



Shavings

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Next Meeting, October 13, 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.

October Meeting

We are fortunate to have a special demonstration at our October meeting. Johnny Tolly from the Austin, TX club will visit and show us how he makes his special hollowed Christmas ornament. This is a specialty of Johnny's and it should be very interesting and informative. If you need an idea for the annual Christmas party exchange, come see this demonstration. For those who have seen Johnny demo before, you know it will be an entertaining evening. There will also be a sandpaper raffle (see below).

September Meeting

The September meeting was packed with activity. Uel Clanton did the demo, and he focused on his prime stock in trade, production turning. Next to James Johnson (who has admitted he is focused on turning a great deal of time) Uel is a close second. He has decided on pleasing shapes for the many types of items he produces and has even gone to the effort of carefully evaluating his sales to verify his esthetic judgement. This done, he continually re-evaluates his tools and technique to get the sharpest tools and the best finish in the shortest time. He demonstrated this by speed turning a couple of tops. He then turned an oil lamp base upper side and, because he lacked his usual vacuum chuck, turned another specially prepared piece to show a finished bottom. Both pieces were exceptionally smooth and ready for 220 grit sanding. Very nice job Uel.

The raffle was especially lively. An (unusual?) number of members won items that duplicated things they already had. This is to be expected and some members passed and returned the item to the lottery for a re-draw. It shows that many of our members are really well set up. One item never turned down though, was wood blanks, several of which were donated by Hill Country Woods (ie. L.A. Cude, Jimmie Weir and David Herchberger). I'm sure they still have some very nice stuff for sale.

Joe Johnson says that we got enough donated items to have "squirreled" away a few for the next raffle. Financially we took in a bit more money than was spent on raffle items. We will use the excess to buy more and nicer items for the next raffle. The next raffle will be in January.

The bringbacks tapped some of the older pieces from the "Best Finish off the Tool" contest, only nicely finished. It would be important to point out the really outstanding piece, the thick walled "sphere within a sphere" bowl, beautifully finished (CA glue) by **Chuck Felton**. Here are a couple of pictures.



Show-And-Tell

Roger Felps brought a nice Hackberry globe with a Cherry base. He said it was a response to one he saw at SWAT and figured he could do as well. He did. **Jerry DeGroot** brought a bowlful of miniature birdhouses. He set about to make one, which always takes a lot of time at first, and ended with a bowlful of better and faster pieces. **Ken Morton** decided to demonstrate the woodturner's need for concentration (as well as the old adage "even the best of us has his bad days"). Two bowls were his product, one with no base and one blown to bits.



Harold Dykes brought a beautiful platter of beautiful Honey Locust. **Dan Pfeiffer** brought another very attractive multi-painted vessel with integral stand.



Open Shop Saturday

I hear that the open shop at L.A. Cude's place was well attended and informative. L.A.'s father was in the finishing business and has a particular lacquer that seems to be unexcelled. L.A. has been rebuilding his house and his finish is the highlight of his superior craftsmanship. (See picture above.)

Annual Christmas Dinner-Save the Date! Our annual Christmas Party will be held Thursday, December 8th, 6:30 PM at the Inn of The Hills in Kerrville. The price will be the same as last year, \$23 per person. We will have our usual turning exchange. Please save the date and plan on attending with your Spouse, friend or significant other. We will begin collecting money for the Christmas party at our November meeting.

Sand Paper Raffle: Uel Clanton has again received a big box of assorted Gold sandpaper from Klingspor. He will be holding a special raffle during our October meeting to determine the new owner of the sandpaper. Raffle tickets will be \$2 each and the winning ticket will be drawn at the conclusion of the demonstration. Buy lots of tickets. It will beef up the treasury and allow more membership activities in the coming year.

2012 Membership Renewal

This is just a reminder that we will start collecting 2012 membership dues **during our October meeting**. 2012 dues will remain the same as previous years, \$35 for an individual membership and \$40 for a family membership.

Since our primary means of communication with members is via E-mail and telephone, we are asking each person renewing their 2012 membership to attach their payment to the following form and give it to our Treasurer, Jay Shimek so that we can update our records.

-----Membership Records-----

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____

E-mail Address _____

Membership Type Individual (\$35) _____ Family (\$40) _____

Please print your E-mail address **clearly**. For your convenience, print this page, clip the form and give it to Jay with your dues.

HCT Mentoring Program

It has always been a practice to encourage new members to visit in the shops of other members to help them get oriented to turning. Now we are offering for new turners a special list of members eager to help along with their area of interest. Even some less-than-new members who would like to talk to someone in a special area might take advantage of the help with special interests

The following members have volunteered to serve as Club Mentors. If you have a woodturning or tool/equipment question, call one of these individuals. They would be happy to help.

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Roger Arnold	830-866-3670	Shop Practices	Uel Clanton	830-896-5288	General/Spindles
L. A. Cude	901-355-7046	Lacquer Finish	Chuck Felton	830-792-5249	General
James Johnson	830-895-4170	All	Joe Johnson	830-896-5924	General
John Jones	830-536-4503	General	K. Longnecker	830-257-6033	Split Turning/Pens
Ken Morton	210-833-7148	Natural Edge	Raul Pena	830-6342545	General

Refreshments for 2011

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Drinks</u>	<u>Sweets</u>
October	13th	Jay Shimek	Anna Rachinsky
November	10th	Jim Whisnand	Roger Arnold
December	8th	Christmas Party	Christmas Party

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