



# Flint Hills

## WOODTURNERS

June 2024

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Learn the historical origins of this special bowl and how to create its unique form.

**March Club Event**

# **The Calabash**

***with Bob Holcombe***

June 1, 2024

Rock Creek High School, 9353 Flush Rd, St George, KS 66536

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





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DEMOS LIVE OR LATER**

**AAW  
VIRTUAL  
SYMPOSIUM**

**SAVE \$40**

**REGISTER BY MAY 22  
USING CODE: 24VIRTUAL40**

## Watch 20 AAW International Woodturning Symposium Demonstrations from Home!

If you can't make it to Portland, Oregon to experience the AAW International Woodturning Symposium in person, register as a virtual attendee to livestream 20 select demonstrations or watch the recordings later at your convenience. This is the best way to learn from renowned international woodturners without having to travel.

**Livestreaming May 24-26, 2024**  
**Recordings available May 26 to August 25, 2024**

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# AAW Bulletin

News from the American Association of Woodturners

*Compiled Heather Marusiak*

## 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](mailto:heather.marusiak@gmail.com)
- To become an AAW member, or to renew your AAW membership, please visit: [AAW Membership Home](#).



**Vista**  
DRIVE IN

**Ya Gotta Eat!**

**Wednesday, June 12 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!***



# May Meeting Minutes

*Recorded by Barbara Drolet*

**May 11, 2024, 9:00 am at Rock Creek High School, Saint George, KS.**

A total of 18 people attended in person and seven attended via zoom: three FHW members and four members of the Kansas Association of Woodturners, Topeka KS.

## **Officer Reports:**

**President** – Tom Shields: Today’s meeting is an interactive remote demonstration by Ron Tomasch. Due to the need for time for the demonstration we will not be having Show & Tell today. Also, because we will be here through the noon hour, the Club will provide pizza. We had good participation at the Flint Hills Festival including Tom Shields, Tom Boley, Ross Hirst, Melissa McIntyre, Barbara Drolet, Ken Stitt, Heather Marusiak, and Don Baker. The Pumpkin Patch Arts and Crafts event is Oct 12<sup>th</sup> (9am to 5 pm) on Poyntz Ave, Downtown Manhattan. We will be looking for volunteers for that event.

**VP** – Tod Salfrank: No Report

**Treasurer** – Ross Hirst – The Club treasury balance is \$3756.03 with \$63 in petty cash. Expenditures include \$145 for the Pumpkin Patch fee and \$200 for today’s pizza.

**Programs** – Tom Boley: For June, Bob Holcombe will demonstrate turning a calabash bowl. Heather will demonstrate coloring and carving in July.

**Operations** – No report.

**AAW Liaison/WIT/Newsletter**– Heather Marusiak: The AAW POP Show and Auction and the AAW Benefit Live Auction online bidding are going on now. If you plan to attend the AAW Symposium virtually and didn’t get the discount code, let Heather know.

**Secretary** – Barbara Drolet: Barb will work with Heather to update the brochure and post it on the website. She will also work on a general info document with a website QR code that can be printed out and posted at future FHW events.





# May Meeting Minutes

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**Demonstration** -An interactive remote demonstration was provided by Ron Tomasch from Geneva Ohio on turning a cowboy hat. Information included cutting the blank from the freshly felled log, chucking, measuring the customer's head and adding amounts to account for the final thickness and shrinkage. Ron showed and discussed the general shaping, preferred tools for shaping, and the use of light in turning thin. He discussed considerations of the brim size for cowboy hats vs. outback hats, band size, and how to color the band with ebony and padauk. Once turned, Ron showed how he shapes the hat to get the signature curve of the brim and the resulting oval shape to fit the customer's head.

