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Next Meeting, May 10, 2012

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.

April Meeting

George Taylor plowed through his subject like a spring planter throwing the techniques, finishes, and tools like they were seed to fertile ground. He has already set up his cardboard spraying box on the lathe. You can see his setup in the first picture by **Jerry DeGroot**, below. George passed around a book by his mentor at Arrowmont, Nick Agar (and David Springett) to show some of the directions that color and texture are going. He also showed a beautiful plank that Nick had used to demonstrate several techniques.

The use of a lung powered sprayer to add areas of color to a spinning work piece was interesting as it is cheap and efficient, notwithstanding OSHA.

George used several different dyes and waxes. He mentioned Silver Leaf Buffing compound from Woodcraft, material from highlandwoodworking.com and Goldfinger gilding wax from rexart.com. George finally demonstrated using the Wagner and Henry Taylor wood texturing tools. It was a very stimulating night and I am sure many of his seeds will take root.



May Meeting

May's demo will be all about CA glue. As we all know, **Uel Clanton** is the Hill Country Turners CA glue expert and guru. Uel will tell us where CA glue can be successfully used, when not to use CA glue and how to get the maximum shelf life from your CA. If you're like most of us, you often throw away more CA than you actually use. Oh, I bet Uel will have some CA to sell at a bargain price.

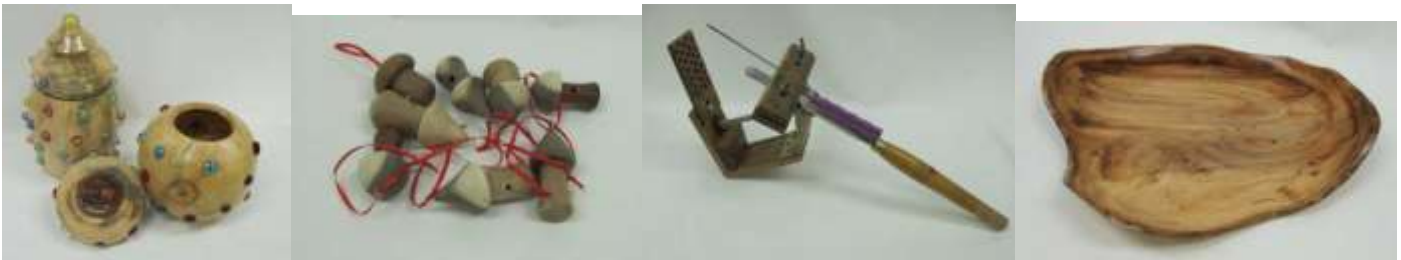
Show and Tell

Roger Arnold brought a Box Elder bowl and his wife **Linda** a Mesquite lighthouse that, I'm sure, made Uel Clanton proud. **Larry Walton** brought an Ambrosia Hackberry bowl (due to an infestation

by the Hackberry beetle). **George Taylor's** Box Elder bowl was from some wood of Mike Mahoney and finished with his oil.



Jerry DeGroot brought two Beads of Courage boxes studied with marbles and larger glass pieces. He also brought a bunch of mini-birdhouses. **Rich Grable** showed us a grinding jig that looked flexible. **Tom Canfield** showed a Chinaberry crotch platter.



James Hampton brought a Box Elder bowl with a segmented foot and a startling spalted Pecan platter. **Allen Trout** brought three of his resin hollow forms and the one he pressure-cast for our demo in February now finished and is on the right. Finally, **Anna Rachinsky** showed a mushroom box (with a kind of Russian top).



Open Shop Saturday

The crowd at **Joe Johnson's** shop was shown how Joe does miniature Christmas ornaments using the small Hunter tools. Rather than parting off the hollowed globe in the usual way, he leaves the hollowing hole just short of where the opposite wall will be. Then, after hollowing, he takes the extra shoulder down to just smaller than the entrance hole, sands and drills the last bit until the globe rests on the drill bit. There is very little to finish at the parting site.



Business:

Texas Arts and Crafts show: The Hill Country Turners will be present in force at the Texas Arts and Crafts Show May 25-27. Committees have been formed, sign-up sheets circulated and we will have at least eight mini-lathes, the peddle lathe and **James Johnsons** large traveling lathe with demos ongoing.

Drinks and Snacks

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Drinks</u>	<u>Sweets</u>
May	10th	Larry Walton	Don Kaiser
June	14th	Mike Shoup	Martha Hill
July	12th	Anna Rachinsky	Valerie Shimek
August	9th	Roger Arnold	Harold Dykes
September	13th	Liz Farris	Jim & Kathy Hampton
October	11th	Paul Hewitt	Will Aymond
November	8th	Jerre Williams	Bill Hussey
December	13th	Christmas Party	Christmas Party

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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