



Shavings

Hill Country Turners

Monthly Newsletter



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Next Meeting, September 8, 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.

July Meeting: John Stegal opened the meeting and discussed upcoming SWAT. Tom Canfield discussed an initiative in Fredericksburg for 13 or 14 year old children to introduce them to turning. Plans are to give them hands-on experience turning pens. Top requested volunteers to furnish mini-lathes for the project.

Ingram Elementary school has changed its annual fair to October for better weather and fewer conflicts with other events. We will need volunteers to help logistics and turn tops. Uel has stated that he would be glad for the help. Bill Hussey has had Joe Johnson's help recently and there is plenty of work around. There is also a great feed for the lunch hour also.

Former member Maurice Collins donated several hunks of Norfolk Island pine in hopes that it is not too late and John cornered James Johnson into trying one out at his shop and showing us how it looked. The piece was really weathered looking and it looked dubious, but plans were made for the next day.....(time passing).....OK John says that the next day was a royal bust, because the whole piece was punky and rotten inside. Here is the picture: Thanks James for trying.



Treasures Report: Roger Arnold shows:

Beginning of the month -	\$3919.64
Expenditures	\$545.63
Deposits	\$300.00
Total	\$3674.01
Petty Cash	\$165.94

Roger says next month (September) is the time we are to do craft supply and klingspoor orders, so be prepared and get a nice discount and free shipping on items not back ordered.

Please note: SEPTEMBER meeting is Bringback month, so those persons who owe bringbacks need to bring them to the meeting. You are expected to do your best at your personal level of experience. It is always nice to draw something from a new turner and to be able to say "I knew him when..."



Darrell Korman presented the club with a handsome gavel of bois D'Arc (bowdark or Osage orange) for the gavel part and "wood" he said for the handle:

November is "Raffle" month.

Demo: Tom Canfield volunteered to demo at SWAT. His demo was a method that he says has helped to make him a better turner and which will definitely help most turners. He makes bowls in various shapes out of 2x10 or 2x6 pine (or similar softwood) lumber. It is good practice and helps show the value of keeping your tools sharp. He then carefully examines what he has made, evaluating the shape, the avoidance of tear-out and the uniformity of the cut. He even goes to the point of cutting some of the pieces at the bandsaw so that he can examine exactly, in cross section, how even the cross section is. Tom showed a drawing illustrating the various shapes of round or square bowls, with and without feet etc.



One of his best points is that the speed of turning this type of bowl is somewhat faster, the investment in wood is less and sometimes it is worth cutting up pieces that you don't have a great investment in just to see how well you are really doing. After all, making mistakes on a piece of dimensional lumber is a lot less painful than making them on some carefully selected hardwood.



Show and Tell: Phillip Meghalchi showed us a couple of boxes, one of ash and one of pecan with a nice walnut rim. Susan Bates said she found a piece of mesquite that spoke to her and turned out a bowl with a slanted rim. George Taylor went to Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Tennessee for inspiration. He showed us a nice platter that was airbrushed, textured and gilded. You are looking at the top and the bottom to get the whole effect.



Roger Arnold showed us a Texas ebony cup and an ambrosia maple cup. Rick Webster brought an ash bowl and a mesquite and inlaid platter, his first inlay. Tom Canfield showed us a reconstructed cedar flower bowl that was both ground with an angle grinder and turned and put back together again. No small feat for cedar.



Next Month's demo: James Hampton going to demo an interesting and striking use of a bowl to make a hair bun holder. There is a picture and it is striking, but I think I will hold it till next month's newsletter in order to give an air of mystery.

Snacks/Drinks List 2016		
	Snacks	Drinks
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.

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