



# 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.

## **August Meeting**

Dale Lemons will be here to demonstrate his bowl turning skills. Dale has presented his stuff at the SWAT meetings in the past (by request), and is a recognized turner in the area and state. He modestly says that he hopes some of the things he does might be helpful to other bowl turners.

## **July Meeting**

There were two stars in July. Anna Rachinsky turned a beautiful box and lid with insert (see below), and the new camera/screen setup that KACC installed in the basement (as well as the finished basement itself) made a valuable addition to the show. It would have been as good if it were not for Anna's unpretentious, conversational style of presentation. She used a lot of different tools, but showed that no matter what she used, it could be made, with skill, to work in the given task. As Dr. Rachinsky, she works with insects, insect eggs, and very, very small (microscopic) tools, so her amazing small boxes and decorations are giant by comparison. Here are some views of the show, including one showing the fairly good view on the screen, from above the lathe.



## **July Show and Tell**

The July meeting was full of great turning, also in the Show-and-Tell. Partly thanks to responses from Jerry DeGroot's gifts of wood blanks last meeting there was a large number of nice turnings. Ken Morton led in numbers with several bowls, one, with a nice inlay on the bottom of the bowl because, he says, of a mistake that he corrected, then a hollow vessel that he turned in two parts with a bowl gouge and almost seamlessly combined. He

liked the bowl he turned from Jerry's wood the least, because it was cypress and really hard for him to turn. New turner Drew Bangs did a great job of his first bowl, also cypress I think.

Vern Hallmark brought some stuff too, especially three nice bowls of mesquite. Two were nicely covered and the third had a two tops (of the spinning kind) from the leftover wood. James Johnson brought two hollow vessels of box elder and showed the homemade special tools for doing the job.

I'm sorry folks, there were other offerings of noble and fine quality but I just couldn't take it all in. If I didn't get it right and you are willing, bring it next meeting and I will try to add them to the next newsletter. At least let me know what I missed so's I can figure out who I've offended...kind of. See you at SWAT!

Three Ken  
Morton  
Pieces



Drew Bangs



Vern  
Hallmark



James Johnson's  
Vessels and the  
Tools that made  
Them



### Bringbacks

<u>Person</u>	<u>Number</u>
Joe Johnson -----	1
John Jones -----	2
Val Shimek-----	1

## Demos for 2010

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Demonstrator</u>	<u>Topic (If Known)</u>
August	12th	Dale Lemons	Bowl Turning
September	9th	Ken Morton	Sharpening
October	14th	Barbie Holton	Pyrography
November	11th	Jerry DeGroot	To Be Determined
December	9th	Christmas Party	Christmas Party

## 2010 Food Sign-Up Sheet

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Drinks</u>	<u>Sweets</u>
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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