

February 2019



February's Demo

Multi-Axis Bowl by Ray Case

Ray Case will demonstrate how to turn a multi-axis bowl. The making of this bowl will challenge your traditional methods and present alternative ways too use your lathe to create a unique look.



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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

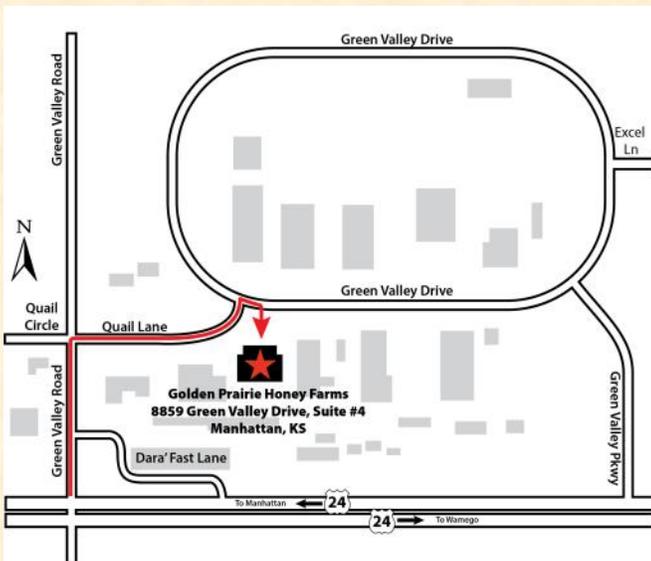


New Meeting Date

The February Meeting of the Flint Hills Woodturners will be moved from February 2nd to

February 9th.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but the Golden Prairie Honey Farm has another event scheduled for our normal meeting date.



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The Call of the Lathe



Flint Hills Woodturners has almost 4 years under it's belt now and I think it is important to stop and evaluate how are we doing and is the organization providing the necessary and expected expectation of the members. With this in mind the board has agreed that we will conduct a series of surveys over the next 2-3 months or less that will allow us to take the pulse of you the members. The surveys will be through a service called Survey Monkey and we will have about 10 questions per survey. We will provide you with a link to access the survey. The first survey is now available and here is the access link to the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WYYY3CQ>

Simply copy this address and paste it into your web browser search bar and it will take you to the survey. I have already completed mine and it took about 3-4 minutes. The main emphasis will be to check and see if the things that we are currently doing and providing are serving their purpose. For example is our demonstration time educational and informative to you the members? Most of the questions will have choices to click on but occasionally we might have a question that is asking for some feedback. I know this is not most peoples preferred choice in how to respond but I would highly encourage you to be open and honest about your answers. We have a good feeling for the good parts but we are asking you to tell us about some of the parts that need improvement. We want to know if you have some negative or bad thoughts, otherwise we can't work towards changing or improving those things. If you don't like the donuts, say so. If you feel the raffle doesn't serve a purpose, say so. Stuff like that.

On to brighter things. Hooray we have a working website. Tom Boley has been working behind the scenes to get our new version of flinthillswoodturners.org up and

running. Please express your appreciation to him for his time and efforts. This has not been an easy transition from the old hosting site to the new one but we are almost there. You can access it now and I would encourage you to check it out. However, please keep in mind that it is still under construction and so not all aspects are functional or finished and you may even see some things for a period of time that are very outdated. Our hope is that over time much of what we currently have available through our newsletter will be on the website and we will update it periodically. The future newsletter will be smaller and geared more towards specialty announcements and items that the website will not provide.

I'm excited that we continue to add new members almost every month. Where else can you go once a month for \$2.91 and have donuts, coffee, see what others are turning, participate in a raffle, and watch an hour and a half demonstration. Not to mention we have a library of resources and a wealth of turning knowledge that most of us are very willing to share. Recently a member of the Wichita woodturning club visited our meeting and was blown away by the experience and complemented us on our successful club. This is a great testament to all the hard work we have all done to make our club what it is today. Membership also has some other small benefits. If you show your membership card at Woodcraft Supply in KC you will receive 10% off your purchase of non power tool items. So if you haven't renewed or joined for the first time I encourage you to do that at our next meet in February.

