



Flint Hills

WOODTURNERS

August 2024

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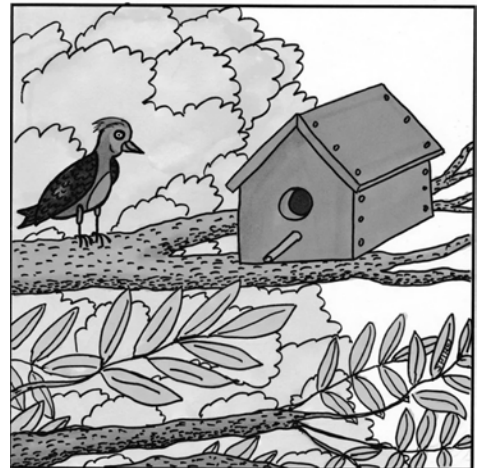
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Having experienced "kickback," Clem revives the copiece as a fashion statement.

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WHEN BIRDS GO TO TRADE SCHOOL.

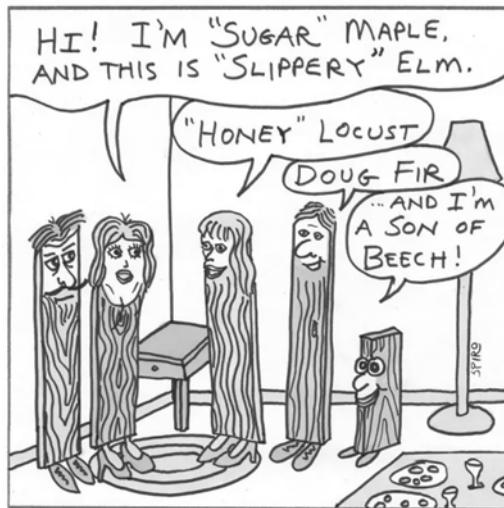
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FRED FIGURED HE DIDN'T REALLY NEED A DUST COLLECTION SYSTEM.

August Club Event

Tips, Tricks, and Unusual Tools

with Tom Boley

Saturday, August 3, 2024
 Rock Creek High School, 9353 Flush Rd, St George (Flush), KS 66536
 8:30 AM Social Time, 9:00 AM Meeting Opens

Call for ALL to Participate: WIT Wig Stand Initiative

The AAW Women in Turning is encouraging all chapters to join in a national project to turn wig stands at no expense for the recipients. The wig stands are donated to local partnering organizations that give away free wig stands to those in need. The partners may be hospitals, oncology clinics, cosmetology programs, or other organizations that support people undergoing cancer treatment. The goal is to give back to our community, especially as cancer has likely impacted each of us, our family, or our friends.



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WIT Wig Stand Initiative, cont'd



Wig stand requirements:

Top: 1 1/2"–2" thick x 5" diameter disk
Base: 1 1/2"–2" thick x 6" diameter disk
Stem: 10"–13" x 1.5 x 1.5 block

- Any species of dry wood will work for this project. It may be solid or glued.
- Stand must be smooth and free of any sharp, jagged edges.
- Stand may be naturally finished or artistically embellished.
- Stand must be finished with POLYURETHANE.
- This is an ongoing project with no deadline for completion.

Please bring completed stands to our WIT Liaison, Heather Marusiak, at any of our monthly FHW meetings.

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WIT Wig Stand Initiative, cont'd



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AAW Forum Highlights



Nick Valenza
Soft Maple Off Center
Goblet
4"



Howard Johnson
Faux Faberge' Egg
Maple



Frank P Lench
Gear Box



Carol Hall
Fractured Vessel
Walnut
6" x 4" x 3"

Want to connect with other woodturners? Sign up for the AAW Forum, a member moderated online community ideal for sharing work, ideas, and obtaining feedback from other woodturning enthusiasts. You can upload photos, converse with other woodturners, and maybe even see your work as a "Turning of the Week."

