



Flint Hills

WOODTURNERS

November 2024

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**November Club Event**

**Hollowing**

***with Steve Bietau***

Saturday, November 2, 2024

Rock Creek High School, 9355 Flush Rd, St George (Flush), KS 66535

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



# FHW at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkin Patch







# FHW at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkin Patch





**WIT**  **EXCHANGE**

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**VIRTUAL 2024**

**Presentation of Projects**

**Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 3:00PM CST**

To watch this FREE event, preregistration is required.

[Click here to register](#)



# AAW Bulletin

News from the American Association of Woodturners

*Compiled Heather Marusiak*

## Win a FREE 2025 AAW Symposium Package!

**Sign Up Below for a Chance to Win this 2025 AAW Symposium Package (\$1,500 prize value). One winner will receive:**

- 3-Night stay at a Saint Paul, Minnesota hotel (June 12-15, 2025)
- \$350 Travel Stipend
- One Banquet ticket
- One General Symposium Registration, including:
  - 3 Days of demonstrations and presentations
  - Online access to select recorded demonstrations
  - The largest woodturning trade show
  - Networking and social events
  - Galleries, exhibitions and auctions
  - One-year AAW membership, including a subscription to *American Woodturner* and access to all member benefits

**Enter by 11:59 p.m. ET on November 15, 2024.  
Only one entry is valid per person.**

[\*\*Click here to enter sweepstakes\*\*](#)

## AAW Forum Highlights



[Linda Ferber](#)  
[Droid Qutee](#)



[Steven Gordon](#)  
[Ice Cream](#)  
English holly, English yew



[Tom Hale & Rebecca](#)  
[DeGroot](#)  
[Walking Mushroom](#)  
[Collaboration](#)



[Michael Anderson](#)  
[Klauth](#)  
Bradford pear, black cherry  
4.5" x 3" x 5"

**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](#)





## **Save the Date for the 2025 AAW International Woodturning Symposium!**

The 2025 AAW International Woodturning Symposium is coming to the Twin Cities! Mark your calendars for June 12-15 so you don't miss the biggest woodturning event of the year hosted in St. Paul, Minnesota.

St. Paul is not only home to the AAW headquarters and the Gallery of Wood Art, it's also filled with historic museums, galleries, great dining experiences, and tours. Bring your whole family to experience everything historic downtown St. Paul has to offer.

The symposium committees and AAW staff are already working hard on next year's symposium experience. Woodturning demonstrators are currently being evaluated and selected, and registration will open in November.



## 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!**

**Monday, Nov. 18 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!*





# October Meeting Minutes

*Recorded by Barbara Drolet*

**FHW Meeting Minutes, Oct 5, 2024, 9:00 am at Rock Creek High School, Saint George, KS.**

A total of 26 members attended in-person.

## **Officer Reports:**

**President** – Tom Shields: November is Board elections month. Several 2024 officers are willing to serve another year. They include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Programs, and AAW/WIT Liaison. We will need a volunteer to serve as Operations officer. Next month the slate of officers will be presented to the Club for a vote.

Dues will remain at \$40 for the year.

The Board has agreed to use some of the Club's budget to pay for an in-person demo and at least two interactive remote demonstrations (IRDs) in 2025.

The Board also discussed the lack of members coming to the meetings. We have 45-50 paid members, yet often only 20-25 come to meetings. If you know of members who aren't coming, please reach out to them and find out why, and encourage them to start coming again.

**VP** – Tod Salfrank: There are issues with the cables today so no zoom is available. Anyone willing and able to help on Friday afternoon's before meetings to set up and those able to stay after meetings to help break down would be very much appreciated.

**Treasurer** – Ross Hirst – The Club treasury balance is \$3064.41 with \$93.51 in petty cash. Last month the Club had an expenditure of \$174.53 for our yearly Zoom license, and \$59.13 for Club business cards.

**Programs** – Tom Boley: Today is Tom Shields demonstrating a Christmas ornament with plenty of time for members to turn one before Christmas. In November, Steve Bietau will give a hollowing demonstration. In December, we will have an IRD with Rudy Lopez. In January, Tom will demonstrate spindle turning and provide up to two associated skill enhancement classes for members interested in getting hands-on experience. Randy Zelenka will demonstrate in February.

