



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.**

July Meeting

Anna Rachinsky is going to do a little (are you surprised?) demo with native walnuts. She is going to make earrings out of the little rascals in a show called “These earrings are nuts”. Anna signed up for SWAT as an alternate presenter so maybe our demo will be practice for her SWAT demo. If not, this will be an early representation of another of our (Hill Country Turners) really fine artists.

June Meeting

Well! That was interesting. Uel Clanton showed us several iterations of a simple “Tire Billy” for bonking truck tires to see if they were flat. The last one even was even designed as a “morality clause” enforcer for intimidating boys coming to date your daughter. Whatever, they were beautiful pieces of mesquite, turned to enchanting functionality at the hands of a master production turner. Here are a couple of shots.



Show and Tell

Show and tell continues as one of the highlights of the meeting. This month had the return of the slabs of rare hardwood that Andy Chen sliced into segments, and then cut each segment into smaller segments. He showed us the bare vessel blanks, then, here are the first two final vessels from the batch. The smallest of the lot, they are shown in relation to quarters. Here they are from blank to finished work.



Also featured were more spin-offs from James Johnson's magnificent box elder tree and a really fine jewelry holder that Uel rescued from a cranky piece of mesquite and cocobolo. He was showing me how to do it when a bark inclusion seemed to destroy the whole project. He was able to recover the whole thing and presented it to me. Thanks Uel. Here are all of the show and tell jewels.



.Bringback Pictures



Demonstrators for This Year

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Demonstrator</u>
July	9 th	Anna Rachinsky
August	13 th	
September	10 th	
October	8 th	James Johnson
November	12 th	Workshop for Christmas Gifts

Refreshments for 2009

<u>Month</u>	<u>Drinks</u>	<u>Cookies</u>
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:
Roger Arnold-----	1
Andy Chen-----	1
Liz Farris-----	1
Vern Hallmark-----	1
James Johnson-----	1
Joe Johnson-----	1
John Jones-----	1
Don Kaiser-----	1
Dale Lemons-----	2
Ken Morton-----	2
Kathy Roberts-----	1

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