wind was blowing it. The head stock drive center was kept in one place throughout, and the tailstock center was moved progressively off center by 1/8th inch for each "branch" of the tree. These are all placed along a diameter line that goes through the center. He used a point tool made from a screwdriver to access the tight areas between branches. The branches were reduced in diameter as he moved up the tree. He formed a "pigtail" on the very top with rasps and files.

Tip of the day - hot glue and double stick tape can both be removed with denatured alcohol.

The next meeting will be December 2nd.

Minutes recorded by Tom Shields, secretary pro tem



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November Show and Tell



Victor Schwarz



November Show and Tell



Tom Shields



November Show and Tell



Robert Kloppenborg



November Show and Tell



Dave Davis



November Show and Tell



Heather Marusiak



October Show and Tell



David Delker



November Show and Tell



Dennis Biggs

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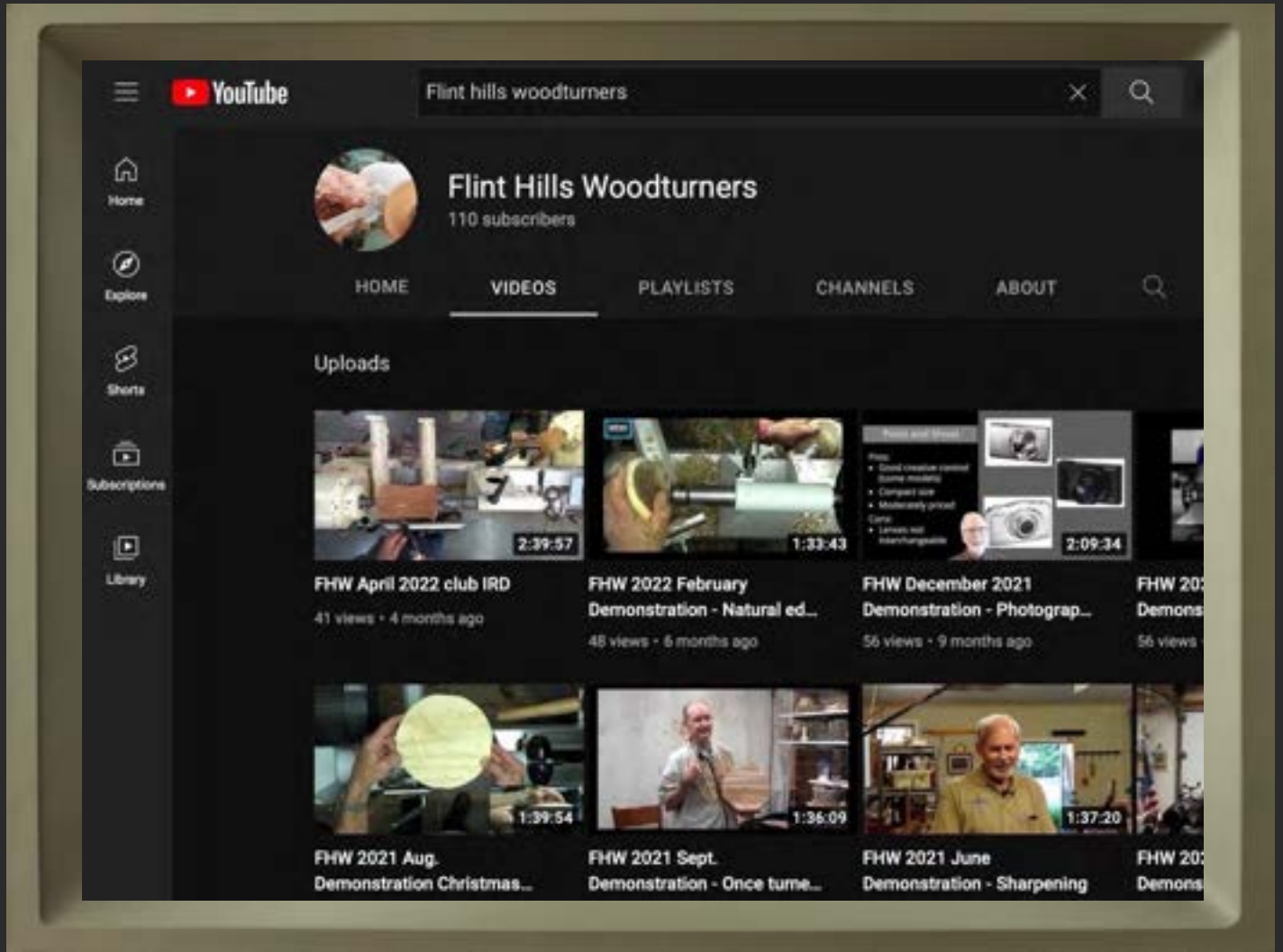




Check out these resources from our club library!

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:

Faith Evangelical Free Church
1921 Barnes Rd
Manhattan, KS 66502

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





2024 Board Members



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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>



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.