[Click here to learn more](#)



AAW Bulletin

News from the American Association of Woodturners

Compiled Heather Marusiak

Women in Turning News

Join Us for the 2024 Virtual WIT eXchange

Are you in a slump and looking for connection? Are you ready? Hundreds of women across the globe have participated in past Women in Turning (WIT) eXchange collaborations, which encourage you to commit to your creative process, create connections with other women makers, and promote teamwork. The WIT eXchange includes social time, enrichment programs, and an opportunity to ask for and receive problem-solving advice in an engaging, supportive environment while you create. Oh, and it's fun too!

This year's Virtual WIT eXchange will start the first week of September and run through October 15. By the end of six weeks, you and two collaborators will have created a project inspired by two randomly assigned inspiration words. The process of creating these projects will be documented in a recorded five-minute presentation developed by your team that will be included in the Presentation of Projects event on November 2, 2024. To view all of the past Presentation of Projects event videos, visit tiny.cc/EventsArchive (URL is case-sensitive).

Registration for the 2024 Virtual WIT eXchange will open August 15, 2024. Now is your time—join us! For more information and to register, visit tiny.cc/WIT.

—Marie Anderson and Linda Ferber



[Click here to learn more](#)

[Click here to view past eXchange presentations](#)



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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](#).



Weather Resistant Wood

Submitted by Tom Boley

As we all know, some wood is much more weather resistant than others. Inside, we use whatever looks best for the application. But outside, where the snow, ice, heat, cold, rain, snow, and sun works on it 24 hours a day, some of those woods we may use inside just don't hold up. So, it is good to know which ones are weather resistant.

As a woodturner, you may well find that a neighbor or friend will ask you to make a replacement outdoor baluster for him, perhaps a finial on the porch, or even a spire on top of the house. You simply must know which wood will be best for outside use because your customer probably won't. The most weather resistant ones are black locust, Osage orange (hedge), red mulberry, and yew. I have never seen yew in actual boards so am not sure how practical that would be. Even finding black locust and Osage orange in lumber form which you could glue up may be difficult. So, the next level of weather resistance is cedar, redwood, white oak, sassafras, juniper, catalpa, and bald cypress (old growth). Most of those are available as lumber and can be glued up to the size you need.

The next level will include white pine, honey locust, longleaf pine, and bald cypress (young growth). Those are considered moderately weather resistant with the final category being only slightly to non-weather resistant. Examples of that last category are alder, ash, basswood, beech, birch, buckeye, hemlock, hickory, maple, re oak, pine, poplar, and sweet gum. Don't use those for outside.

Many turning jobs require larger pieces than available in lumber stores. That means buying lumber, cutting it to size, and glueing up larger blocks. When glueing up for outside use, be sure to use a waterproof glue such as Titebond III. No matter what wood is used, though, it should be further protected from the weather by paint or some other finish suitable for outdoor use. Left unprotected, even weather resistant bare wood will weather far sooner than you would expect. While finishing the wood is usually the responsibility of your customer, be sure to explain the need for proper finishing. As an added measure, I always suggest to my customers that they should put at least one coat of finish on the ends of outdoor pieces because the end grain is more vulnerable to the weather than the side grain. A bit of extra attention before installation will extend the service life of your work quite a bit.

*Have an idea for a newsletter article?
Send your thoughts to heather.marusiak@gmail.com*

Vista
DRIVE IN

Ya Gotta Eat!

Tuesday, August 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!***



July Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Tom Boley

FHW Meeting Minutes, July 6, 2024, 9:00am at Rock Creek High School Wood Shop

There were 25 people in attendance. Four attended by Zoom and 21 in person.

Officer Reports:

President – Tom Shields opened at 9:00 with introduction of a visitor, Duane Fischer, then called on the officers for reports.

VP – No report.

Treasurer – \$3319.91 plus \$56.51 in petty cash.

Programs – Tom Boley reported that the August meeting will be to share Tips and Tricks as well as specialty or unusual tools. Tom also reported he has the CA glue order available at this meeting for those who ordered as well as a few bottles extra for those who wish they had ordered. The September meeting will feature Tom Shields demonstrating another ornament and the October meeting will feature Steve Bietau demonstrating hollowing. No one is yet scheduled for Nov. but Rudy Lopez will demo by Zoom in December.

