



# Flint Hills

## WOODTURNERS

May 2025

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# May Club Event



Instead of meeting at our usual location at Rock Creek High School, we encourage all Flint Hills Woodturners to join us for some time under our tent at the Flint Hills Festival. We'll be turning and talking to the public about our favorite pastime. There will be live entertainment, food trucks, children's activities, community groups, and more on display at this celebration of our beautiful region. Admission is free!

# AAW

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
OF WOODTURNERS

## AAW Bulletin

News from the American  
Association of Woodturners

*Compiled Heather Marusiak*



Registration is open for the 2025 AAW International Woodturning Symposium! Join nearly 2,000 other woodturning enthusiasts June 12-15 in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

[Click here to learn more  
or register](#)



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## Why attend the 2025 AAW Virtual Symposium?

Whether you attend the AAW International Woodturning Symposium in-person or virtually, you are guaranteed to get an in-depth look at unique woodturning demonstrations from some of the best woodturners in the world. So, why should you attend the Virtual Symposium?

### Advantages of Watching Virtually from Home:

- Watch 20 high-definition recordings of woodturning demonstrations from renowned international woodturners live or later at your own pace.
- With access to the recordings until September 24, you can watch them as many times as you want and really hone your skills.
- Pay less in travel, food and registration fees.
- The dress code is about as relaxed as it could get.
- Participate in the live woodturned art auctions online.
- You will always get the best seat in the demo rooms.
- Take snack or bathroom breaks whenever you want.
- This is the best way to get a preview of the AAW Symposium to know if you want to attend in-person next year.



You can save up to 34% on the price if you register by May 31

**Click here to learn more or register**



## AAW Forum Highlights



**Donna Banfield**  
**Triangles**



**Maggie Shapiro**  
**My First Basket Illusion**  
Maple  
9"



**Tom Lohman**  
**Butterflies & Flowers**



**Mike Foster**  
**Fibonacci Vortex**  
Blister maple  
10" x 2"

**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](#)

## 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!**

**Tuesday, May 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!***



# April Meeting Minutes

*Recorded by Barbara Drolet*

**April 5, 2025, 9:00 am at Rock Creek High School, Saint George, KS.**

A total of 31 people attended, including four guests.

## **Officer Reports:**

**President** – Tom Shields: Guests were welcomed including the guest demonstrator. The Club Board will be meeting sometime this month to discuss whether to continue with our website. Any decisions will be related to the Club at the next meeting. Members were reminded to check out the silent auction items.

**VP** – Tod Salfrank: There will not be a monthly meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the Club's participation in the Flint Hills Festival in Manhattan.

**Secretary** – Barb Drolet: No report

**Treasurer** – Ross Hirst: The Club treasury balance is \$4100.67 with \$21.16 in petty cash for a total of \$4121.83. Income for the past month included membership dues, skill enhancement, and donuts.

**Programs** – Tom Boley: Today Jim Garner from Kansas City Woodturners will demonstrate carving basket weaves designs in hollow forms. In June, Bob Holcombe will demonstrate turning scoops and spoons. In July, Kris Cohan, KC Woodturners President, will demonstrate turning boxes. August remains TBD. In September, KC woodturner Phill Sikes will demonstrate hollowing enclosed forms with bowl gouges instead of hollowing tools. Oct – Dec remain TBD. Tom is still trying to get Rudy Lopez to do an in-person demonstration with workshops.

**Operations** – Steve Bietau: Meet the Makers at the Manhattan Discovery Center last month was very successful. Steve thanked the volunteers. A signup sheet was passed around for volunteers to set up, tear down, turn, and talk with the crowd at our next event, the Flint Hills Festival on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Typical crowds at that event range from 5000 to 7000 people so we have the potential to reach a lot of people.

**AAW Liaison/WIT/Newsletter**– Heather Marusiak: And as mentioned earlier, we need a volunteer to start doing the newsletter. It is currently being done with PowerPoint and it could be as complicated or simple as this volunteer wants it to be. As mentioned last month, it would be good if this person volunteered soon so they can overlap with Heather in the next couple of months before she leaves. We also need someone to become the AAW liaison and member-at-large for the board. Heather will be here for the July meeting so that will be the last day to get wig stands to her.





