



Shavings



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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.**

February Meeting

Harold Dykes is going to show us a hollowing tool he has been working on based on one he saw in Waco at the SWAT show. This may turn out to be a worthwhile project for some of us who occasionally turn hollow vessels.

January Meeting

The January meeting was just grand. Harold Dikes and John Brunswick in particular had some lovely show-and-tells. Everybody seemed in a good mood and the demo was great. Joe Johnson gave a clear and concise talk on how to make laminated rolling pins. Joe makes four kinds of rolling pins, the "Osalníc" style with balls on the end, the traditional style, with longer handles, and French style, a

cylinder either tapered at the ends or straight, with no handles. Here is a picture.



I messed up with my camera and couldn't take any pictures, so I went over to Joe's Workshop one afternoon to get at least something to spruce up the newsletter. I just thought to take a couple of pictures and scam, but I had such a good time that the experience morphed into a short subject, which I call:

An afternoon with Joe

Joe has been woodturning for over 20 years. He said that for the first 10 years or so he wasn't as active with it as he is now. Over the years, however he seems to have used his time to get personal inspiration from some well-known turners about the country.

Joe got his start when a friend gave him an old Lathe, circa '40s or '50s. He still has that lathe but it is relegated to life as a buffer. Including his old lathe, Joe's workshop now has four lathes, the old trusty, two Powermatics and a Jet mini. He designed his workshop to be an integral part of his house. Some of the features that I particularly liked were the excellent magnetic "kill" switches for the Powermatics and the wall mounted tool case that he built for his turning tools. Oh, yes. His workshop is clean and organized revealing his engineering roots. Take a look.



New Member

Ken Morton was impressed with the activity level of our group and is eager to get involved here. He lives in the Bulverde area of San Antonio. He was a woodworker who got a lathe and found that he really liked the instant gratification of turning. He now has a bigger lathe and it looking to sell his old one, so find Ken next meeting and shake his hand (and buy his lathe). Welcome Ken.

Demonstrators for This Year

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Demonstrator</u>
February	12 th	Harold Dykes
March	12 th	John Jones
April	9 th	Vern Hallmark
May	14 th	Keith Longnecker
June	11 th	Uel Clanton
July	9 th	
August	13 th	
September	10 th	

October
November

8th
12th

James Johnson

Refreshments for 2009

<u>Month</u>	<u>Drinks</u>	<u>Cookies</u>
February	Val Shimek	James Rivers
March	Steve Promo	Tom Ridout
April	Anna Rachinsky	Nancy Huntley
May	Harold Dykes	Kathy Roberts
June	Liz Farris	Keith Longnecker
July	Ken Morton	Jay Shimek
August	Don Kaiser	Larry Walton
September	John Jones	Vern Hallmark
October	Larry Werth	Heather Cassidy
November	Joe Johnson	Dale Rowe

BRINGBACKS

Next meeting's bringbacks are:

Number:

(We lost the bringback sheet, but **we should know who we are.**)

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