**Operations** – Robert Kloppenborg: The Pumpkin Patch Arts & Crafts event in Manhattan is next Saturday from 9 AM to 5 PM. Set up is 8-9 and break down is 5-6. A sign up sheet is being passed around. Please come help whether to set up, turn, visit with the crowd, or break down. It will be a warm day so plan ahead. Steve Bietau has graciously volunteered the use of his booth tent so we will have shade.



# October Meeting Minutes

*Recorded by Barbara Drolet*

Last week Robert came down to talk with the woodworking class at Rock Creek. Three students showed interest. The Board agreed last meeting that we would provide free membership to any student wanting to join the Club.

Robert also reported that Rock Creek was just starting an audio visual club, so maybe eventually some students will be willing/able to help us with A/V.

**AAW Liaison/WIT/Newsletter**– Heather Marusiak: The AAW POP show exhibition is starting. The theme is “Open/Closed” boxes that must be no larger than 6” x 6” x 6”. Heather will help with photography if members are interested. There is an online auction for items started by the late Bill Luce and finished by several wood turning artists who specialize in post-turning embellishment. Heather is one of them. Bidding will start on Oct 12<sup>th</sup> and conclude Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. The link for the auction can be found in the newsletter.

**Secretary** – Barbara Drolet: No report.

**Other business:** Steve Bietau talked to the Club about a RoboRest sharpening jig. This is something he uses all the time. Although no longer available, he did find a similar product called a Right Angle jig in the back of an AAW magazine. He contacted the company and there is a possibility of getting a 10% discount off the \$150 price with free shipping if the Club does a group order. Steve will bring one in next month as part of his demonstration to show how it works and to see if there is interest in a group order.

**Show & Tell:** Presenters included: Tom Shields, Bob Holcombe, Victor Schwarz, Dennis Biggs, Terry Schmidt, David Delker, Kenneth Stitt, and Heather Marusiak.

**Demonstration** – Club member Tom Shields demonstrated a very clever Christmas ornament with top and bottom finials and a twisted wire spherical center. Information included blank size and considerations of top and bottom finial proportions, the use of the indexing feature on the lathe to make an indexing jig for use with a V-block on the drill press to drill 12 equidistant holes in the finial blanks, and the advantages using a collet chuck to secure spindle blanks when shaping finials. Tom then demonstrated how he twists red and green wires to get an even tightness and how he glues them into the finials for the final ornament. This makes a beautiful Christmas gift!

The next meeting will be Nov 2.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.