Operations – Robert Kloppenborg reported that we will participate in the Pumpkin Patch craft show in October.

AAW Liaison/WIT/Newsletter – Heather asked again for members to submit articles for the newsletter. AAW allows reprint of past articles in club newsletters so if you see a good one, let her know. There is some bounce-back from sending the newsletter out so please let her know if your e-mail address has changed. From WIT, there has been an effort to make wig stands. There are specific requirements for dimensions which are posted in the newsletter. We will try to distribute them locally.

Secretary – Tom Boley is subbing today for Secretary Barbara Drolet but has nothing to report from that office.

Show and Tell – Presenters included Tom Boley, Vaughn Graber, Dennis Waite, Kenneth Stitt, Gerardo (Gary) Burgert, and Ross Hirst.

Demonstration – Our presenter today was Heather Marusiak, fresh off her presentations at the AAW Symposium in Portland, OR, on coloring and carving. She entitled part of her presentation Addition & Subtraction, Constructing and Carving and did a PowerPoint showing the steps. She then moved to actual carving to describe and demonstrate the techniques. She then demonstrated techniques of using an air brush as well as dry brushing techniques. Heather's presentation gave all of us a much better idea of how she develops the extraordinary pieces which have become her signature work.

The next meeting will be August 3rd, 2024. The meeting was adjourned at noon.