# April Meeting Minutes

*Recorded by Barbara Drolet*

## **Other Business:**

Tom Boley has black cherry logs available at his shop.

**Show & Tell:** Presenters included: Dave Davis, Dennis Biggs, Robert Kloppenborg, Tom O'Grady, Tom Boley, and Lowell Regehr.

**Demonstration –** Jim Garner from Kansas City Woodturners demonstrated how to carve turned hollow forms to give them a basket weave look. A handout was sent to Club members ahead of the meeting with photos and instructions. Demonstration information included recommended vessel thickness, designs, preferred tool types and brands, and types of wood. Once he has turned a vessel, Jim uses the indexing feature on his lathe to make vertical lines at 15-degree increments, then rotates the piece and makes the horizontal lines about 1 cm apart. He then uses a punch to mark where lines intersect followed by drilling 1/8" holes at each intersection. He uses a small chisel or file to make each hole square. Once all lines are erased, he draws lines between holes to make the alternating weave pattern. Carving is done with a 5 mm chisel. These lines between holes can be horizontal/vertical or drawn on the diagonal to give a different weave look. Any sharp edges on carved areas are softened with sanding using a detail or mini sander. The thicker the vessel wall, the more three dimensional the carving can be to make the wood really look like it's going under and over. Jim likes to use Shine Juice, Tung Oil, Hard Wax Oil or Howard's Feed-N-Wax as his finish.

Secretary's note: Recipe for Shine Juice as described on World Wide Woodturners: Mix equal parts of boiled linseed oil, clear shellac, and denatured alcohol. Only mix a small portion because the alcohol will escape and reduce the solvent portion. Keep in a Mason jar, stored upside down. After storage, if it feels too thick, add a little alcohol.

The next meeting will be June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM



