



# 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.

## November Meeting

This month, Jerry DeGroot is going to show us how to turn slab bowls, I think. It is not astounding to see Jerry demonstrating so early, since he has long been knowledgeable in woodworking. It is, however, satisfying and promises to be a good show.

## October Meeting

Meeting notes are courtesy of Joe Johnson and the pictures are from Chuck Felton. Please do not make fun of the increase in quality (ed.)

Barbie Holton gave a most excellent demonstration on Pyrography and how she approaches the burning of designs on her finished woodturnings.

First of all, Barbie gave a detailed overview of the types of burning tips she uses in her work and how they are properly used. Next, she showed numerous examples of bowls on which she had burned elaborate designs.

Finally, she fired up the burners and showed us how to burn designs on two pieces of Box Elder.



It was great to see the Holton's and we hope they can make it back to Kerrville soon.

## Show and Tell

We did not have a show and tell, so I will add a table full of Barbie and Jimmy's bowls just for you.



## Business and Information

**There was an election of HCT Officers for the year 2011 and the results were,**

- Joe Johnson was elected President
- Ken Morton was elected Vice President
- Jay Shimek was reelected Treasurer
- Valerie Shimek was elected Librarian

**2011 Membership dues**--Our Treasurer began collecting 2011 membership dues at the October meeting. Please give you dues to Jay by the November meeting. The dues are the same as last year, \$35 for an individual and \$40 for a family.

**Christmas Party**--The Christmas party will again be held at the Inn of the Hills on December 9th, 6:30 PM. The cost will again be \$23 per person. Our Treasurer will begin collecting money for the party at the November meeting.

**2011 Sweets and Drinks**--A sign up sheet will be past around at the November meeting.

**Web Site**--Everyone was encouraged to visit the new HCT web site. We need additional photos for the Member's Gallery.

**AAW 25th Anniversary**--Everyone was reminded that as part of the AAW's 25th Anniversary celebration, they are organizing an exhibit of all local chapters. Each local chapter is encouraged to submit one turning that either a collaboration or individual effort. It must fit in an 8x8x8 inch box and weigh no more than 3 pounds. The entry deadline is 2/28/2011. More information can be found at <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2011/Exhibit/>

Finally, Raúl Peña sent this information about the Beads of Courage project that we feel will be a worthy endeavor for us all in this next year:

**Beads of Courage** is a nationwide-wide program to provide motivation and encouragement to youngsters by recognizing significant milestones in children's' progress through the treatments necessary in their fights against illnesses like cancer, heart disease, burns, etc.

You can view the full Beads of Courage story at <http://www.beadsofcourage.org/>.

There are 7 hospitals throughout Texas and Oklahoma participating in the program and they could use the help of you, the folks coming to SWAT. These kids need a place to store their treasure-trove of beads, and that's where you come in.

Come to SWAT (Next Year) with as many of your personally turned box lidded boxes or a flat-work boxes as you can. Turned pieces should be in the area of 6" to 12" in diameter while flat-work boxes should be at least 4"x4"x6". All these donated boxes will go to the kids after a jury selects the best three.

WoodWorld, Dallas' premier hardwood dealer and a long time vendor at SWAT, will then present the artists of these three pieces with gift certificates, as follows:

First Place      \$100 gift certificate  
 Second Place    \$75 gift certificate  
 Third Place      \$50 gift certificate

All participants will leave with a warm spot in their hearts, knowing that they brightened up the day of a child whose days sure could use some more sunshine!

This collaboration between WoodWorld and SWAT will be an annual event, so you can start on your entries for SWAT now.

2010 Food Sign-Up Sheet

Month	Meeting Date	Drinks	Sweets
November	11th	Roger Arnold	Bill Hussey
December	9th	Christmas Party	Christmas Party

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