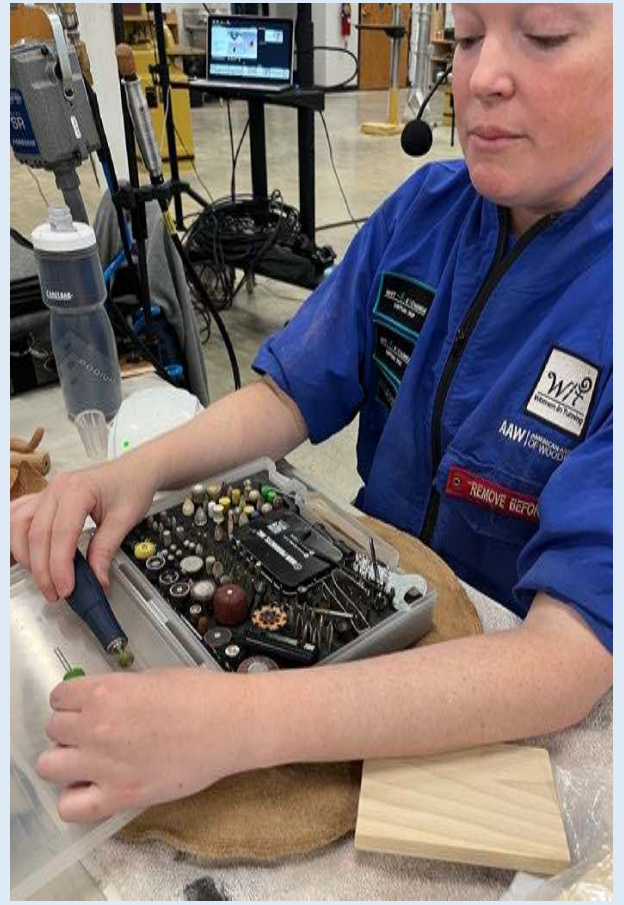


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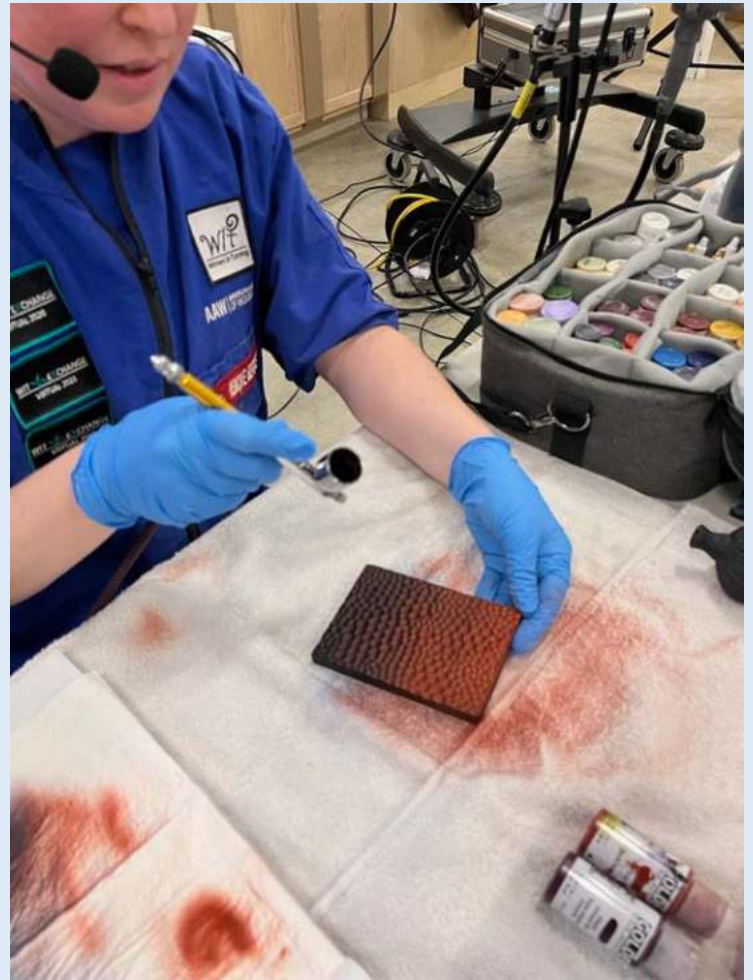
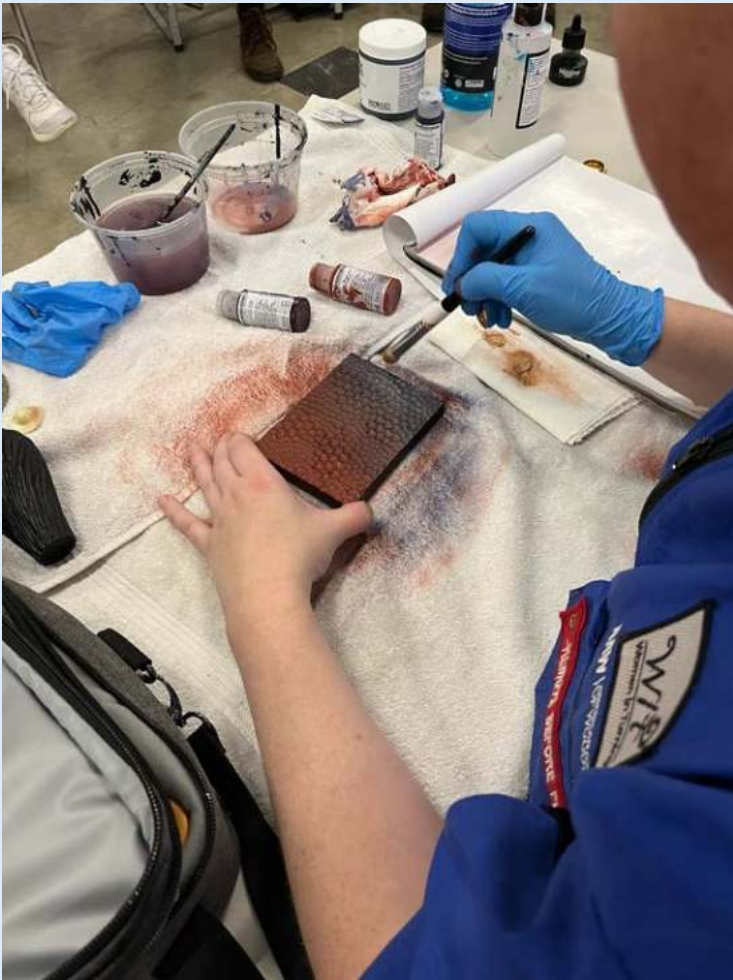


