



Shavings



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MEETING PLACE

Hill Country Turners meet in the basement of the KACC (Kerr Arts & Cultural Center) at 228 Earl Garrett, Kerrville, Texas at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

February Meeting

The demo for February will be Uel and his fly swatters. This has got to be one of the most exotic turned products of all time. Even the source material is “exotic” by definition, and therein hangs the tail...er...tale. We all have seen them, from documentary shows of Africa to comic props used to lend verisimilitude to sham portrayals of African chieftains in the big city. Uel promises some interesting production pointers as well.

January Meeting

Advertised as a big meeting, January’s meeting lived up to its billing. First, the big light bowl smackdown to prove we have the most heavyweight lightweight turners around. Various ideas were tried to get the advantage, from using balsa wood to optimal bowl design. Here are the contestants:



The winners were James Johnson, at 6.0 grams, Paul Hewitt at 6.7 grams, Anna Rachinsky at 8.0 grams and Harold Dykes at 12.2 grams. Here is a picture of the winners. Harold was not present because of a death in his family and his bowl was handled by Roger Arnold. The winning combination seemed to be a shallow bowl with a light, hollow foot.

Show and Tell

It would be proper to first mention Anna Rachinsky’s construction. When given a doorknob from the KACC renovation she was asked, on behalf of the club, to make something out of it, to be shown later with the examples of other clubs as historical/arts examples. Her piece is a turned, burned and carved flower that turns around on its



pedestal. Fantastic! Thank you Anna.

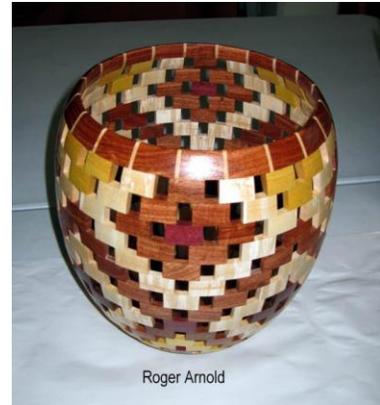
Also, showing his first big hollow form, came Ken Morton and, showing his largest open segment bowl, Roger Arnold. Garrett Brown showed his bat. Only Garrett would be strong enough to swing it. Will Aymond showed his pepper mill that was cored by a new forstner bit from, of all places, Colt. Quite a change in the phrase "...drill you with his Colt." Finally, Roger Felps talked about the upside-down top he made as a Christmas gift. I will let the pictures speak for themselves.



Anna Rachinsky



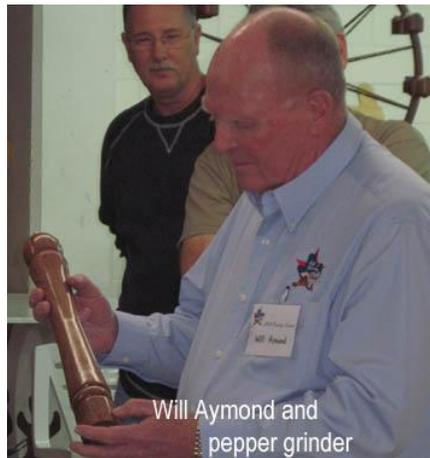
Ken Morton



Roger Arnold



Garrett and bat



Will Aymond and pepper grinder



Roger Felps talks about upside-down top

2010 Demonstrator Sign-Up Sheet

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Demonstrator</u>	<u>Topic (If Known)</u>
February	11th	Uel Clanton	TBD
March	11th	Raul Pena*	TBD
April	8th	Vern Hallmark	TBD
May	13th	Keith Longnecker	TBD
June	10th	Joe Johnson	TBD
July	8th		
August	12th	Dale Lemons**	TBD
September	9th		
October	14th	The Holtons**	TBD
November	11th		
December	9th	Christmas Party	Christmas Party

2010 Food Sign-Up Sheet

Month	Meeting Date	Drinks	Sweets
February	11th	Shimeks	Shimeks
March	11th	Dale Gleichweit	Kathy Roberts
April	8th	Bob Bub	Bobbie Bub
May	13th	Joe Ripkin	Garrett Brown
June	10th	Joe Johnson	Ken Morton
July	8th	Liz Farris	Vern Hallmark
August	12th	Keith Longnecker	Roger Arnold
September	9th	Maurice Collins	Jim Weir & L.A. Cude
October	14th	Jerre Williams	Larry Werth
November	11th	Roger Arnold	Bill Hussey
December	9th	Christmas Party	Christmas Party

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