# October Meeting Minutes





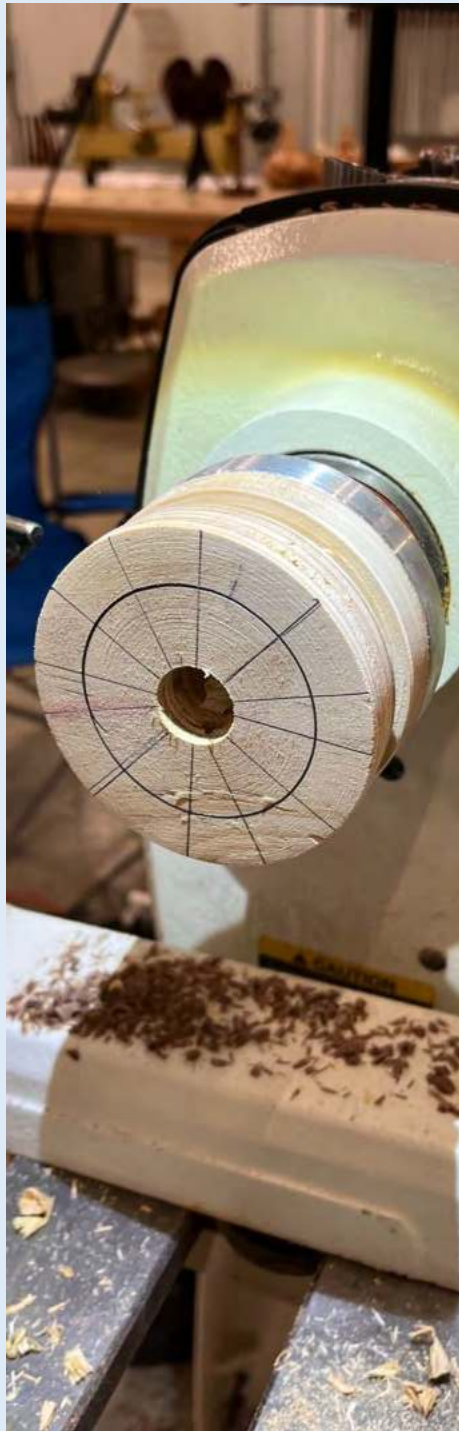


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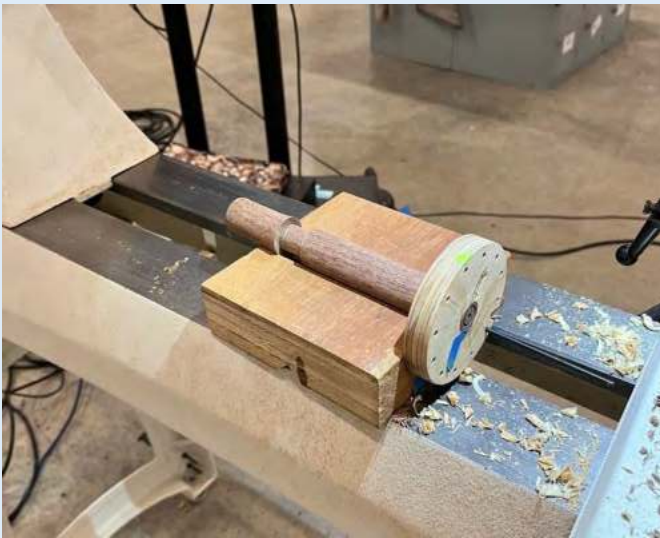
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# October Show & Tell



Tom Shields



# October Show & Tell



Victor Schwarz



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Terry Schmidt





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Dennis Biggs



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David Delker





# October Show & Tell



Kenneth Stitt



# October Show & Tell



Heather Marusiak





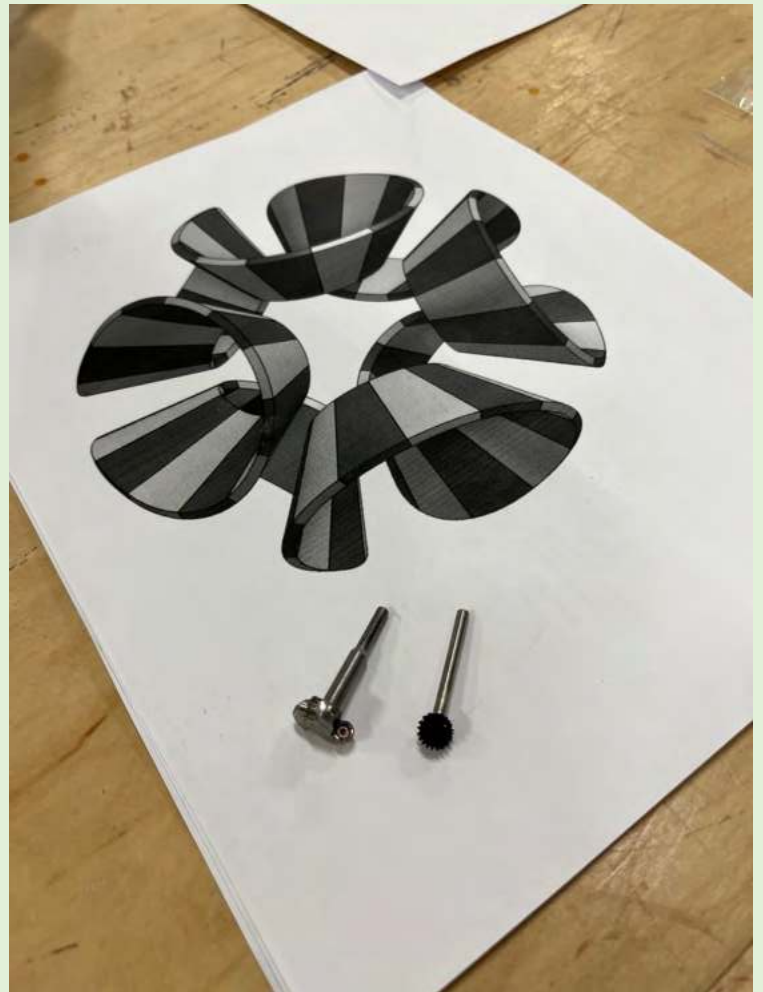
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Bob Holcombe



