



Shavings

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Next Meeting, December 8, 2011

MEETING PLACE

Hill Country Turners will meet at the Inn of the Hills for our Christmas party.

December Meeting

For those of us who are going and have paid their \$23 per person, the Christmas party will be starting at 6:30 at the Inn of the Hills so it would be a nice thing to get there a little early to socialize. Bring your gift, if you have one, for the gift exchange. If you can make up one or more boxes for the Beads of Courage children, bring them.

November Meeting

The meeting for November was well attended and lively. It was good to see Steve Promo back for the winter. The presenter was **Jerry DeGroot**, come to show us what he has learned since last November. It is obvious he has made good progress, but we already knew that from his many Show-and-Tell offerings throughout the year. Good show Jerry!

Club Officers: Officers were elected for the coming year and, to nobody's surprise, the old ones were elected for their second term. This has been the pattern for the club, for the officers to serve two years and then get relief. The office of secretary was created and **Will Aymond** volunteered. The officers and representatives are listed below in the usual spot.

Open Shop Saturday: The open shop Saturday will be put on hold till January due to everybody's crowded schedule.



Show-And-Tell

Vern Hallmark brought his "Beads of Courage" box (see last month) and a second one with an inlaid dinosaur on it. **L.A. Cude** brought an unfinished BoC box in Bodark and Purpleheart with his famous lacquer finish. **Roger Felps** brought a Chinaberry vessel with nice decorations. **Jerry DeGroot** showed an interesting box elder cup with a gently scalloped edge.



Steve Promo brought two vessels. One, a “basket” work box, represents the work of a student of his, **Jim Rutledge** with a top decorated in ”basket illusion” style and the bottom burned with a compatible texture. I regret to say that I missed getting a picture of the second vessel, by Steve himself and decorated with ten thousand year old shark teeth from Naples Florida. **James Johnson** showed a large hollow vessel with a semi-elliptical shape due to removing a cracked center section. Finally **Harold Dykes** showed a pair of segmented vessels. The larger one is of 577? Pieces of different woods he called his “Joseph Vase” and the smaller one, a tiny one about the size of a quarter.



Finally members from the Houston club came to show us their hats that they turned, but I didn’t get pictures of that either.

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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