



Shavings

Hill Country Turners

Monthly Newsletter



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Next Meeting, July 14, 2016

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.

June Meeting:

KACC: The leadership of the Hill Country Turners has been evident in setting up a class for youngsters wanting to try out their skills in basic woodturning. KACC is sending out offers of a Youth Woodturning Class taught by the HILL COUNTRY TURNERS, July 27th, 2016, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. The cost will be \$20 per class and the children will be making two items they can take home. A later KACC notification tells the prospective applicants about the scholarships offered by the club to pay the \$20 fee.

Treasures Report: Roger Arnold shows:

Beginning of the month -	\$4,497.73
Expenditures	1,156.00 (club orders)
	292.22 (AV equipment)
Deposits	\$75.00 (new members)
Total	\$3124.51
Petty Cash	\$209.00

SWAT: John Stegall mentioned that more volunteers were still needed. We have an obligation to keep our meeting room in shape and help the presenters as needed. You will be asked to turn on recorders and make sure everything is working. You will get help in understanding the tasks and people will be available to come to your aid if something messes up. Come on, this is not rocket science!

Jimmie Clewes: : The Alamo Club will co-op with the HCT to pay for Jimmy Clewes trip to Kerrville. More details will be coming on this matter in future meetings.

Demo: Ken Morton gave a demonstration on sharpening techniques and tools. He pointed out two items that he strongly recommended to be used. They were, slow speed grinders and safety gear, especially a mask when sharpening.

When sharpening carbide knives on the silicon wheel, use a piece of hard wood afterwards to clean the wheel.

If you use a Wolverine jig in sharpening, set it at 23 deg. and lock it down.

When sharpening Scrapers, use a 45 deg. setting for beginners, but not over 35 deg. Ken used 60 deg. and uses a Raptor tool to set the angle on the grinder. He also recommended that you remove the old burr on the knife before sharpening and also after. Then use a burnishing tool to put a stronger burr back on.

When you think you have finished sharpening, look at the edge of the blade and if you can see the edge, the tool is not sharp.

When you are sharpening gouges, sharpen the wings first and then the tip, making sure the point is convex and not concave.

Show and Tell: I understand that Jimmy Hamilton, Joel Haby and his son, John Stegall and James Johnson had pieces to show the Club. I was unable to get pictures for the group in time, but will hopefully insert them into the web site at a later date.

Next Month's demo: Our demo for next month will be Jerry DeGroot making a golf ball ornament.

Open Shop James Johnson hosted an open shop on Saturday June 11. John Stegall wrote that there were about 9 attendees and James demonstrated his techniques for coring large chunks of wood and turning out the bowl blanks. James was explaining something here. He said on wood this green (10 days after cutting) he sharpens his bowl gouge every 5 minutes. On dry mesquite, he sharpens every 2 minutes. Pictures are 1. Prep for coring, 2. Mounting prepped blank for coring, 3. Blank, finished coring.



Special Note: My special thanks to Darrell Korman and John Stegall for helping out on the newsletter.

Snacks/Drinks List 2016		
	Snacks	Drinks
June	Harold Dykes	Roger Arnold
July	Kathy Roberts	Philip Medghalchi
August	Sue Bates	Windall White
September	Kathy Hampton	Debbie Walker
October	Larry Walton	Don Kaiser
November	Barbara Hausman	John Latour
December	-----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
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