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***Thank you to Ellen Goeckler at  
Ember Woods for donating to our  
November Silent Auction!***





## Open 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.



### 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.**





**Rock Creek High School  
Home of the Flint Hills Woodturners  
9355 Flush Rd, St George (Flush), KS 66535**

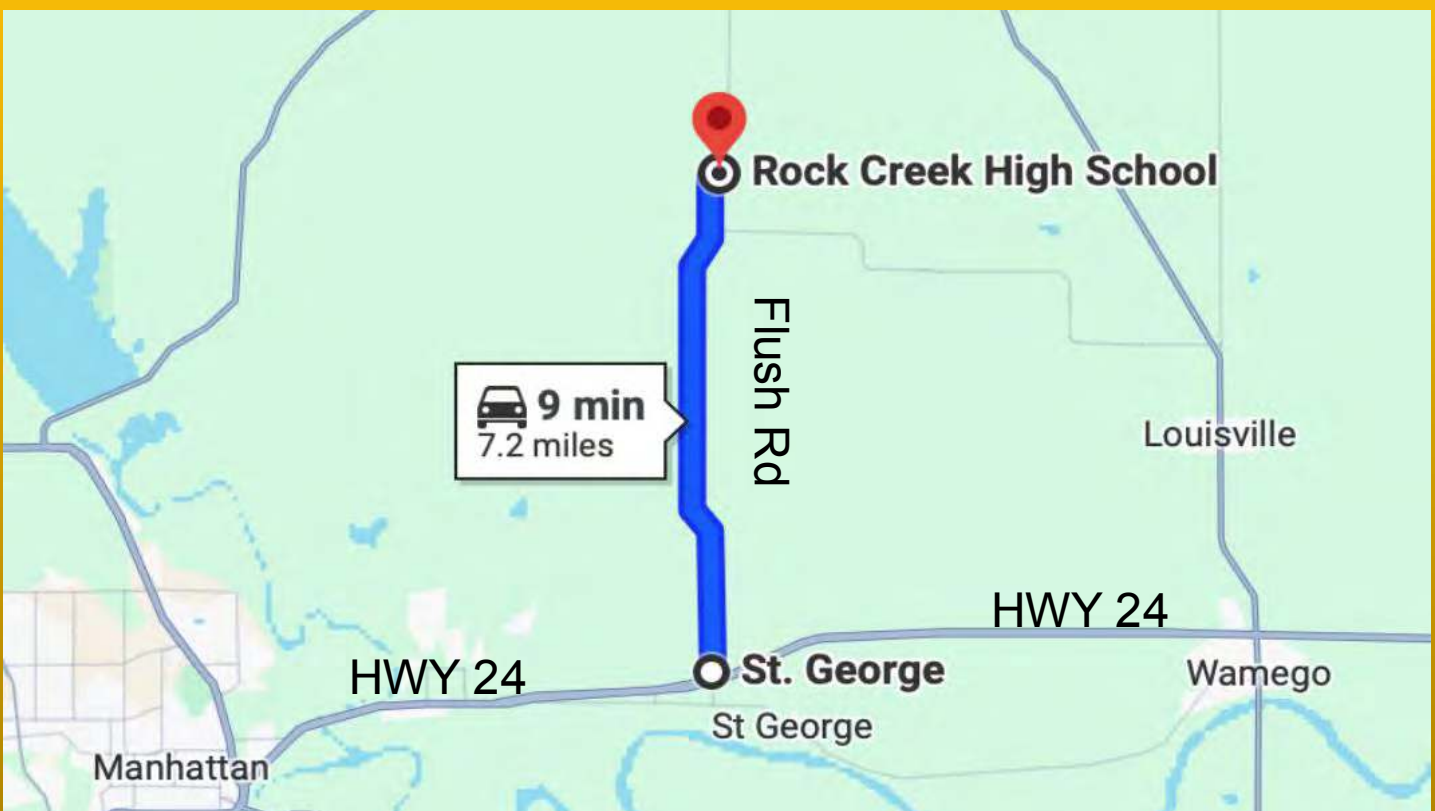
From Manhattan:

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.