Ray Case - President

Club Minutes

January 5th , 2019

The monthly meeting of the Flint Hills Woodturners began at 9:00 a.m., January 5, 2019 at the Golden Prairie Honey Farms, located at the Green Valley Industrial Park, 8859 Green Valley Drive, Manhattan, Kansas.

President Ray Case called the meeting to order.

The meeting began with Show and Tell. Tom Boley, Matt Schindler, Vaughn Graber, Bob Holcombe, Dan Pipp, Robert Kloppenborg, Terry Schmidt, Randy Zelenka, Dennis Biggs, Joe Beck, Victor Schwarz, Steve Bietau, Brad Hopper, David Delker, Ned Gatewood, Ray Case, Ross Hirst, and Nyle Larson shared their recent woodturning work with the club.

Visitors at today's meeting included Robert Younkin, Kevin Dean, Kenneth Stitt, and Richard Ramey.

Officers' Reports:

President's report: Ray Case announced a new sound system was being tested today, and he asked for feedback from members as to how it worked. Ray reminded members that Skill Enhancement is offered once or twice a month at Tom Boley's shop, and it's as a good way to work with an experienced turner and to develop turning skills. Tom Boley will continue organizing Ya Gotta Eat, where members get together for lunch at about the middle of each month. Tom Shields will collect annual membership dues, which are now due. Members of FHW receive a 10% discount at Woodcraft. Members were asked to volunteer to help set-up the shop on the Friday before the Saturday club meeting, and to help clean-up after the meeting. Joe Beck has received the FHW shirts that members ordered, and more can be ordered as needed. Someone mentioned the

Manhattan Public Library has many good woodturning books. The Woodworking Show offering vendors and demonstrations will be in Kansas City on January 18 – 20. It was noted FHW name tags are given to new members at no cost, and members can purchase them for \$7.

Newsletter: Ray Case asked members to contribute articles and other wood turning information to the newsletter to help make it a better newsletter. He also asked if any members are not getting the newsletter, to please let him know.

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: There is \$3,458 in the club's treasury.

Operations: We will be doing a public demonstration at the Discovery Center. Meet the Makers for kids program during spring break.

Program Director: Today's program was given by Randy Zelenka demonstrating hollowing a vessel and describing the tools used in vessel making. Ray Case will give the February demonstration turning a multi-axis turning. The March program will be several members demonstrating their favorite finishes. The April program will be Tom Boley demonstrating coring. For the May program, nationally known wood turner Alan Lacer will be providing the demonstration. A small fee will be charged. Alan will present a workshop on Friday before the May meeting, and possibly a workshop on Thursday as well. Alan's fee for presenting the workshop(s) will be covered in full by those participating. The topics and costs of the demonstration and workshop will be forthcoming.

Club Minutes Cont.

Robert Kloppenborg has been in contact with the Lee Dam Center for Fine Art in Marysville and we are invited to show and sell our work at their July 2019 event. More information to come.

Member at Large: no report

Demonstration: Randy Zelenka shared with the members a wide variety of tools from his collection of hollowing tools, and he then partially hollowed a large vessel with some of the tools he exhibited.

Raffle: This month Kenneth Stitt, Richard Ramey, David Davis, Ross Hirst, Barbara Drolet and Randy Zelenka won valuable prizes. The grand prize was won by Kenneth Stitt.

The next Flint Hills Woodturning meeting will be on Saturday February 9th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Golden Prairie Honey Farms, located at the Green Valley Industrial Park, 8859 Green Valley Drive, Manhattan.

Ned Gatewood - Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Tom Boley, Ray Case, Dennis Biggs, Tom Shields, Bob Holcombe, Randy Zelenka, Steve Bietau, and Ned Gatewood

Items discussed:

New Website: Tom Boley is determined to get the website set up and running soon. He hopes to have made progress by next month. FHW's webmaster, Don Eisele, has not been very responsive in our request in getting the website moved. Mary, who is helping set up a new website, suggests calling Go Daddy's technical help in our transition. The motion by Ray to use .club domain was approved, if needed.

Sound System: Steve brought a system from Glenn's Music to be tried today. The amplifier, transmitter, and mic cost about \$608. All were supportive of need for a sound system.