The next meeting will be June 1.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Minutes were recorded by Barbara Drolet







**Rock Creek High School  
Home of the Flint Hills Woodturners  
9353 Flush Rd, St George, KS 66536**

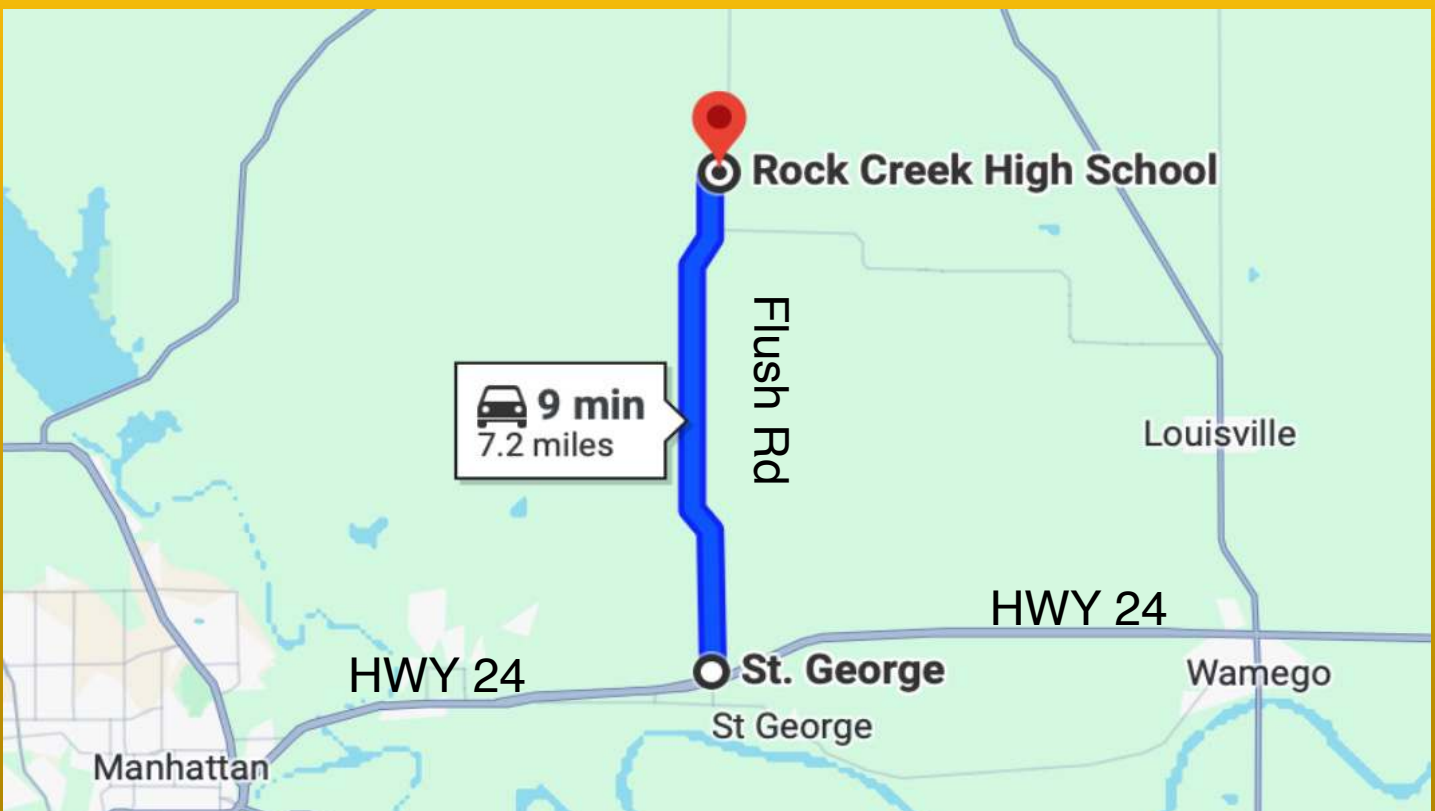
From Manhattan:

Take HWY 24 East toward Wamego to Flush Road. Flush Road is 5.7 miles from the McCall/HWY 24 intersection and is flagged with a speed limit of 60 mph. Go left (North) on Flush Rd for 7.2 miles.

From Wamego:

Take HWY 24 West toward Manhattan to Flush Road. Flush Road is 7.3 miles from the KS-99/HWY 24 intersection and is flagged with a speed limit of 60 mph. Go right (North) on Flush Rd for 7.2 miles.

Please park and enter the building through the door by the greenhouse.





