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AS THE HILL COUNTRY TURNS

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MEETING PLACE

Hill Country Turners meet in the basement of the KACC (Kerr Arts & Cultural Center) at 228 Earl Garrett, Kerrville, Texas at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month, **unless otherwise notified.**

HANDS ON TURNING

(See how the pros do things before the meeting starts)

Johnny tells me that we will discontinue the 4:00 demonstrations for the summer months. We plan to start them back again in Sept. We are also soliciting ideas from members on the format of the sessions and the kind of subjects the attendees would like. If you have suggestions, contact Johnny Jones at: (830) 537-4503 leftyj@gvtc.com

Notes from the Last Meeting

Announcement:

View the latest item specials in the announcement from Craft Supplies at this link:
<http://editor.ne16.com/he/vo.asp?FileID=41556&MemberID=76051106>

Also, an announcement from KLINGSPOR'S WOODWORKING SHOP follows:

In the past, your club has shown interest in our woodworking club and guild program. Our records show that we have not received an updated club listing. In order to maintain our database, we ask that you send

us an updated list including new enrollments as well as past members who have not renewed their membership.

An updated list will ensure your new members are able to take advantage of discounts and special offers. Members who have not renewed their membership will not be extended the discount; however will continue to receive our catalogue. The club list must contain the member's name, address, telephone number, and email address if applicable. Please remind your members that club member names are not sold. Members can also order online. They just need to call 800-228-0000 and set up a user name and password with one of our customer service representatives.

This program is a great way to help woodworkers across the country save money on products that are already being purchased and also to help promote our great sanding products to your club members. Listed below are some examples of what we have to offer your woodworking members:

- **10% discount on all non-powered merchandise in our catalogues**
- **regular mailings of our most up-to-date catalogs**
- **monthly newsletter via email**
- **donations for raffles**
- **expert advice on sanding and woodworking applications**

Clubs that are already participating in our program: **North Carolina Woodturners Association** - we actually house their monthly meetings in our retail store in Hickory, NC.

- **Chicago Woodturners** - Vernon Hills, IL
- **Front Range Woodturners**- Louisville, CO.
- **Triangle Woodturners Association**- Raleigh, NC.
- **NE Iowa Woodcarvers**- Cedar Falls, IA.
- **Capital Woodcarvers Asso.** - Menlo Park, CA.
- **Suffolk County Woodcarvers Guild**- Lake Grove, NY.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns. My number is 1-800-228-0000 ext. 277, fax me at 1-800-872-2005, or email me at aroseman@woodworkingshop.com.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Angie Roseman, Customer Service Representative

Demonstration:

The demonstration for the July meeting has not been announced at this time.

BRINGBACKS

| | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Richard Thompson 1 | James Johnson..... 1 |
| Jim Hill 1 | Bob Gayer 2 |
| Bill Hussey... .. 1 | Larry Walton. 1 |

“TURNED EVENTS”
MEETING IN REVIEW

Events:

No special events to report at this time

NEXT “GRUBBS”

(Sustenance providers for starving artists)

| | (DRINKS) | (YUMMIES) |
|-------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| January | Linda West | Vern Hallmark |
| February | Dale Gleichweit | Raul |
| March | Keith Longnecker | John Brunswick |
| April | Bill Hussey | Jimmy Holton |
| May | John Jones | Phil Hamman |
| June | Chuck Felton | Bob Gayer |
| July | Jerry Bennett | Maurice Collins |
| August | Larry Werth | Tom Ridout |
| September | Vance Loy | Vance Loy |
| October | Andy Chen | Larry Werth |
| November | Martin Addison | Jerry Bennett |
| December | Santa Claus | Miss Santa Claus? |

DEMONSTRATOR OF THE MONTH

The demonstration for the June meeting are not available at this time

Wood Factoids

This month, we present a factoid on: **Yellow Buckeye**

scientific name - *Aesculus octandra*



Distribution: The genus *Aesculus* contains 13 species, which grow in the United States [6], Mexico [1] and Eurasia [6]. Species cannot be separated based on microanatomy. The name *aesculus* is a Latin name of a European oak or other mast-bearing tree. In the United States, buckeye ranges from the Appalachians of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and North Carolina westward to Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Buckeye is not customarily separated from other species when manufactured into lumber and can be utilized for the same purposes as aspen, basswood, and sap yellow-poplar. The greatest concentration of yellow buckeye in the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee is in mesic coves, canyons, and ravines.

The Tree: Buckeye is a tree 30 to 70 ft (9 to 21 m) high and 2 ft (0.6 m) in diameter. It grows best in rich moist soil along the banks of streams and in river bottoms. Buckeye matures in 60 to 80 years. It is one of the initial trees to leaf-out in the spring. The twigs have a foul odor when broken. The yellow buckeye is also called sweet buckeye and is the largest member of this interesting tree group. It can reach a height of 110 feet and a diameter of 4 feet. Its leaves, flowers, fruit, bark, twigs, and buds resemble those of the Ohio buckeye, but it is a more massive tree.

General Wood Characteristics: The white sapwood of buckeye merges gradually into the creamy or yellowish white heartwood. The wood is uniform in texture, generally straight-grained, light in weight, weak when used as a beam, soft, and low in shock resistance. It is rated low on machinability such as shaping, mortising, boring, and turning. The centers of logs can be discolored to grayish brown, due to a sap stain fungus.

Working Properties: durability is rated as slightly or nonresistant to heartwood decay.

Drying: Dries easily with little degradation, although it will sometimes exude gum which can cause problems in working the wood.

Toxicity: The nuts and twigs are poisonous, containing aescin, a cytotoxin.

Availability: readily available, even in wide sizes. Specialty outlets can get you boards 4 feet wide and more.

Cost: reasonable to moderate. Figured burl pieces are usually available for turnings.

Slabs - 3" to 12" thick \$ 2.82 per/lbs - 1" to 2.5" thick \$ 3.82 per/lbs

Burl Chunks & Wedges \$ 3.82 per/lbs

Uses: Furniture, artificial limbs, splints, boxes and crates, caskets and coffins, paper pulp, signs, trunks, valises, scientific instruments, wooden ware, novelties, food containers, strips woven into summer hats, and planning mill products. The Yellow Buckeye has also been used successfully as an ornamental tree and for its shade.

“THE BIG CHIPS” of KTC

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