



Shavings

Hill Country Turners

Monthly Newsletter



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Next Meeting, January 12, 2017

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.

Christmas Party December 8, 2016 at 6:00pm

Inn of the Hills in Kerrville

There is a gift exchange for those who wish to participate in it, bring a nice turned item that you feel someone will be pleased to get. Those with gifts will leave their names in a box. Santa will draw a name and give his gift to the person whose name is drawn. That person will give the gift he brought to the next name drawn and so on till the end. Santa gets the last gift.

Editor's note: Due to time constraints I am putting out the newsletter early and any missing stuff will be added later by e-mail only.

Treasures Report: Roger Arnold shows:

Beginning of the month -	\$2530.65
Expenditures	
Wed site, Furniture Show, Raffle Wood	\$ 196.61
Audio/Visual Equipment	\$2879.79
Deposits	
Dues and Craft Supply order	\$3113.72
Grant from Majestic Ranch Arts Found.	\$3000.00
End of Month	\$5569.86
Petty Cash	\$166.90

Program: John Stegall passed around a brochure for wood bonding adhesives from Parson Adhesives (www.parsonadhesives.com). They sell all kinds of adhesives, ca-glue, and epoxy. Roger Arnold said it was the Marine Corps birthday. We welcomed back Harold and Emma Dykes who had dueling operations the same week, and Jerry DeGroot who has been wandering.

The Officers for next year:

Pres: John Stegall

1st. Vice: Tom Whiting

2nd.Vice:

Past President and Secy: George Taylor

Demo: The program was a critique on offered pieces. Johnny Jones, James Johnson and Joe Johnson were invited to give their views on each of the offerings. Comments centered on wood choice, finish, shape and workmanship.

Wood choice remarks were mostly positive remarks on striking woods, color, and the wood in relation to the finish type.



Finish was centered on two areas. The mechanical aspects were driven by the quality of sanding, particularly on sanding marks left as to how they affected the look and feel of the wood. The choice of what finish was selected brought out some discussion as to how certain woods could have benefited from a more shiny finish to bring out the grain. Other pieces benefited from the softer look and feel of a matte or semi-gloss finish.

Shape came out in various ways. Classical shapes were mentioned. At issue were the treatment or even presence of a foot and over the style of change from the bowl shape to where the foot started. The size of a foot was open to discussion and opinion depending on whether the object was functional or decoration. The preference seemed to be on good blending of the curves as they approached the bottom of the piece.

Finally, the workmanship was in the crosshairs of all three. It seemed here there was more concentration on the implementation of the overall shape, the presence of ridges or lack of smooth blending of the shape or implementation of the intended shape.

It was a good learning experience that could not be matched by just going through the process verbally in a newsletter.

Some who brought pieces didn't bring them for critique, and it was, after all, a grand show-and-tell so the pictures of all the items brought will be placed in a grand show and tell.

Show and Tell (Grand): James Johnson showed a beautiful box elder bowl with a large filled area at the base. Joel Haby brought a bottle stopper of cocobolo with maple Celtic knot. Rick Webster brought two bowls of different style from box elder along with a strange shot-glass-toothpick-holder whatever also box elder.



Wendell White showed a little cabinet handle made from a construct of white and black countertop material. He also had two tiny bird house ornaments of mesquite, box elder, alder and ebony held by tiny fishing line that he knotted and stuffed the not in a tiny hole and fastened it with CA glue. No eyelet! Barbara Hausman showed two large cedar ornaments with glass finials and beautiful maple leaves in pyrography and water soluble colored pencil. Her husband Ralph turned and she decorated. Roger Arnold showed a bowl of Oregon cherry. Phil Taylor showed a bowl of English walnut.



Two striking pieces by Merle Olson were both of beautifully colored Chinese pistache with Waterlox finish. The first, a bowl, was large and thin and graceful. The second, a hollow form was made to display a later ornament coming out of the "bowl". Will Aymond brought an elevated platter of rare and expensive pernambuco raised off the ground by a well-balanced foot of black-dyed mesquite. John Stegall showed an unfinished bowl of walnut.



Tom Whiting brought a large hollow form of mesquite with a large insert of turquoise and other media. Kathy Roberts had two bowls, one of pecan and the other of walnut with turquoise inlays and natural edge to one side.



Snacks/Drinks List 2016	
Snacks	Drinks
December-----	Christmas Party-----
January	John Stegall Tom Whiting

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
Ken Morton	210-833-7148	Natural Edge			
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