



Flint Hills

WOODTURNERS

February 2024

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Tom Boley will be our demonstrator this month, making two small projects for the ladies. Tom will bring a birdhouse earring and then demonstrate making another like the first as well as talking about pricing and displaying these earrings at a craft show. There will likely be time left to turn a purse mirror. Tom will talk about pricing those, too, as well as how best to display them.



February Club Event

Birdhouse Earrings & Purse Mirror *with Tom Boley*

February 3, 2024

Faith Evangelical Free Church, 1921 Barnes Rd, Manhattan, KS 66502
8:30 AM Social Time, 9:00 AM Meeting Opens



AAW Bulletin

News from the American Association of Woodturners
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Internationally Renowned Demonstrators

Top woodturners from around the world will be demonstrating their techniques for woodturners of all skill levels. [See the demonstrator and panelist list here.](#)

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.

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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.](#)



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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) 477-4587, vzalenka@cox.net
- 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, February 13 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!*



December Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Barbara Drolet

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

A total of 25 people attended, including one guest and one person attended on Zoom.

Officer Reports:

President – David Delker: The Board recognized Mike Ballard for all his efforts to the Club this past year, first learning from Ray Case, and then keeping all the audio/visual going for the meetings. As thanks, Mike received a certificate from the FHW Board waiving his 2024 dues.

David thanked all Club participants, Board members, volunteers, and demonstrators (both in person and IRD) that have helped keep the Club going for these past 3 years during difficult times of COVID restrictions, building infrastructure and expertise to make our meetings accessible to members in their homes through Zoom, losing our meeting space, and moving locations multiple times.

David has updated the website with our meeting location and Club newsletters.

VP – Joe Beck: No Report. David reported that the new VP for 2024, Tod Salfrank, will be overseeing the library starting in January.

Treasurer – Ross Hirst: The Club bank balance is \$3,453.89 with a petty cash fund of \$20. Additionally, Ross collected \$200 for dues before the meeting started. Not including those just collected, there were 24 paid members thus far. Please pay Ross dues of \$40 by cash, check, or PayPal at fhwtreasurer@gmail.com.

Secretary – Barbara Drolet: Congratulations to Club members Bob Holcombe, Tom Shields, and Ned Gatewood for having items selected for the Manhattan Arts Center Wrap-it-up event. Barb also let members know there was a Christmas Card on the silent auction table to sign for the Church.

Programs – (Vacant, Delker Acting): Today Vaughn Graber will demonstrate turning a manhole-cover box. In January David Delker will demonstrate turning miniatures. Tom Boley is next year's program director. He's looking at some bringing in some outside demonstrators, but also needs members to volunteer to demonstrate.

Operations – Tom Shields: No report.

AAW Liaison/Newsletter– Heather Marusiak: AAW members can save up to \$120 if they register for the annual symposium in Portland by April 5. The deadline to apply for the 2024 Professional Outreach Program (POP) is January 15th. The fee is \$25 and the theme is 'Balance'. Entries will be on view starting in March and available in a live/online auction at the Symposium.



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Other Business: Ray Case reported that we now have 706 followers on our Facebook page. Including 37 added in just the last 28 days. If members want to be able to post photos on the page, contact Ray, David, or Heather. The question was raised whether the Club had an Instagram account and Ray reported that no we do not.

Show & Tell: Presenters included: Vaughn Graber, Kenneth Stitt, Dennis Biggs, Victor Schwarz, Tod Salfrank, David Delker, Bill Shea, Terry Dixon, and Heather Marusiak.

Demonstration: Member Vaughn Graber gave a demonstration of turning a box with a pop-up lid called a manhole-cover box. This idea came to him from a video he saw of Keith Gotschall advertised in a 2021 issue of the AAW magazine. Vaughn started with a 6" x 6" piece of poplar with tapered edges. Information included the use of a screw chuck and Cole jaws, the best shelf size for the lid to rest upon, the angle needed so that the lid will pop up when pressed, considerations for how thin the lid should be, and the required looseness of the fit. Vaughn showed how to texture both the bottom and the top and suggested other embellishment ideas such as using a wood burner, coloring, or texturing with a Dremel tool. The same type of wood or different woods can be used for bottom and top.

Tip of the day – Make a chart of expansion and compression diameters for each position of your Cole jaws.