Survey: Ray pointed out the club will be four years old on March 19, 2019. He suggested we take a survey of members to determine what they might like to

change. Ned is to work on using SurveyMonkey.

Club's Email: The protocol of using the club's email and email addresses was discussed so board members can better understand their usage.

Program: Dennis Biggs continues to pursue having Alan Lacer give a demonstration and workshop. Tom Boley said the number of workshop participants will depend of how many lathes we have available. The subject of the workshop needs to be determined. Alan will be asked for a list of workshop topics from which we will choose preferred topics. We will likely have to provide the wood for the workshop.

Ned Gatewood, Secretary



Programs

Coming soon

Alan Lacer has been involved in the turning field for more than 38 years as a turner, teacher, writer, exhibition coordinator, expert witness, demonstrator and past president of the American Association of Woodturners.



<u>February 2nd</u>	<u>March 2nd</u>	<u>April 10th</u>	<u>May4th</u>
Ray Case 3 Axis bowl	Members sharing Finishing Favorites	Tom Boley Coring	Alan Lacer Special guest

We have scheduled Alan Lacer to do a workshop (maybe 2) and club demo in May 2019. The workshops will have a fee associated with it as each session will only handle about 8 people and will be an all day workshop. We are considering one on the Friday May 3rd and possibly on Sunday May 5th.

Thank you all. You make this an exciting organization.

Dennis Biggs - Program Director



January: Show and Tell



Steve Hougham



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Dan Pipp



Brad Hopper



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January: Show and Tell



Tom Boley



Bob Holcombe



Randy Zelenka



David Delker



Dennis Biggs



Robert Kloppenborg

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Vaughn Graber



Tom Shields



Joe Beck



Nyle Larson



Steve Bietau



Ned Gatewood



Ross Hirst

January's Program

Recap

Hollowing

Demonstrator: Randy Zelenka



In today's demonstration, Randy Zelenka shared his extensive collection of hollowing tools, which varied from small shop-made tools to large manufactured systems. Using several of his tools, he partially hollowed a large vessel and described how calipers and laser devices help determine vessel wall thicknesses. Randy finds pottery and pottery books inspirational in designing of wooden vessels.

Randy prefers turning green wood for hollowed vessels, and to keep the wood wet he stores the wood in a plastic bag before turning it and also between turning sessions. While turning, he even spritzes the vessel with water to keep it wet, because as the wall of the vessel get thin it dries out quickly. He began by mounted a wood blank on the lathe, centering the pith of the wood blank along the axis of the lathe. Randy typically uses a face plate or tenon to mount the blank. He then rough turned the outside of the vessel to establish its form. The inside is then drilled out to remove the bulk of the wood and to establish the bottom of the vessel's inside. This eliminates much of the straight-in hollowing works, leaving mostly

side cutting with hollowing tools. On large vessels, he uses a steady rest to stabilize the vessel while turning. Sanding the inside of a vessel is challenging. While still on the lathe, Randy sands the interior with sandpaper attached to a dowel so he can reach the bottom of the vessel.

Ned Gatewood, Secretary





Members Spotlight

Congratulations

One of our members, Robert Kloppenborg, was featured in the Marysville Advocate newspaper recently.



Thanks again to

Tom Boley

for his many years of service
as the Club's President.



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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 (AAW).



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Flint Hills Woodturners Calendar of Events

FEB 9TH	Monthly Meeting Ray Case 3 Axis Bowl	Golden Prairie Honey Farms 8859 Green Valley Drive, Suite #4, Manhattan
FEB 12th	YA GOTTA EAT NOON	
FEB 21st	Skill Enhancement 7:00-9:30 PM	Red Oak Hollow Lathe Works, Wamego
MARCH 2nd	Monthly Meeting Finishing Favorites	Golden Prairie Honey Farms 8859 Green Valley Drive, Suite #4, Manhattan
APRIL 6th	Monthly Meeting Tom Boley Coring	Golden Prairie Honey Farms 8859 Green Valley Drive, Suite #4, Manhattan

Unless otherwise announced, meetings are held at 8859 Green Valley Drive, Suite #4, Manhattan KS
 Meetings start at 9:00 am but come any time after 8:00 am.



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.

