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Next Meeting, November 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.

November Meeting

Oh boy! **Jerry DeGroot** is coming back for more! Seriously, he demonstrated last November as a fairly new turner. He used his experience (as a professional glass blower demonstrator) to get critiques and tips from the crowd. Now, a year later he is going to show us what a year of practice will do after an unbelievable amount of work on technique in many types of turning. He has become a prolific and relatively skilled turner.

October Meeting

Johnny and Marcia Tolly came to see us and make Christmas ornaments, at least the globe parts. Johnny is an old friend of HCT and has demonstrated for us many times. He began turning a round blank using the friction method and making a tenon for his talon chuck. He doesn't see that the direction (end grain, cross grain or points in between) is a problem as long as you allow for the stresses that are going to develop during the hollowing process. He suggested using CA glue to strengthen the areas where the hollowing hole is going to be drilled.

Johnny uses the Hunter set of tools for his hollowing and pointed out that by carefully measuring the depth of the hollowing hole, the straight hunter tool becomes self limiting as it won't go past the bottom of the hole.

The whole process is to be found, in detail, in the Winter 2011 issue of Woodturning Design.

Johnny brought handouts, so if you can't get the issue on the newsstand you can grab a friend who was at the meet. Johnny also showed several dandy other tools.

Johnny was also kind enough to donate several items for future raffle at HCT. Thanks Johnny.



Show-And-Tell

Jerry DeGroot showed yet another version (see **Ken Morton** in last month's newsletter) of the mess you can get into even with some skill. This time he showed what happens when you persist in trying to work with wood that really needs the scrap pile. **Roger Felps** showed a nicely spalted platter (he won the wood in the raffle last month). **Vern Hallmark** brought an early Beads of Courage box to

remind us about next month (see Christmas, below). Finally **James Johnson** brought Cactus #3. With carefully turned hoops and bracings to hold up the cactus skeleton and weighing in at 6 was that six ounces? Here they are.



Annual Christmas Dinner-Save the Date! Our annual Christmas Party will be held Thursday, December 8th, 6:30 PM (Our usual meeting time) at the Inn of The Hills in Kerrville. The price will be the same as last year, \$23 per person, **Bring your check to the November meeting.** We will have our usual turning exchange. If you participate, the piece should be something you would want to receive. 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. **ALSO we will take Beads of Courage box donations** (no contest this year). The box need not be turned, if someone feels that their skills in box making lie more in flat boxes. In order to hold the beads, turned boxes for the Beads of Courage program need to be about 100 cubic inches or 6 inches in diameter by 4 or 5 inches high, rectangular lidded boxes about 4x6x4 inches. If possible, have Beads of Courage engraved or burned in the lid. Make sure the lids are easily removable. Any finials should be easy for a small child to grasp and not too elaborate. Children also take to colors and figures. Joe Johnson said if we get enough boxes he will try to deliver them before Christmas.

2012 Membership Renewal

We are in the process of getting our membership dues for the year. If you responded at the October meeting, thank you. If you have yet to pay, please don't delay. It makes it all so sordid with the beatings and torture just to get the, \$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.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Specialty</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Specialty</u>
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>
November	10th	Jim Whisnand	Roger Arnold
December	8th	Christmas Party	Christmas Party

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