



# 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.

## **July Meeting**

Anna Rachinski will be doing the demo in July. She will give us a preview of the demonstration she will be doing at SWAT in August. Come and see it.

## **June Meeting**

This week's newsletter is provided by Ken Morton, with pictures by Chuck Felton

### **Start**

The meeting started promptly at 6:30 with 33 in attendants which included several guests. One being a young student of Roger's, Thad, along with his father, Andrew Prather (may have that backwards). Since he is eager to learn all about turning it was decided to give them the 2 free registrations to SWAT for HCT. They are all signed up and ready to go.

### **Demo**

Joe Johnson gave a most excellent demonstration on turning Christmas Ornamental Angels. He finds them great legacy gifts that give year after year. They were given for several years but when he decided to skip a year Joe received a lot of grief from the family. Trying to turn something different each year he has done from Sea Urchins to Angels.

His preferred wood is Holly but it is hard to find in pure white and can be a bit pricey so he sometimes uses Basswood. The demo went from rough turning, drilling, hollowing, and shaping to forming the angle, sanding and finishing with special attention to forming the halo. The preferred tool used for hollowing was the Hunter tool (Hunter has a booth at SWAT this year) with a round carbide tip and creates an excellent finish. Joe prefers to use a gloss finish on his Ornaments to help them stand out on the tree. The unique method of hanging the angel from the tree was to use the eyelet from a fish hook drilled and glued into the head of the angel. (It's OK it didn't hurt, it is an angel at all.) A lot of detail was covered in the 40 minute demo but if you weren't there or didn't catch everything Joe had a hand out of very detailed instructions on the process. If you didn't get one I am sure he would be glad to email you one or bring it to the next meeting. It's not long until Christmas so you better get started! (You can also get them e-mailed to you by e-mailing [jerrew@hotmail.com](mailto:jerrew@hotmail.com) , Ed.)



## **Business**

Larry commented on the pictures and kids demo, from last month's newsletter, saying how fired up he was and that more should get involved for next year's trip.

Anna Marie DeGroot brought in a big box of wood for anyone who wanted it with the stipulation that they bring it back for Show-n-Tell next month (or the month after). Slabs of Mesquite and Cypress for some creative turning, should be interesting.

Raúl mentioned that there would be some Special Interest Meetings on Friday night of SWAT for beginning turners, pen turners, segmented turners and Rose engines and ornamental turners for anyone interested. If you have other topics you would like to cover please mention it to your SWAT Representative, Kathy Roberts, or Raúl.

## **Show and Tell**

### **Show-n-Tell**

Vern – Mexican Plum Bowl, wood moves a lot and can be buggy.

Ken – Nicely finished Yucatan Rosewood Potpourri bowl with pewter lid

Roger – Rolling tool holder with a modified design he saw at last year's SWAT (Sorry Roger, I didn't get a picture for you. Ed.)

Joe – Escarpment Cherry wood bowl

James Johnson did a beautifully done Tribute to "David Ellsworth" bowl out of spalted wormy hackberry. Wonderfully displayed on a holey rock with giant tooth picks (fondue sticks). Did you turn those too James?

One of the Austin Club members, Johnny Tolly, joined our meeting specifically for the demonstration of ornamental turning. He also brought some beautifully turned and displayed ornaments of his own.





**Demos for 2010**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Demonstrator</b>	<b>Topic (If Known)</b>
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**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Drinks</b>	<b>Sweets</b>
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
June	10th	Joe Johnson	Ken Morton

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