



Shavings



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Next Meeting, March 10, 2011

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.

February Meeting

This was Nick and Nancy's Huntley's last meeting, before moving east to the Tyler area. We will miss them. Several members (Will Aymond, Uel Clanton, Bill Hussey and Raúl Peña) talked about Nick's impact on the club and their personal lives. It was good Nick. Come back often!



There were eight guests ranging from Texas to Michigan and New York (near Buffalo). When you live in the North, it is nice to let your feet get warm for a while.

James Johnson gave the demo on sanding. He often says that he is only a fair turner but he is an expert sander. He can be forgiven the lie (about being only a fair turner) because he was making a point. For the last two meetings he has brought groups of bowls that were marked by exquisite form and finish, even though some of the bowls were not yet completely "finished" as was true of last month's bowls. His point is that all of that form is not noticed without the velvet finish.

James' handout on shop made sanding pads is on the HCT website under "projects", so there is no point in duplicating this part, however he emphasized that his best results are from using the four pound ester foam in his pads, to permit the sandpaper to flex during the sanding process. He also completely checks the sanded area after

using each grit and follows, depending on the quality of his toolwork, the grit pattern of 80, 120, 220, 320 US grit standards. (European grit standards are different. See the American Woodturner, October 2010) He finishes the process with White Diamond on a buffing pad. He focused on a soft, thick, not spiral sewn, buffing pad, well charged with white diamond buffing compound as the last step on a well prepared surface.

The Q&A period brought up "food safe finishes", and it was mentioned that most finishes are food safe after 30 days, but that one needs to be careful what kind of foods are being stored in the container because of the effects of the acids and other compounds on the finish itself. Also, it is obvious that one should not use cooking oils that oxidize and become rancid.

March Meeting

Harold Dykes will demonstrate his unusual, upside-down, salt and pepper shakers at the next meeting. Take a look at them in the October meeting newsletter or the September show-and-tell on the website.

Show-And-Tell

This month's Show-And-Tell was marked by a second display of bowls from James Johnson demonstrating finishes. This time seven box elder bowls, well chosen for variations in color and style were shown. One was with pyrography around the outside. Below are four of them.

Also bringing pieces were Jerry DeGroot, with a box of mesquite and a natural edged walnut bowl; Vern Hallmark, with a nice bowl of spalted and worm eaten hackberry (he did a lot with a little) and finally Joe Johnson's two bowls of Spanish oak, one of which was sealed, dyed, limed and sealed, the other sealed and buffed. Here they are.



The final piece was a construction by James J. and his wife, Anna Rachinsky, of a natural edged bowl with a small monster sitting on a holey rock, tending her eggs. I didn't get its name, but it is to be submitted to the AAW in behalf of our club. James put a call for tiny eggs from our turners. Here is the masterpiece.



Open Shop Saturday

Ken Morton hosted the open shop Saturday on the 26th and nine members showed up to turn, talk and admire his shop, which is well designed. The turnout was nicely sized in that everybody got a chance to either turn or talk and to swap opinions about tools. Here is the shop.



Beads of Courage

The bead boxes from January's meeting were delivered to the Santa Rosa hospital. Two children got to select their boxes right away. The first child chose the box made by Roger Arnold and the second child chose the box by Vern Hallmark. Joe Johnson and Ken Morton are trying to pass the message on about Our Club's efforts. Here is a picture from the press release.



••Please remember that the Beads of Courage program is not a one-time thing. Children who have cancer can use all of the encouragement that they can get. Joe and Ken were talking about setting up another promotional activity for the club later this year to get more boxes, but don't wait. We need to continue to furnish boxes for their emblems of courage. Make a box this week and bring it to the next meeting!

Quarterly Raffle and Bring-Backs

Don't forget that we will be having our Quarterly Raffle and Bring-back drawing at the upcoming meeting. So, bring your money and enter in the fun. We will have a number of nice raffle items, both donated and purchased. Several members have donated nice turned items that will be in the bring-back drawing. Any monies earned from the raffle will go into the treasury to help support future activities.

••Don't forget SWAT is August 26,27,28! Registration will be opening soon.

Refreshments for 2011

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Drinks</u>	<u>Sweets</u>
March	10th	Roger Arnold	Liz Farris
April	14th	Steve Promo	Will Aymond
May	12th	Mike Shoup	Harold Dykes
June	9th	Ken Morton	Martha Palmer
July	14th	Val Shimek	Jay Shimek
August	11th	John Jones	Vern Hallmark
September	8th	Larry Werth	L. A. Cude
October	13th	Jay Smimek	Anna Rachinsky
November	10th	Jim Whisnand	Roger Arnold
December	8th	Christmas Party	Christmas Party

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