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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**.

November Meeting

Pay Attention: Dues (\$35 each and \$40 for family) are due this meeting without fail. (I don't know what will happen if you don't bring the money, but it will be bad!!)

Also Pay Attention: Plan to attend the Christmas Party, our final meeting of the year, at the Inn of the Hills at meeting time on December 11. The cost will be \$23 a person plus toys (more about that later). I forgot to ask when the deadline for signing up was, but just to be sure, bring the money to the November meeting. We will be set up to receive it.

Barbie and Jimmy Holton will perform for the meeting, they are going to talk about the preparation of the blank and turning of a natural edge bowl.

Refreshments will graciously be provided by Joe Johnson for the November meeting.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be the same format and place as last year. By popular demand the meal will be the same. In addition to the cost of \$23 per person, you should expect to bring toys for a boy and a girl, unwrapped. Also, if you wish, bring a nice turning (something you might be pleased to get). The names are placed in a jar and after the meal those who brought turnings will draw a name for an exchange.

October Meeting

The meeting held at James Johnson's house was very enjoyable. Aside from learning about the only time he doesn't think about woodturning, we got to see how an artist looks at designing his home. The focus on his work area demands the majority of space, but his personal living area is a focus of his imagination. I felt honored to be invited. It was one of our more relaxed meetings and almost everybody brought a chair.



BRINGBACKS

OK, I found 'em.

Next meeting's bringbacks are:

Number:

Johnny Jones -----	5
Keith Longnecker -----	2
Dale Rowe -----	1
Jerre Williams -----	1

SWAT

I am sure there will be an official review of SWAT. I will just mention a few of the highlights. HCT's stars for this meeting seemed to be Anna Rachinsky and Harold Dykes. Anna's small pieces at the Instant Gallery evoked a lot of comment and one was selected to receive artistic critique by a presenter. Harold's segmented work was also well liked, and one was deemed to be worthy of being entered into the new raffle of selected works. (Members bought special tickets and could designate which piece they wanted to try for.) I stuffed a whole handful of tickets in Harold's jar and was bitterly disappointed at not winning it. Here are shots of some of Anna's display and Harold's special bowl.



We had a great representation at the meeting, 15 or 16 people. The presenters were very good and everybody learned lots of tips and tricks.

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