



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.

June Meeting

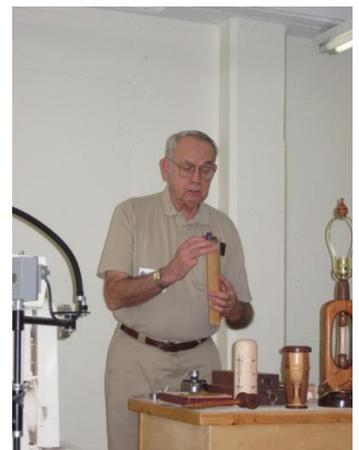
Joe Johnson is going show how to make a different Christmas ornament using the Hunter tool to hollow out the ornament. He will bring a handout with dimensions so anyone can easily duplicate the ornaments.

May Meeting

The May meeting was very comprehensive, with our leaders revealing a clever way to get rid of the old junk in the place by having a couple of raffles. It was very clever.

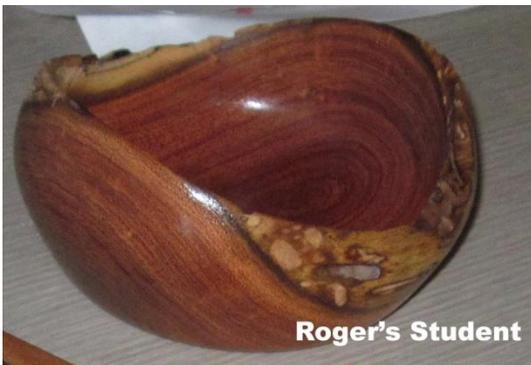
Keith Longnecker was in the driver's seat with a continuation of last years bit on split turnings. He gave information on alternatives to using paper and glue joints to temporarily join the halves/quarters or thirds (or whatever). He has recently used sharpened conduit or aircraft steel tubing pounded into the pieces to be turned (see pictures). (In one picture he has expansion mounted a piece of conduit on a chuck. He noted that the inside of the conduit is sharpened so as to help push the sticks together rather that apart.) He also pointed out that packing tape wrapped around the ends will hold the pieces. Keith cited, as an excellent reference, the January, 2010 edition of the American Woodturner. You can borrow it from an AAW member or someone who bought it on the stands in January.

Keith turned a hollowed decoration using the split/reverse turning. He also showed how to turn candlesticks, demonstrating the beginning process. Split turned candlesticks are also well illustrated just inside the front cover of the January magazine. Thank you Keith



Show and Tell

Spectacular! Roger Arnold showed his student's (an eighth grader) bowl. Small and well formed, it was a second effort bowl and was the best in a state contest for his group. Jerry DeGroot showed a series of bowls he took from slabs of mesquite. These were some of the first he has turned and demonstrated the beauty of mesquite and also how much you could do from just a slab. (See announcements, later.) James Johnson gave us a final version of the really big box elder jar he showed us last March. Beautiful! He also brought another box elder jar from a plainer box elder that he dyed with red, didn't like and dyed black and sanded (600 grit forever and ever) until it was just right. See for yourself. Anna Rachinsky showed two boxes. One box had an inlayed cover of persimmon in natural white and black and dyed pink. The other had a carved snake top with attached tiny captive ring "rattles". Finally Harold Dykes showed us his segmented box, an ornate construction of alder, walnut, bloodwood and maple. Altogether this show and tell was one of the most amazing we have had yet. Additional applause everybody!



Announcements

Ken Morton is the registrar for SWAT. He has some paper applications if you don't use the internet and urges us to sign up soon any which way. SWAT is always a good show.

Jerry DeGroot is going to bring us some slabs he has cut from his mesquite next meeting (June). There will be 10 slabs, to be offered to the first 10 members who want them and will bring back their resulting bowl to show at show-and-tell the next month.

Showing the Flag

Bill Hussey and Uel Clanton took their show on the road for the yearly visit to the Ingram elementary school with Larry Werth and Chuck Felton. Chuck took some pictures. Here are a couple of fine ones.



For Sale

Come on Guys, these are great prices!

Delta 12" variable speed lathe-model 46700-----\$100.00

Craftsman 10" radial arm saw w/cabinet-----\$100.00

Taskforce 9" bench drill press-----\$30.00

Call Bob Gayer @ 830-367-3399-email texpop@hctc.net.

Also: Vern Hallmark has a lathe for sale, a Vicmarc V-100, once the club lathe is somewhat portable, 1/2HP with a 4 1/2" clearance (effectively suitable for an 8" bowl) and 12" between spindles. It has a face plate, spur etc. Contact Vern at (830) 456-2087, or by mail at 743 Morris Ranch Road, Fredericksburg, 78624.

Demos for 2010

Month	Meeting Date	Demonstrator	Topic (If Known)
June	10th	Joe Johnson	Christmas Ornaments
July	8th		
August	12th	Dale Lemons**	TBD
September	9th	Ken Morton	Sharpening
October	14th	The Holtons**	TBD
November	11th		
December	9th	Christmas Party	Christmas Party

2010 Food Sign-Up Sheet

Month	Meeting Date	Drinks	Sweets
June	10th	Joe Johnson	Ken Morton
July	8th	Liz Farris	Vern Hallmark
August	12th	Keith Longnecker	Roger Arnold
September	9th	Maurice Collins	Jim Weir & L.A. Cude
October	14th	Jerre Williams	Larry Werth
November	11th	Roger Arnold	Bill Hussey
December	9th	Christmas Party	Christmas Party

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