The next meeting will be January 6th.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Minutes recorded by Barbara Drolet.



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December Show and Tell



Vaughn Graber



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Kenneth Stitt



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Dennis Biggs



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Victor Schwarz



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Tod Salfrank



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David Delker



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Bill Shea



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Terry Dixon



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Heather Marusiak



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

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January Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Barbara Drolet

Jan 6, 2024, 9:00 am at 1921 Barnes Road, Manhattan, KS

A total of 35 people attended, including three guests and one person attended via Zoom.

Officer Reports:

President – Tom Shields: Tom welcomed all returning and new Club board officers. In addition to Tom as President, Tod Salfrank is Vice President, Barbara Drolet returns as Secretary, Ross Hirst returns as Treasurer, Tom Boley is Programs Director, Robert Kloppenborg is Operations Director, with Tom Shields assisting with online communications, and Heather Marusiak returns as AAW Liaison, WIT, and newsletter editor.

The Club has a treasury balance (see Treasury report) that can be used to fund outside demonstrators. Whether in person or remote, demonstrators charge \$350 or more. The membership should consider what they would like to see funded by the Club.

VP – Tod Salfrank: Tod is now overseeing the library materials. There are a lot of DVDs, but many do not have a player. He is looking into other types of media. He will submit a list to David Delker who is updating our website so members can see what is available in addition to what is posted in the newsletter.

Secretary – Barbara Drolet: Barbara reminded the Club that there are a lot of respiratory viruses circulating out there (flu, RSV, Covid, and cold viruses) so members should take care of themselves, consider getting vaccinated, and please do not come to a meeting if they are sick, as we have an at-risk membership.

Treasurer – Ross Hirst: The Club bank balance is \$3,850.02. We don't need a large balance year to year, just enough to replace/repair lathe or audio/visual equipment as needed and pay the church (\$25/month, paid quarterly). The Club made \$20 on the silent auction last month and \$476 in membership dues have been received since last meeting. Membership cards are available if you paid and did not receive a card.

Programs – Tom Boley: In February Tom will demonstrate turning purse mirrors. In March, we will have an interactive remote demonstration (IRD) by Ron Tomasch. Ron will demonstrate turning a hat. Members should plan to come to the church to watch the IRD together. Due to the length of the demonstration, we will not have show & tell.

Operations – Robert Kloppenborg: Meet the Makers event at the Flint Hills Discovery Center is March 12-15. The Flint Hills Festival, also at the Discovery Center, is on May 4th. This conflicts with our May meeting. The Board will consider moving that meeting to the second Saturday (11th). The Kansas City Woodworkers show is on March 15-17 for those interested.



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AAW Liaison/WIT/Newsletter– Heather Marusiak: There is a free WIT Presents artist talk from AAW today featuring Eleanor Lakelin at 2PM EST by zoom. The February newsletter will only be going out to 2024 paid members. Please pay Ross 2024 dues by cash, check, or PayPal at fhwtreasurer@gmail.com to receive the newsletter.

Other Business: Lowell Regehr let the Club know of a Flint Hills Woodworkers meeting on Feb. 8 at 7:00 PM hosted by Dave Suhling (924 Newfoundland St.).

Show & Tell: Presenters included: Vaughn Graber, Kenneth Stitt, Tom Boley, Terry Schmidt, Dennis Biggs, Victor Schwarz, Melissa McIntyre, Mike Ballard, Ed Brokesh, Heather Marusiak, and David Delker.

Demonstration: Member David Delker gave a demonstration of turning miniatures. Information included using pen blanks as starting material, best types of wood to use, specialized turning tools, how to make your own with 3 mm hardened steel rods, and how to sharpen them. Switching from a face shield to a magnifying head lamp and safety glasses is very helpful once the shape is roughed out. Leaving as much mass at the head stock end as possible will decrease the vibration. David showed how to use double stick tape and unique chucking solutions to hold the small pieces and discussed how to make a threaded face plate/waste block from maple or cherry. David likes to use EEE-Ultra Shine polishing wax to finish his pieces.

Tip of the day – From Ross Hirst: A light coat of CA glue on the threads of a wooden block after tapping will harden the threads and protect them from moisture.

