



# Shavings

## Hill Country Turners

### Monthly Newsletter



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## Next Meeting, April 09, 2015

### MEETING PLACE

**Hill Country Turners** meet in the basement at the KACC (Kerr Arts & Cultural Center) at 228 Earl Garrett, Kerrville, Texas at 6:00 pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The formal meeting starts at 6:30.

**SWAT:** Registration for SWAT is now open. This is the best regional show in the U.S. and a great chance to see a lot of turning and getting a lot of new ideas. If you do decide to go, sign up to help out in the room that we sponsor. You won't be losing out on part of the show because you will be there watching (and helping) a demonstrator perform.

**Demo:** James Johnson presented a brief summary of his demo on shop-built sanding pads. Many of the members had not had a chance to see this. James brings his practical ideas and experience to life like no one else. The key point is that the pads can be used in power sanding on and especially off of the lathe. The foam and shape of the pads really does minimize scoring the wood with the edge of the sandpaper. You have an excellent hand-out for the whole process that is available on the hillcountryturners.org website in the projects section. A couple of points that James emphasized is the double coating of contact cement to hold the foam firmly to the leather pads and tool attachment and stay away from water based contact cement.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting Jerre Williams will give a demo on turning an off-center bowl/platter.

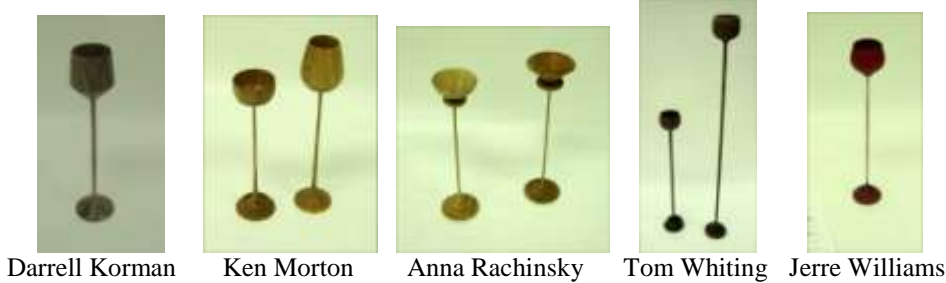
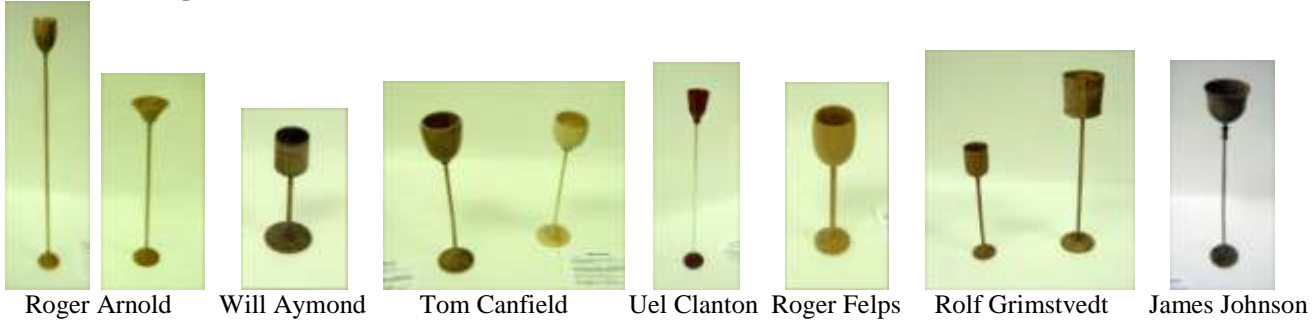
**Show-and-Tell:** James Johnson showed an amazingly distorted pecan platter that had begun to lose its shape within a few minutes of turning. Roger Arnold showed us a string steady-rest that he used to carve his long goblet for the club challenge. Anna Rachinsky brought a hollow natural edged form of pecan. Jerre Williams showed an off-center ambrosia maple platter that he learned to turn at SWAT.



Barbara Hausman showed several pieces of Texas ebony and fused glass that she made, combining two crafts to great effect. Don Kaiser, making "square" boxes felt that they needed a little something so he made tops of contrasting woods. The boxes are hackberry and maple, the tops are purpleheart and spalted cherry.



**Club Challenge:** The club challenge was to make a long stem goblet(s) to be entered in one or more of three categories, Tallest, Thinnest and Best Form. Here are the contenders.



(Sorry about the distortion when taking two goblets at a time) The winners were: Tallest, Roger Arnold, Thinnest: Jerre Williams, Most Attractive: Anna Rachinsky

**Roger Arnold Will Aymond**

**Open Shop:** On the 14<sup>th</sup>, Ken Morton Hosted an open shop with excellent food and companionship. He has a great video setup and did a great show. He highlighted the uses of the skew and appropriately called on Raúl Peña to add his experience to the mix. Notice ken at his lathe using his skew and his great teaching manner. It was a good meeting.



### Drinks/Snacks List 2015

	Drinks	Snacks
April	Debbie Walker	George Taylor
May.	Rolf Grimstvedt	Wendell White
June	Liz Felton	Loy Arbaugh
July.	Uel Clanton	Harold Dykes
August	Roger Arnold	Kathy Roberts
September	Jim Whisnand	Will Aymond
October	J. Williams	Curtis Herbert
November	Kathy Hampton	Ralph Hausman
December	ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY	

### Set-up/Take-down List 2015

April.	Rolf Grimsvedt/Harold Dykes
May.	Wendell White/ ?
June.	Kathy Roberts/Loy Arbaugh
July.	Darrell Korman/Greg Walton
August.	_____ / _____
September	_____ / _____
October.	_____ / _____
November.	_____ / _____

Set up begins ~ 5:00 p.m. The back doors will open then

#### **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.

Name	Phone	Specialty	Name	Phone	Specialty
Roger Arnold	830-866-3670	Shop Practices	Uel Clanton	830-896-5288	General/Spindles
L. A. Cude	901-355-7046	Lacquer Finish	James Johnson	830-895-4170	All
Joe Johnson	830-896-5924	General	John Jones	830-537-4503	General
K. Longnecker	830-257-6033	Split Turning/Pens	Ken Morton	210-833-7148	Natural Edge
Raúl Peña	830-6342545	General			

#### **THE BIG CHIPS” of HCT 2015**

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