



Shavings

Hill Country Turners Monthly Newsletter



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Next Meeting, November 12, 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.

September Meeting: George Taylor opened the meeting with a reference to visiting Buddy Compton, the new president of SWAT from the Gulfcoast Woodturners.

Treasurers Report from Roger Arnold shows:

Beginning of the month -	\$2253.51
Expenditures	\$1154.73 (web site, drawing prizes etc.)
Deposits	\$141.55
Remaining	\$1296.28

Next meeting: Janice Levi (Turned and Burned Jewelry) will be here and Doing Jewelry Making as the demo. You can familiarize yourself with her jewelry approach by looking at the Feb. 15, 2015 (vol. 30) AAW journal. Also, she is going to be conducting workshops in Ingram at the Point Theatre on Friday, November 13 (Jewelry) and Saturday, November 14 (Pyrography) (2 sessions, AM and PM). Fees are \$45 for the Jewelry and \$30 for the Pyrography. If interested you had better check ASAP (NOW!).

The group has a several members in poor health. Keith Longnecker and Dale Lemons were mentioned especially and are in the thoughts and concerns of all who know them. Dale is to have a pacemaker installed and Keith is in rehab following a stroke. A visit would do them both well. Check your e-mail for information.

George brought up the two suggestions that have caught recent attention as worthwhile additions to the life and message of the group:

Bringbacks: In the past, the group has had a "Bringback" program in which members bid for several member turnings (as in the quarterly drawings we do now.) The winners take the piece on the condition that, at the next drawing, they will be responsible for bringing back one of their turnings (thus, of course, "bringback") to be won by another member. This drawing would not take place on the same month as our usual raffle, but would be 2 to 3 times a year and a club officer would be assigned to keep track of the winners. The newsletter would be pleased to help by publishing the names of the last drawing's winners.

Youth (or Beginner's program): As a club, we have not really had much structure or emphasis on bringing our craft to young people and there seems to be some eagerness to change that. It was proposed that we look into a program for young turners. In order to do this well, we need some more structured program as well as some standardized procedures for making sure that the basics are all covered. AAW has some educational materials. Each young person would have a sponsor. The membership dues could be \$15 at the end of the calendar year that could be waved upon finishing lessons taught by club members. A proposal was made to reward the turner on completing of the training with an unhandled Thompson tool. Once again, it would be the responsibility of a club officer to keep track of the progress the students. One additional move many in the group

thought might be helpful would be to add new turners that were older (young adults?) to the mix somehow.

Although both ideas still require some tweaking, there seemed to be interest and input in both proposals.

It is the job of the executive committee to canvas the membership for those who might be interested or who have expressed an interest in becoming an officer. The following officers were proposed.

Officers:

Past President – George Taylor

President:

Will Aymond

John Stegall

1st Vice President – Kathy Roberts

2nd Vice President – Tom Whiting

Treasurer – Roger Arnold

Secretary – Darrell Korman

SWAT Director – Tom Canfield

Will and John were each given time to say a few words.

Elections will be at the November meeting and there will be a paper ballot on the contested position.

Results will be announced at the end of the meeting.

Demonstration: Given the other items of business, George selected a shorter



subject for his demo, making cabinet knobs. He said he will do gilding, patinating and surface treatment early next year. He started out with prepared wood for bottle stoppers, 1 1/4"x2" bottle stopper blanks, drilled with 11/32" drill and tapped with a 3/8-16tpi tap. His opinion was that by inserting a thread reducer of metal it would hold better (and leave a smaller hole) than trying to

thread a 3/8" bolt through to bare wood. He showed a Granger EZ-LOK thread reducer that reduced the 3/8" thread to 1/4" -20tpi. George chucked the block to a mandrel into a Collet chuck and, in no time at all produce an example for us. Good show George.



Show and Tell: James Johnson showed an interesting large bowl/platter of walnut that has been rough-turned for 11 years. He finally got around to finishing it, and revealed the beautiful feathered thing. He tried hand rubbed poly on it at first and the wood did not like it, so he sanded off the poly and put a wax on it. The wood responded quite well. Jerry DeGroot, inspired by Joe Johnson's golf ball jig last month decided to hollow out a golf ball and make it into a Christmas ornament. He said that you can't hollow out just any golf ball, especially not a Schlesinger #4 of solid rubber, but the #2 is OK. Vern Hallmark showed us a soapberry bowl with a neat hole so you can easily see how thick the base is (not a wood defect, a wood feature.) Finally, Trenton Green, a new turner, showed us his great first bowl of ash.



Drinks/Snacks List 2015		
	Drinks	Snacks
November	Kathy Hampton	Ralph Hausman
December	ANNUAL 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.

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			

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