



Shavings

Hill Country Turners

Monthly Newsletter



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Next Meeting, February 9, 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.

Program: Terry Valentine, of KACC made an appeal for more Docents/Greeters from the club to allow their staff to do the everyday work of the art gallery. Since we are housed here, ok we pay, but not a whole lot of money and one of the agreements when we came here was that we would be willing to help out with our share of volunteers. In the recent years we have lost members that were fulfilling this task and we need to try to help out. One or two of our club members agreed to help at this meeting, but we still need more. Drop by Terry's office and talk to her about it.

Will Aymond learned about a club in Louisiana that turns Beads of Courage and has an agreement with a middle school for them to decorate the finished boxes.

We welcome back Jim Whisnand and Harold Dykes who had dueling heart bypasses the same week and Harold's wife Emma had a new hip joint. All were looking GREAT!

Our next month's presenter will be Jimmy Clewes and we are meeting the Alamo club from San Antonio. We will reserve a lot of time for the Demo, so the raffle and bringbacks will be in March. There has been a lot of information spread about but if you have lately decided to try to enter in you will have to have a slot. There may be no more open slots by now, but check with George Taylor (see below in the Officers etc. section at the end of this newsletter).

Treasures Report: Wendell White:

Beginning of the month -	\$5569.86
Expenditures	
Inn of the Hills	\$1337.79
Blue Santa and HCWT(audio)	\$100.00
Deposits	
Dues and Christmas Party	\$1256.43
End of Month	\$5388.50
Petty Cash	\$166.90



Demo: Joel Haby gave one of the best presentations in a long time on turning a "Celtic knot". He showed us one last meeting and did great preparation by doing his demo (shortened and simplified) to a couple of school classes. The "knot" is actually straight flat splines of a contrasting wood that are glued to the shaft in such a way that, when the wood is turned round, the form a knot like pattern. The devil is in the details. To begin with, the size of the main form must be a really square cross-section of contrasting wood of a length suitable to use as a bottle stopper, light pull, cane head etc. The splines should be about the same thickness as the saw kerf



although, since there is only one angle and the cuts should all be made with a stop block with the same squared head of the squared shaft they should all end up right provided every spline is exactly the same thickness. There are several you-tube presentations showing the process on not only square stock, but also six sided stock. I don't think any you tube presentation is any better than Joel's. Attached is a shot of a finished blank with all the splines. It is really important to make sure the glue is removed from the blank after each glue-up to insure the cuts are accurate. The use of 90° jigs for glue up is important. The splines are best cut slightly smaller than the size of the piece where they are glued, because if they stick out they will have to be trimmed out or cause the next cut to be not accurate. The whole deal is that when the prepared blank is turned, any slight shortness in the spline will be cut away to reveal the hidden "knot". Joel, in his bottle stoppers, recommends 31.62°. It's marked on most miter saws.

Show and Tell: Demonstrator Joel Haby kind of blew my mind with his great mesquite burl "bowl". He must have turned several pounds of air on that one. Jerry DeGroot showed us an "acorn" box of mesquite and a colorful Christmas ornament. James Johnson brought a very nice cherry burl hollow form with lots of natural cracks. I don't see how he and Joel kept both pieces together.



John Stegall showed a jewelry/ring holder that he promoted as a lesson in what not to do. He just decided to work on the middle ring first, turned it too thin and then had to fight the un-supported outside as he shaped it. He finally got it as far as it could, but still left it quite hefty because he couldn't remove enough of the outside without chatter damage. Rick Webster had a couple of bowls to show of pecan and also brought, for advice, a wine glass stem. He got lots of advice including what glue to use (epoxy) for his cocobolo stem.



Tom Canfield brought two nice lidded boxes, a larger one of spalted Texas olive wood (Danish oil) and a smaller one of mesquite (wax only). George Taylor showed a delightfully off-centered natural edged bowl of pear and a whole colorful flowery bunch of turned plastic wine bottle stoppers.



Snacks/Drinks List 2016

	Drinks	Snacks
February	Dale Gleichweit	Kathy Hampton
March	Rick Webster	John Jones
April	Rolf Grimstvedt	Anna Rachinsky
May	Ken Morton	Wendell White
June	Uel Clanton	Martha Palmer
July	Roger Arnold	Harold Dykes
August		Sue Bates
September	Michael Shoup	Barby Hausman
October	Jim Whisnand	George Taylor
November	Jerre Williams	Bill Hussey
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
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Ken Morton	210-833-7148	Natural Edge	Raúl Peña	830-6342545	General

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