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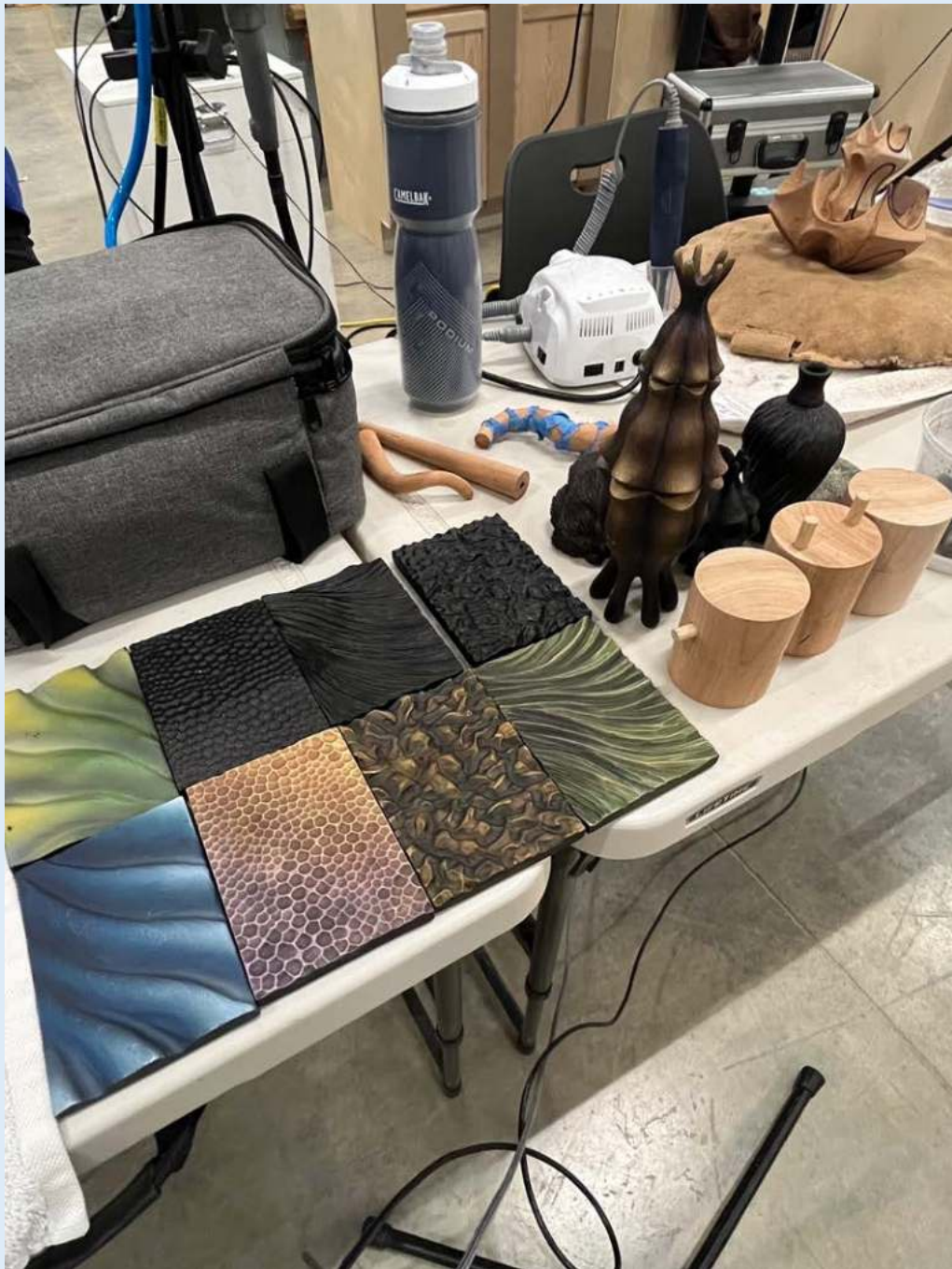


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July Show & Tell





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Tom Boley



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Vaughn Graber



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Kenneth Stitt



July Show & Tell



Ross Hirst



July Show & Tell



Gary Burgert



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Dennis Waite



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Home of the Flint Hills Woodturners
9353 Flush Rd, St George (Flush), KS 66536**

