



# Shavings



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## Next Meeting, June 9, 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.

### May Meeting

The may meeting was a double feature with the Cub Challenge (see below) and a demo by Ken Morton. Ken has a lot o work to do as Vice-President and a SWAT board member, but he managed to put together a coherent and informative show on turning a natural edged bowl from a log. He used a relatively green oak limb and decided on the vertical axis of the piece. He then, with a Forstner bit, drilled to the wood at either end of the axis to both mark the axis and get rid of the excess bark at the holding point. To work the bottom of the bowl, he used tailstock pressure against the piece held against the chuck at its maximum opening width, to give a very stable platform. He noted that he usually uses CA glue to help the bark hold once he is close to the end of the bottom shaping process. He gave a tip on the maximum holding power of a chuck being the natural diameter of the jaws, the point at which they most closely form a circle.

The Club Challenge was closely run, but the Roger Felps' piece was the winner by a wide margin. Only half of the blanks that were passed out were entered. The winners were, in ascending order:

4<sup>th</sup> Place; L.A. Cude, who said he used a scraper to achieve his finish.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Will Aymond, who used a scraper and sheer scraped and a round nosed scraper.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Harold Dykes used a sheer scrape with a bowl gouge outside, raised the grain with water and repeated.

1<sup>st</sup> Place; Roger Felps, who used a spindle gouge on the outside and a bowl gouge on the inside and cannily waited till the last day to finish his work.

We also want to welcome three new members to the Hill Country Turners. They are Darrell Korman and Debbie & Jimmie Walker.



### June Meeting

The June meeting will be a demonstration of inlaying. Few of our members use it in their work, the notable exception being the members who "go both ways" (turning and furniture type work). It should be interesting and offer a new skill for many of our members.

Joe Johnson wants to remind us that our quarterly bring backs and raffle will be held during our June meeting. We will have some really nice raffle items again so bring your money and increase your odds of winning. Also, bring backs won at our March meeting will also be due in June. I think it will be a fun meeting

### Show-And-Tell

Show and tell was unusual, in that a non member brought in a piece just to get the opinion of the members. Dan Pfeiffer was the person and see his big construction below

James Johnson showed his “living room jewelry” on a newly constructed stand with very Japanese overtones. Joe Johnson talked about his “raptor” wires. Lengths of wire that he uses to measure on a Wolverine type V-arm to measure the distance from the “V” to the grinding wheel in order to get consistent tool angles.

Jerry DeGroot brought a hollow form, one of his first.

Finally, L.A. Cude showed his turned communion set made for weddings which featured not only his skill at turning but his well known talent with lacquer.



### Open Shop Saturday

We had an open shop this month on the third Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup> at James and Anna’s house and shop(s). We got two shops in one. Over 20 people came and watched James core a bowl using the McNaughton Center Saver System. He said he would get yet another smaller bowl from the core. Note his homemade lathe that he has used since the ‘80’s. He learned to tool steel just to make these things. It is important to note that his shop is designed around maintaining the optimal environment for drying bowls with minimal checking. It was nice to see Jimmy and Barbie Holton in the crowd. Thanks to Jerry DeGroot for the pictures.



### Notes on Safety by Joe Johnson

The woodturning world was saddened by the recent death of Joan Kelly. Joan was a well known and experienced woodturner from the Memphis, TN area and she was an active member of the Mid-South Woodturners Guild. She was found unconscious in her shop by a family member. Details are sketchy, but it appeared a bowl she was turning “exploded” and hit her with great force in the head and face area. She remained unconscious for about two weeks and finally died in the hospital.

So folks, be careful out in the shop. Accidents can happen with blinding speed and when least expected. Safety goggles and face shields are always helpful. Also, keep the lathe speed low and stay out of the line of fire.

▪Don’t forget SWAT is August 26, 27, 28! Registration is now open. Be thinking about a Beads of Courage entry.

## Refreshments for 2011

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Drinks</u>	<u>Sweets</u>
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 Shimek	Anna Rachinsky
November	10th	Jim Whisnand	Roger Arnold
December	8th	Christmas Party	Christmas Party

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