



Shavings

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Next Meeting, February 9, 2012

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.

January Meeting

It looks like the January meeting was complex. The well attended meeting (about 60 people) brought out the officers from the Alamo Wood Turners, Robert Schoenert, President; Alan Trout, Vice President Sam Pless, Secretary; and Gordon Kinchelore, Program Chairman. Other visitors were: Bob Edwards –Helotes; Bill Jones – San Francisco (Jonny Jones brother); Bill Snyder—Fredericksburg; and Ed Maciulo– Spring Branch;

Two new members were noted, I don't yet have any details, but they were [Tom Canfield](#) and [Richard Layman](#). Welcome guys

There was a lot of business, **Uel Clanton** gave a report on the Christmas Party to wit we got a \$275 rebate because of serving problems. Jay Shimek reported that [the Club ended the year in good financial condition](#). **Will Aymond**, our new secretary, gave a short report on the board meeting and **Joe Johnson** passed around sign-up lists for sweets and drinks and open shop volunteers.

The raffle was the largest so far, with lots of good stuff, including a steady rest donated by **Stephen Gonsalves of ASG Services Inc.** in San Antonio. The raffle finished off with an eight inch grinder. Later **Jay Shimek** said we took in \$320 for the raffle.

The highlight of the meeting was a demo by **John Jones** of a new set of tools he likes a lot, the Nano tools by Warren Cutlery Co. These tools are made for small jobs from pen turning to small boxes and finials. They have a very handy handle and four or five special cutters for the tiny bits such as the African black wood goblets John demonstrated. Here are some **Chuck Felton** pics of Johnny and of some of our raffle treasure trove.



February Meeting

Allen Trout, from the Alamo Wood Turners will be back. Last year he showed us his super glue finishing technique and he will be demonstrating epoxy casting this year. Ken Morton says "BRING YOUR OWN MASK". It will be stinky, but as you can see in the show-and-tell section it will be worthwhile.

Show-And-Tell

In the first image below, visitor **Rich Grable** brought a whole mess of kitchen utensils with turned wooden handles. Below them is a series of **Bob Franke's** nested boxes, next to **Alan Trout's** "Purple Haze" resin casting. Above the casting is a root bowl with a very natural edge by Paul Hewett. (I'm sorry we didn't get the showers of the two [spalted hackberry?] bowls and the Christmas tree ornaments at the right of the picture, but if you will speak up at the meeting we can get them into the website show-and-tell)

In the second image. **Jerry DeGroot's** dyed mesquite bowl shares space with **Joe Johnson's** mini-ornament and a clever lid sleeve for a mason jar.

Finally, in the third image, there are pieces done by **George Taylor** after having been really inspired at Arrowmont.

I'm sorry; I left out a Box Elder angel done by **Kathy Hamilton**. If she will send me an image, I can at least put it into the website.



Finally a couple of images, One of the bringbacks for this month and two for the boxes made for the Beads of Courage program and delivered to the Christmas party, and one showing two of the members, Valerie Shimek and Roger Arnold delivering the boxes to the hospital.



Drinks and Snacks

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Drinks</u>	<u>Sweets</u>
February	9th	Dale Gleichweit	Kathy Roberts
March	8th	Pete Cowger	Darrell Korman
April	12th	Keith Longnecker	Denise Smith
May	10th	Larry Walton	Don Kaiser
June	14th	Mike Shoup	Martha Hill
July	12th	Anna Rachinsky	Valerie Shimek
August	9th	Roger Arnold	Harold Dykes
September	13th		Jim & Kathy Hampton
October	11th		Will Aymond
November	8th		Bill Hussey
December	13th	Christmas Party	Christmas Party

HCT Mentoring Program

It has always been a practice to encourage new members to visit in the shops of other members to help them get oriented to turning. Now we are offering for new turners a special list of members eager to help along with their area of interest. Even some less-than-new members who would like to talk to someone in a special area might take advantage of the help with special interests

The following members have volunteered to serve as Club Mentors. If you have a woodturning or tool/equipment question, call one of these individuals. They would be happy to help.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Specialty</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Specialty</u>
Roger Arnold	830-866-3670	Shop Practices	Uel Clanton	830-896-5288	General/Spindles
L. A. Cude	901-355-7046	Lacquer Finish	Chuck Felton	830-792-5249	General
James Johnson	830-895-4170	All	Joe Johnson	830-896-5924	General
John Jones	830-536-4503	General	K. Longnecker	830-257-6033	Split Turning/Pens
Ken Morton	210-833-7148	Natural Edge	Raul Pena	830-6342545	General

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