The next meeting will be February 3th.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

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January Show and Tell



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Tom Boley



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Terry Schmidt



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Dennis Biggs



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Victor Schwarz



January Show and Tell



Melissa McIntyre



January Show and Tell



Mike Ballard



January Show and Tell



Ed Brokesh



January Show and Tell

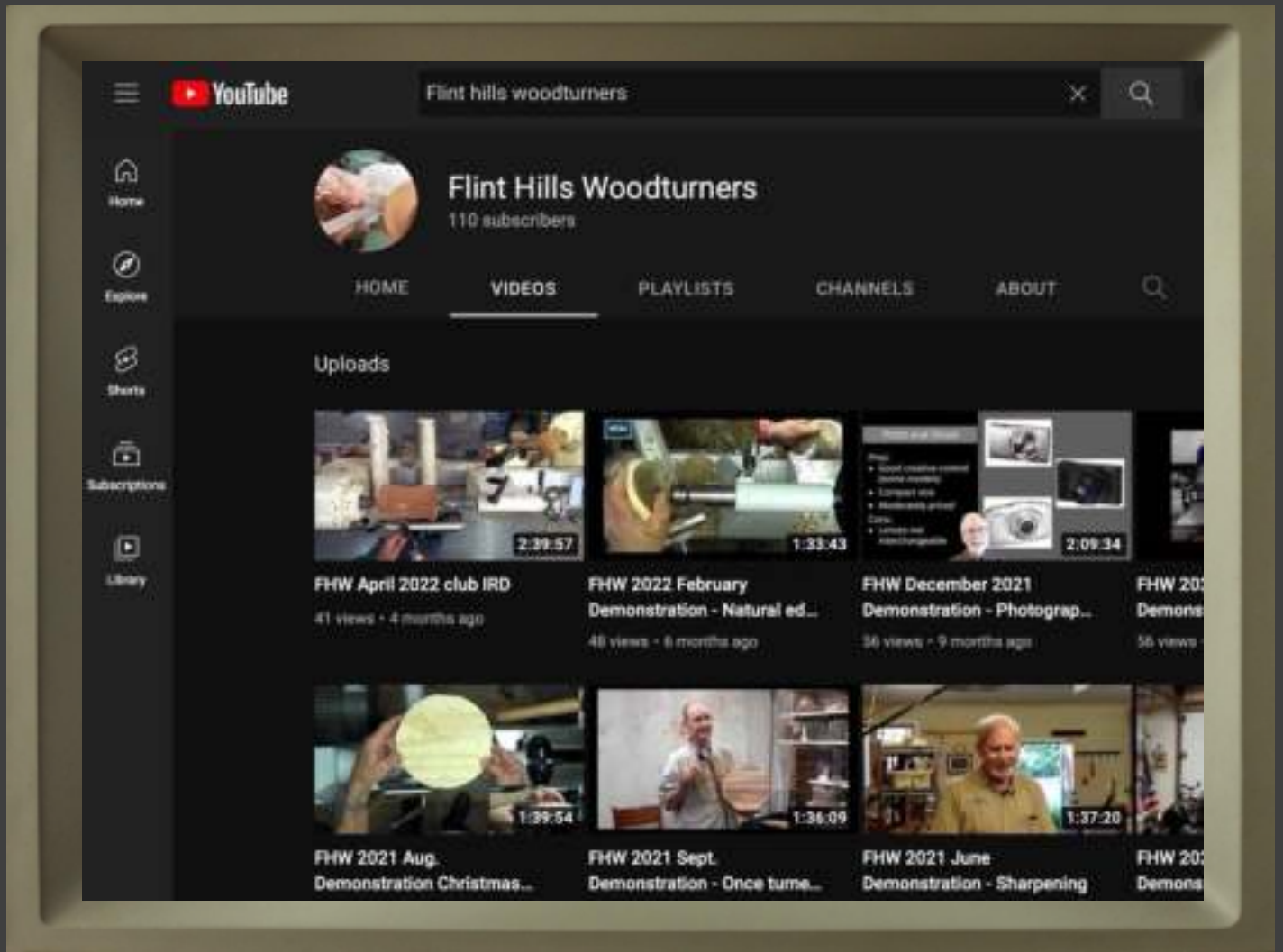


Heather Marusiak

Check out these resources from our club library!

Please email [Tod Salfrank \(golffntc@gmail.com\)](mailto:golffntc@gmail.com) 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.