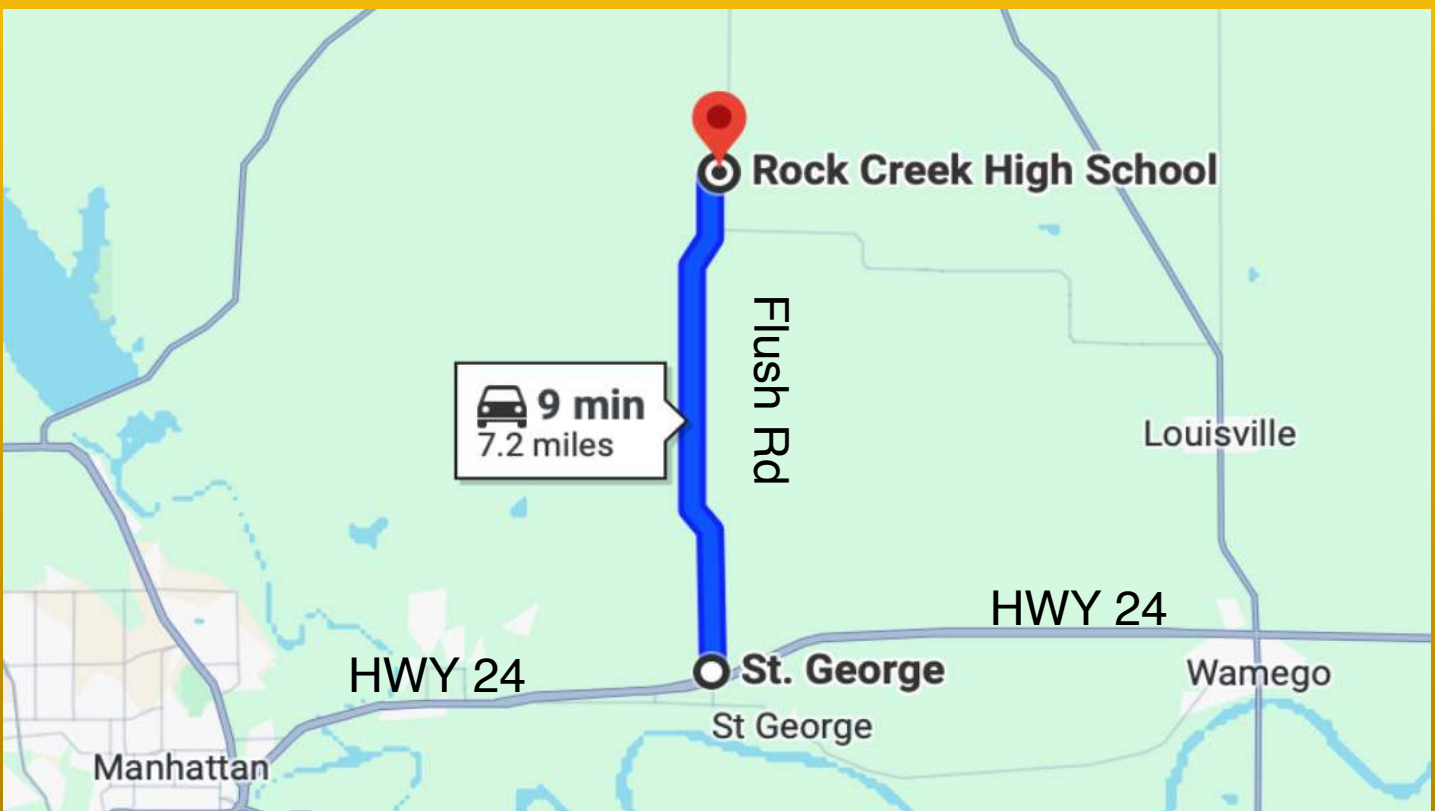
From Manhattan:

