



# 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.**

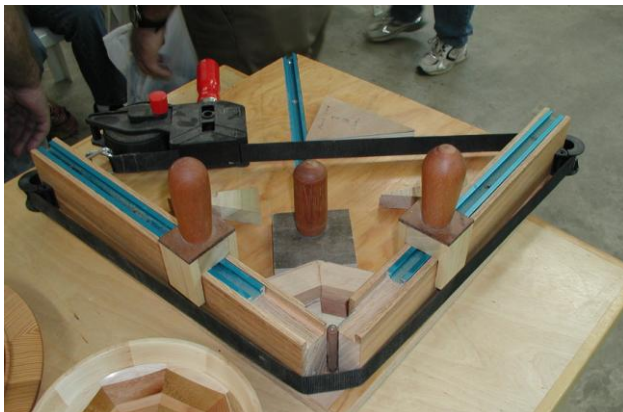
## May Meeting

Keith Longnecker is going to split turning and is preparing for a good show as I type this.

## April Meeting

Vern Hallmark's demo focused on his turning of segmented platters. The highlights of the program were a chance to see his excellent jig for positioning and gluing the segments, and a chance to see Vern's skill with the parting tool, which is the **ONLY** tool that he uses. He has an array of parting tools that is unmatched in any of our tool racks. [Many scoffers might claim that some of the tools he used were not parting tools, but Vern verified that each and every tool he used was a parting tool.]

Kidding aside, Vern's skills as a woodworker were clear in the lines of his jig, which consists of a board with hinged wings, adjusting to hold the pieces from the side at any angle, with "T" track holding the wings steady. A sled to apply pressure from the rear also slides on a "T" track. Further pressure is applied with a strap clamp. Here it is below with a picture of Vern at the lathe. For a picture of one of his completed plates just take a look at last month's "Show and Tell".



Very  
nice  
job  
Vern.



## Show and Tell

Show and tells just get better and better. James Johnson made the “mistake” of putting lots of money in the bringback lottery last month. Of course he must have won on almost every dollar he put in. So he had to come up with something and that something turned out to be five heavy-duty roughing tools with handles and a carbide blade. He demonstrated it for us and it is a real cutup. A picture is provided in the bringbacks section.

Andy Chen showed us how to get the most out of wood by bandsawing a blank of expensive wood so as to provide smaller and smaller segmented blanks for vessels.

Roger Arnold showed us his very second open segmented vessel and parts of his first. Not the first demonstration of triumph over adversity. Here's Andy and Roger



## Bringback Pictures

I know this is not all of them, but they were kind of scattered and mixed up with other stuff.



## Big Signup Push

The club is looking for demonstrators for the Texas Arts and Crafts Fair, to be Held on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 23, 24 and 26. Hill Country Turners will have ¼ of a 30'x 40' tent for demonstrations. This is an outreach project to promote woodturning and the club. Uel has been working on this with the Crafts Fair group. We will start with one powered mini lathe on Saturday and, if it looks like it would be justified, a second (powered or pedal) lathe would be added for the last two days. Demonstrators MUST be a current member of AAW. This is because they, and the chapter which sponsors them, will have liability insurance. (Non-AAW members are **NOT** covered.)

Demonstrators will start for "sessions" beginning at 11:00AM, 2:00 and 4:00PM. The sessions are expected to be limited to 30 to 45 minutes, but there may be some pressure from the crowd to extend the sessions.

Demonstrators can make anything that can be made in less than 15 minutes.

Suggestions are tops, little bowls, wine bottle stoppers etc. If you elect to turn a top you should bring your own tools, finish, sandpaper, rags etc. Uel will supply the top blanks and there will be a money jar to reimburse Uel and Bill Hussey some of the thousands of top blanks they have made. If you are turning other things, bring all of the necessary extra items (in addition to the above) as well as mandrels, hardware and prepared wood blanks.

We aren't allowed to sell the items we make. Demonstrators are advised to bring business cards to pass out in response to requests to buy an item. Tops will be given away.

Passes will be provided to the demonstrators and are good for three days of the show proper.

You must sign up this meeting (**NOW**) or get in touch with Uel so that he can plan for coverage. Support your club in this outreach project.

## Demonstrators for This Year

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Meeting Date</u> | <u>Demonstrator</u> |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| May          | 14 <sup>th</sup>    | Keith Longnecker    |
| June         | 11 <sup>th</sup>    | Uel Clanton         |
| July         | 9 <sup>th</sup>     | John Jones          |
| August       | 13 <sup>th</sup>    |                     |
| September    | 10 <sup>th</sup>    |                     |
| October      | 8 <sup>th</sup>     | James Johnson       |
| November     | 12 <sup>th</sup>    |                     |

## Refreshments for 2009

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Drinks</u> | <u>Cookies</u>   |
|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| 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  |

**BRINGBACKS**

| Next meeting's bringbacks are: | Number: |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Roger Arnold-----              | 4       |
| Will Aymond-----               | 2       |
| Uel Clanton-----               | 1       |
| Liz Farris-----                | 1       |
| Chuck Felton-----              | 1       |
| Donn Kaiser-----               | 1       |
| Dale Rowe-----                 | 1       |
| Larry Walton-----              | 2       |

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