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# April Show & Tell



Dave Davis





# April Show & Tell



Dennis Biggs



# April Show & Tell



Robert Kloppenborg





# April Show & Tell



Tom O'Grady



# April Show & Tell



Tom Boley





# April Show & Tell



Lowell Regehr



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

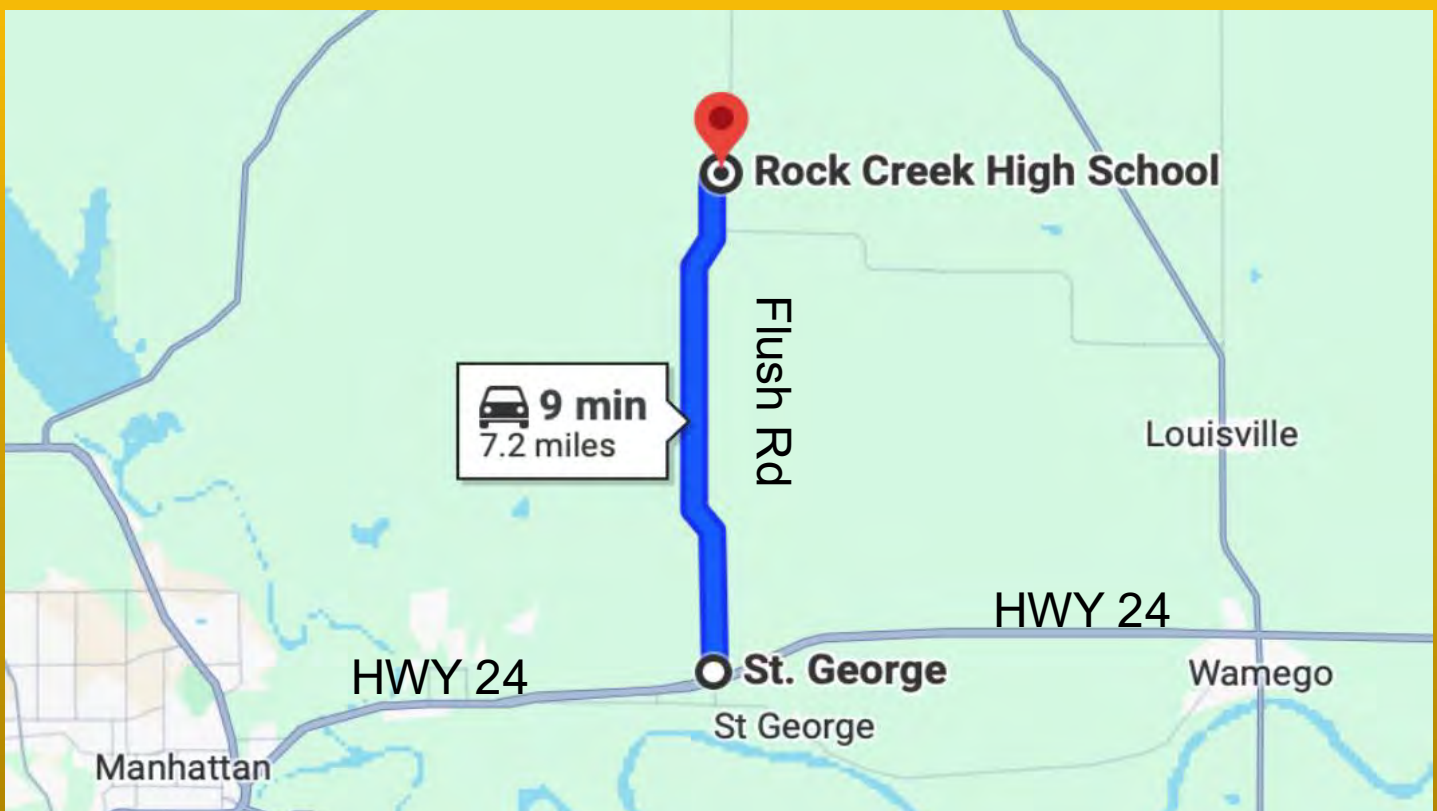
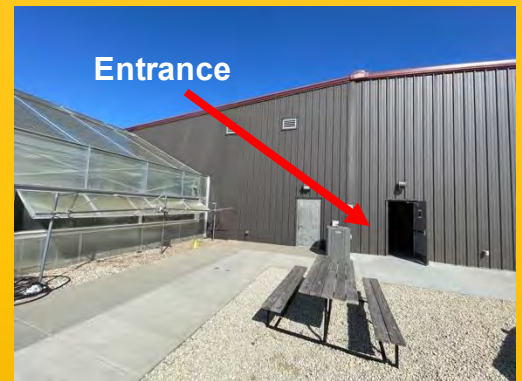
From Manhattan:

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.