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

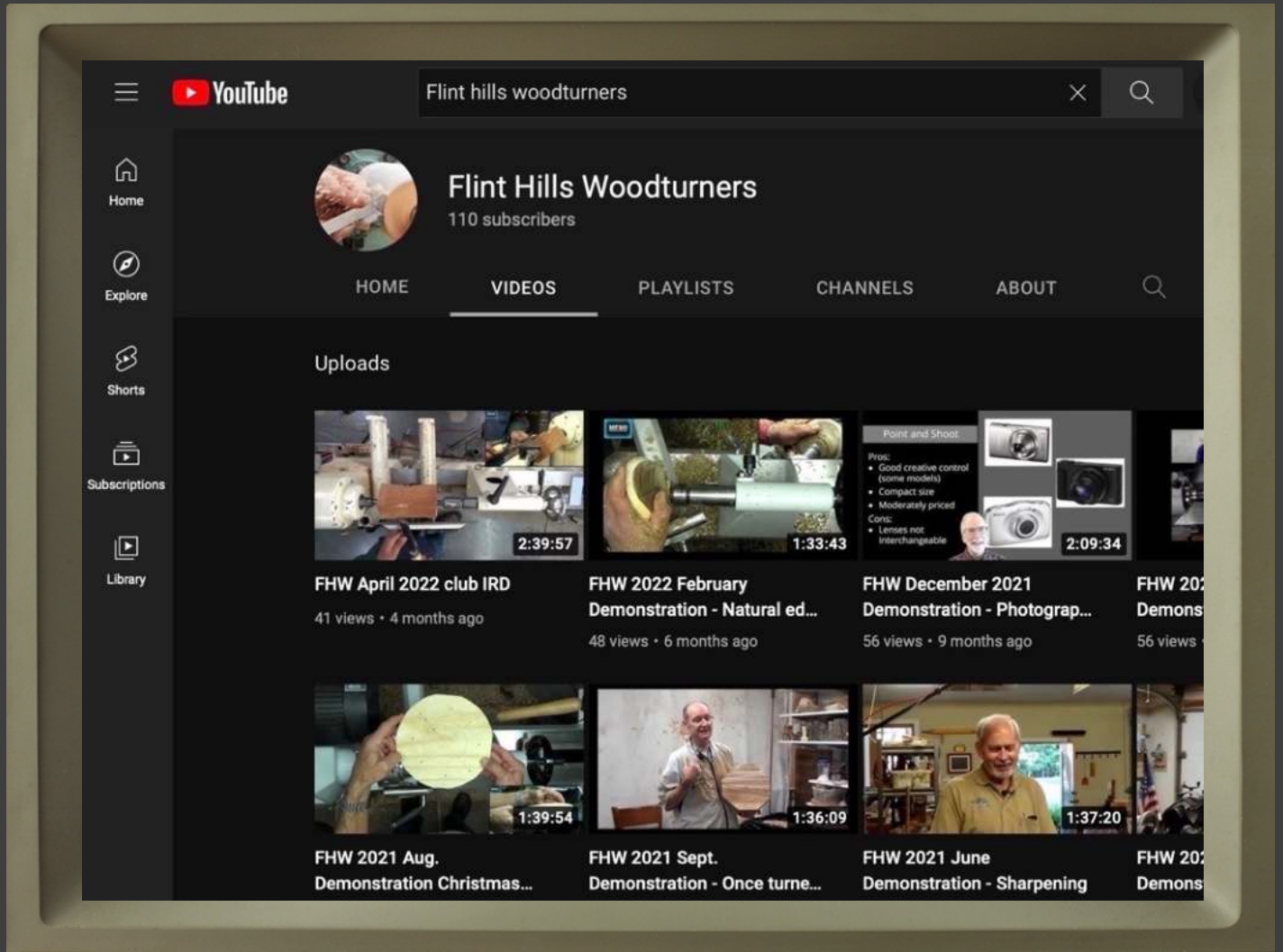
Several of our members have volunteered to be available to those looking to practice, learn new techniques, and improve their woodturning skills. These mentors will lend their time and skill help. Just give one of the mentors listed below a call or e-mail so we can determine how best to help and to set 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.

- Steve Bietau, West Manhattan, (785) 317-3179, sbietau@gmail.com
- Tom Shields, Central Manhattan, (785) 341-9969, 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

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) for more information.

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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 | | |



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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.