## 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.

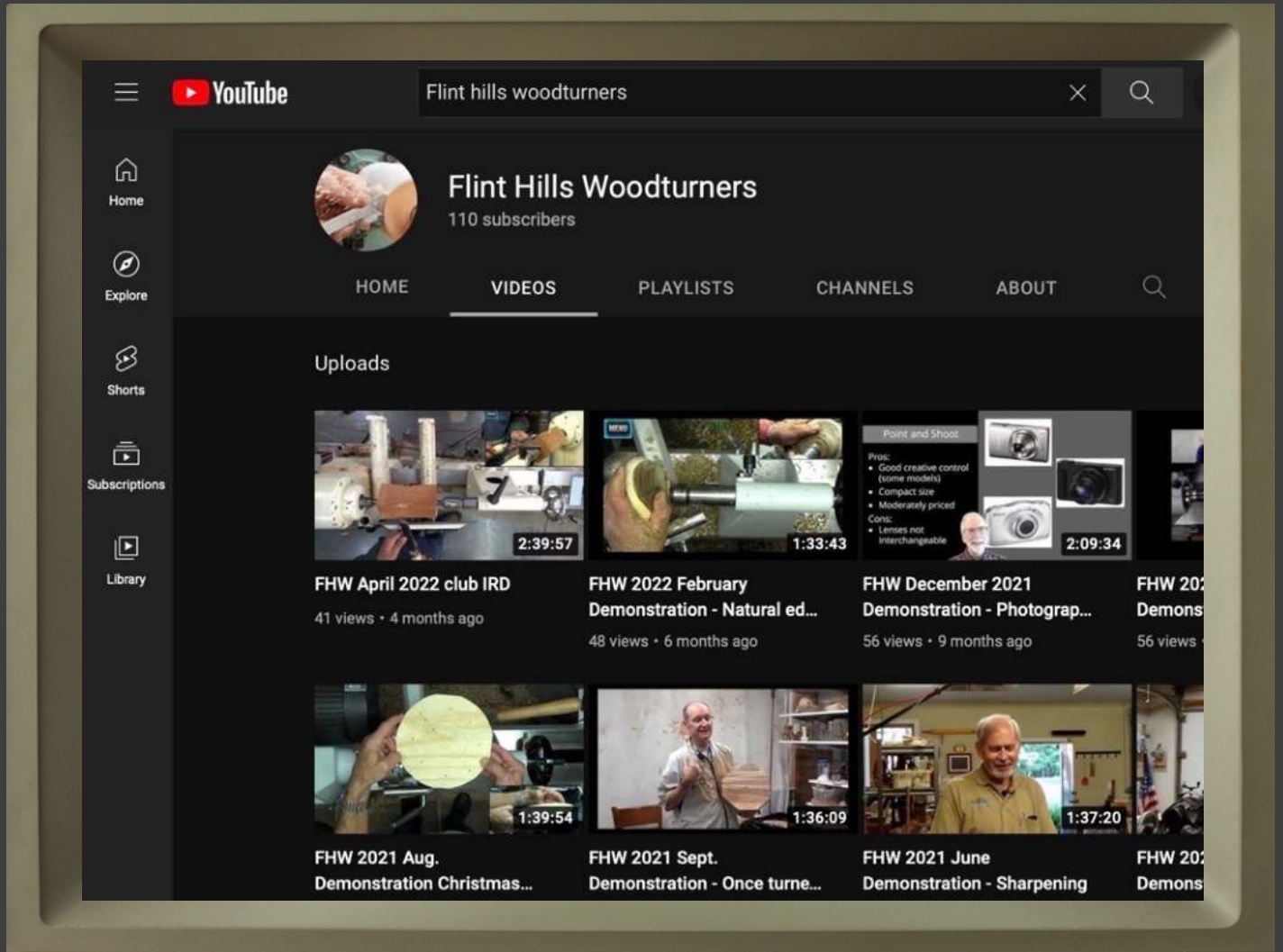
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# Check out these resources from our club library!

These titles are available for pickup at our monthly gatherings.  
Please contact Tod Salfrank ([golffntc@gmail.com](mailto:golffntc@gmail.com)) for more information.

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

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## 2024 Board Members



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Tod Salfrank



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**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.