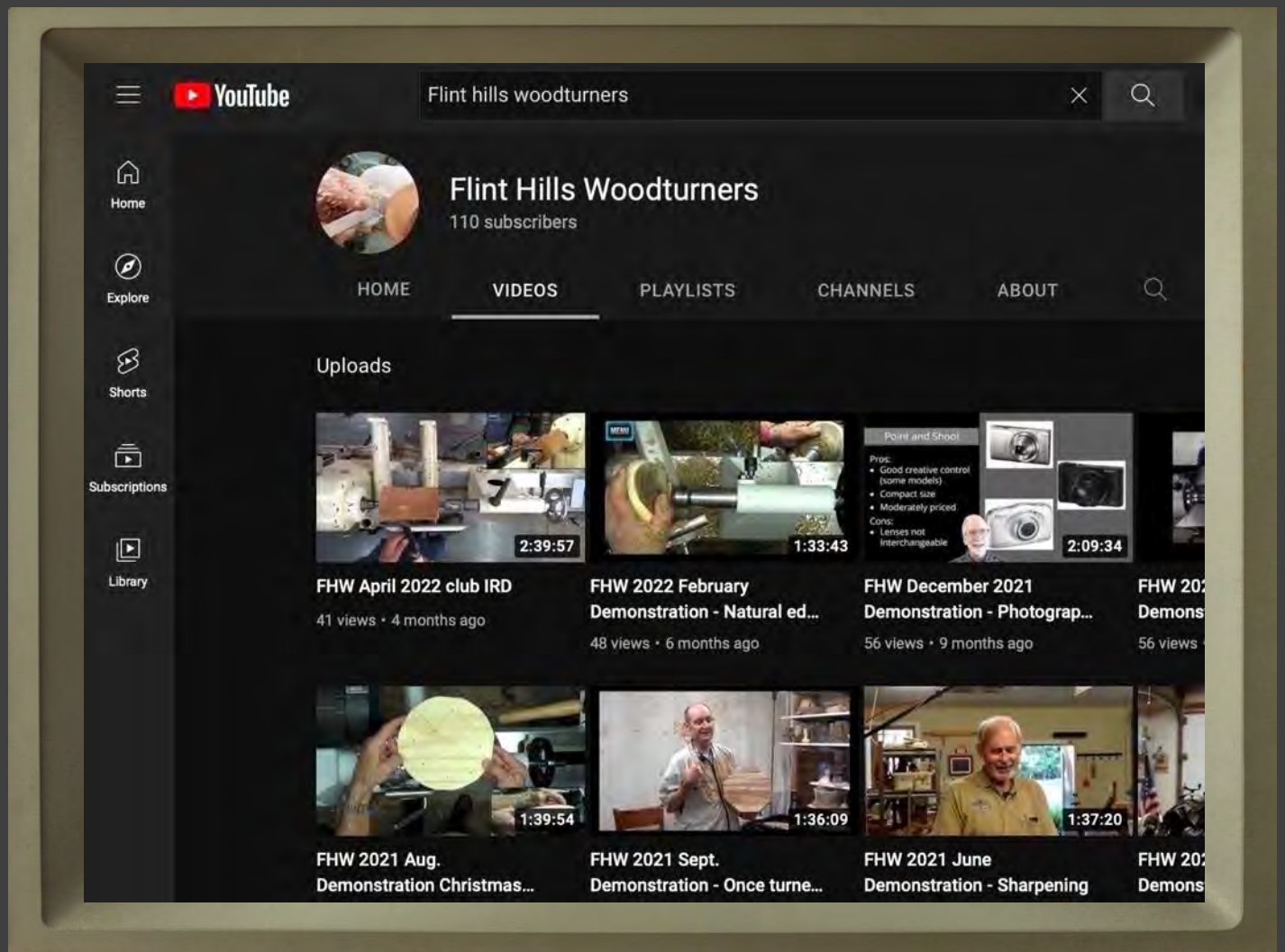




## Mentoring Opportunities

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.

- Steve Bietau, West Manhattan, (785) 317-3179, [sabietau@gmail.com](mailto:sabietau@gmail.com)
- Tom Shields, Central Manhattan, (785) 341-9969, [5tommyshields@gmail.com](mailto:5tommyshields@gmail.com)
- Dennis Biggs, Abilene, (785) 479-6601, [dbiggsgolf@yahoo.com](mailto:dbiggsgolf@yahoo.com)
- Randy Zelenka, West Manhattan, (785) 477-4587, [vzalenka@cox.net](mailto:vzalenka@cox.net)
- Tom Boley, near Wamego, (785) 456-7890, [tboley10@gmail.com](mailto:tboley10@gmail.com)
- Ross Hirst (penturning), Topeka, (785) 249-7936, [ross.i.hirst@cox.net](mailto:ross.i.hirst@cox.net)
- Robert Kloppenborg, Marysville, (785) 713-0658, [bjklop@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjklop@sbcglobal.net)



We're on  YouTube

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







## 2025 Board Members



**President**  
Tom Shields



**Vice President**  
Tod Salfrank



**Secretary**  
Barbara Drolet



**Treasurer**  
Ross Hirst



**Operations**  
Steve Bietau



**Program Director**  
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.