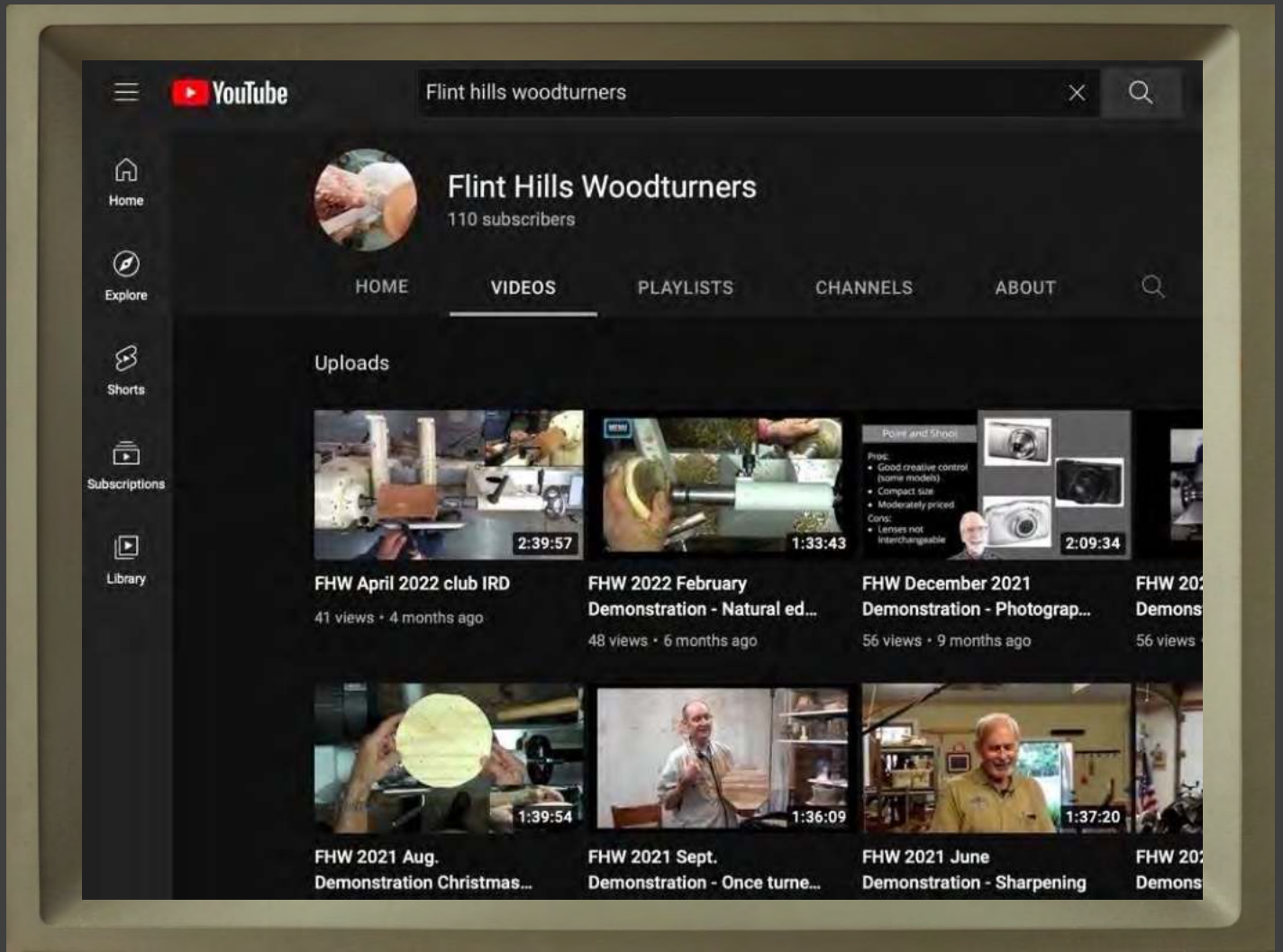
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- Robert Kloppenborg, Marysville, (785) 713-0658, [bjklop@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjklop@sbcglobal.net)



# 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](mailto: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                          |    |  |



We're on  YouTube

[Click here to view demonstrations hosted by the Flint Hills Woodturners](#)







## 2024 Board Members



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Tom Shields



**Vice President**  
Tod Salfrank



**Secretary**  
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**Operations**  
Robert Kloppenborg



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Tom Boley



**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.