



# Shavings



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## **Meeting Place Christmas Party!**

This month's meeting is the annual Christmas party at the Inn of the Hills Resort and Conference Center in Kerrville at 1001 Junction Highway. There is still time to get your name in for the Christmas Party so whip out your \$23 per person and get it to Tom Ridout ASAP! Elaine Bigelow (No relation to the Oak – see below) is coming back this year with her keyboard, She has a master's degree in music from Michigan State and sings and plays fun songs.

Don't forget the gift exchange. If you decide to participate, bring a piece (one you would be proud of) and your card (or remember your name). At the party you will put your name in the pot and your gift on the shelf. When your name is drawn you will get the piece from the person, will say a FEW words about your piece and draw the name of the person who will get it...and so on.

## **November Meeting**

James Johnson made a natural edge bowl out of Shin Oak (Bigelow, Scrub, Scalybark Oak). It was a chance to see another slant on the skill. Here he is holding the start and the finished product. Here also is the double Show-And-Tell he did (more below)



## Show and Tell and Bringbacks

Show and Tell was another James Johnson extravaganza with discussion of two techniques as seen in his samples above. His turned form was further ground down using a router jig, knives, rasps, sandpaper and dynamite to leave a raised bead surrounding an area where (after he dyed and finished the rest) he placed (in this case) small parallel bits of bamboo. I lied about the dynamite. His second piece was a series of kerfs around a tapered square pylon, sandblasted and ...really interesting. Here are the bringbacks.



### KACC Artisan Expo

Joe Johnson

The Hill Country Turners again had the lathes running and shavings flying at the annual

downtown Holiday Festival and KACC Artisan Expo. As always the peddle lathe was the star of the show. Many thanks to Uel Clanton, Bill Hussey and Chuck Felton for keeping the peddle lathe humming all day. Several other HCT members stopped by to lend muscle and moral support. Many thanks to all those who participated.



## Business Meeting

**Following the Demo there was a business meeting and the following topics were discussed.**

1. Keith Longnecker, after being our SWAT representative for several years announced that he would like to step-down and have someone else take over that position. Kathy Roberts agreed to be the HCT's SWAT Representative in 2010.
2. Raul Pena will be the SWAT President next year. Congratulations Raul. Next year SWAT will be held in Waco, TX during the last weekend in August. Mark the date on your calendar.
3. Tom Rideout announced that he would like to step down as the club Treasurer after completing the current term. Jay Shimek agreed to take over the Treasurer office subject to approval of the membership in January.

4. President Larry Werth discussed Club Officer succession planning and term limits. It was proposed that there should be some formal plan for officer replacement. Also there should be a two year term limit for each office. The intent is to prevent officer "burn-out" and to get more people involved in serving the club.

5. 2010 demonstrator and food provider sign-up sheets were passed around to attendees. Some additional "arm twisting" will be required as we only have 5 or 6 people sign up for demonstrations. We need at least a couple more. We will pass the demo sheet around again at the January meeting. We also hope to get a couple of quality outside demonstrator in 2010.

6. Joe Johnson discussed the possibility of developing an official club web site. After some discussions and a show of hands, it appears there is sufficient interest to take the next step of developing costs and a timetable. The main purpose of a web site would be to get better exposure in the local community, to present ourselves better to the woodturning world, to attract potential new members and give club members a better option of accessing current club information.

7. L.A. Cude presented his proposal for a youth mentoring program. This would involve teaming interested young people with willing club volunteers who would act as teachers and mentors. Insurance concerns seemed to be a common theme. We will get more information about the AAW insurance programs and other possible options.

**Don't forget. Your 2010 dues are due already!**

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