



Shavings

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Next Meeting October 11, 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.

September Meeting

Announcements: October will be time for membership dues. Bring a check for \$35 for one or \$40 for spouse/family, Will Aymond is ready for you and will give you a receipt. Will has been setting up a two-part form for this. (You should have some money in October, the raffle is postponed.

The nominating committee will be chosen and will meet prior to the meeting in October. If anyone feels that they would like to contribute to the group as an officer, he/she should put his/her name in for consideration. Come on in, the water's fine.

The above (members contributing to the club) is especially true of SWAT rep. Kathy Roberts who has done a great job but wanted to resign and let someone else have fun for a while. This is an important position that sets up the grand hoo-rah that is SWAT.

Don't forget, for times sake the quarterly raffle has been postponed to November.

George Taylor called for donations of items for a silent auction at a Gala for a charity "Upward Transitions" a program of therapeutic horsemanship in which horses will be used to facilitate movement for children and wounded vets with physical, mental and cognitive disabilities. Contact George. He needs the pieces delivered by 10/18/12.

It was nice to see Jimmy and Barbie Holton, former members, here on business but never too little time to come see us.



Jerry DeGroot showed us how he does a Christmas ornament. Jerry has a unique style. He is open to advice, but likes to hone his skills in ways that make him comfortable. He used a double-chucking method of hollowing the ornament ball, establishing a tenon after hollowing and shaping most of the ball. Jerry is a good presenter and getting through a demonstration

is a great way of improving your skills. Think about doing it yourself. Here is Jerry and a couple of his ornaments. Thanks Jerry.



October Meeting

Johnny Tolly will be here in October to show finial making, to finish the Christmas ornament pair of demos he started last year. Johnny and his wife Marcia are prominent woodturners in Central Texas. With Johnny's twin brother Jimmy, the Tolly clan provides key services while SWAT is going on and seem to be everywhere at once (an illusion that is

heightened when you see one in one room and then see somebody who looks a lot like them in another room). It is rare that we have back-to-back identical subjects, but you can get a lot out of comparing and contrasting the styles and methods of Jerry DeGroot and Johnny Tolly.

Show and Tell

Will Aymond showed a nicely turned bowl of a striking piece of box elder (with a L. A. Cude lacquer finish). He helped L.A and Jimmie Weir acquire a big log from near lake travis that was amazing and they gave him the wood as a 'finder's fee' - sort of. Roger Arnold brought a hackberry vessel that, with its many cracks, punky wood, voids and worm-holes, gave him a tussle. Vern Hallmark showed a nice box of box elder that had an inlayed cherry top and bottom to prove that it is not only the skill of the individual but also the ability to correct problems (going through the bottom) that makes a turner. Some wag said it was because the only tool he ever used was a parting tool.



Roger Farris brought a mesquite burl form that was full of voids that made it hard to get through. George Taylor showed two similar elm bowls that he wanted to demonstrate the use of oil and film type finishes. Specifically, he used Mahoney's Oil finish and Waterlox. George also showed a small bowl and three tops that he got from Goeff Whaling of Australia (see the American Woodturner, August 2012, page 27) at an interest group of AAW that they both shared. The technique used by both is called linear segmenting in which a solid block is formed by segments and then turned as a whole block. I understand that this is commonly done only on small pieces to limit the movement, and cracking, of different segments due to moisture over time.



Anna Rachinsky rescued an old hat or two that James Johnson threw in the trash. The one she presented (now belonging to Ken M.) was gray and dusty and (according to James) the wrong shape. Anna thought it was a nice shape for a woman's hat so she cleaned it up, gave it an off-white finish and decorated it with beads. She showed it at SWAT and I heard nice comments about it. Ken Morton brought a cherry bowl and myrtle box from the same holey myrtle he had last meeting. He also showed a very nice natural edged myrtle bowl. Finally he showed a failure bowl (same disease that Vern had) but one was a core from the



same block of wood that formed the larger bowl. He presented the straight coring bar that he got from Johannes Michelson at swat and showed it with the 'failed' bowl and the core that was left. Ken speaks well of the hand held bar and notes it has a diamond shaped carbide insert at the point that does all the work.



Drinks and Snacks

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Drinks</u>	<u>Sweets</u>
October	11th	Paul Hewitt	Will Aymond
November	8th	Jerre Williams	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
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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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