



Shavings

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Next Meeting, August 13, 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.

August Meeting

August brought us a new member, Thomas Jeffers, email thomasjjeffers@yahoo.com

Treasures report Jay Shimek said balance is \$3832.00

Most other announcements were re: SWAT. More about that later.



The demo for August was by Tom Canfield, and was a preview of what he gave at SWAT in Waco. What can you say new about learning to turn a bowl? The answer is “not much”, but Tom gave a well ordered demo that focused on what steps the new turner might take to learn to turn a bowl in a safe and productive way. I thought that his ideas on using pine to help the new turner focus on technique and sharp tools were helpful. He introduced turning green wood and drying wood and the advantages of each. In Waco, I got in on one of his demos. The group was of reasonable size and their interest was clear by the number of people who continued on to talk with Tom and ask questions after the demo was over. Thanks Tom.

September Meeting

September's demo will be by the always enthusiastic Jerry DeGroot. He hasn't announced the topic. He took October's meeting to let Tom Canfield practice his session in August and then there was a mixup with Johnny Tolly's schedule for September so Jerry changed again. Thanks for the fancy stepping Jerry.

Show and Tell

Tom Canfield showed a chinaberry bowl that he subdued successfully after several attempts. The thing flew off of the lathe at least twice because of very punky wood. Finally he attached to a small piece of walnut attached to a glue block and finished. He took the bowl to the S&T (called Instant Gallery) at Waco and here it is. Larry Walton's anaqua piece was of interest in that he was able to get a single work of uniform thinness and striking



color out of complex array of limbs. Dale Lemons had a nice surprise and a new piece, The “total” disaster of a horrible catch and explosion of his bowl of last month was retrieved removing the top, and substituting a quilted maple top with a nice turquoise ring to highlight the area of join.

George Taylor and L.A. Cude joined forces in an interesting dyed and textured bowl that George wanted to have an “L.A. Finish” on. Because the white wax filling the texturing of the side prevented the lacquer from drying, it was decided that the texturing would have be sanded down. This was done, the lacquer was re-applied and the rest, as they say, is history. Harold Dykes won a piece of myrtle in the July raffle and turned it into a striking bowl. Vern Hallmark showed a nice pair of sycamore bowls of smooth handwork.



Finally, Ken Morton showed two items, an ash bat that I would like to try out and a “holey” myrtle cup. Her they are and thanks to all who showed their work.



SWAT

The Southwest Association of Turners, SWAT, was a blowout at Waco. Hill Country Turners was well represented due to the efforts of Kathy Roberts, our SWAT representative, who took her time to go the many meeting and to coordinate various activities of HCT with SWAT. The club sponsored a demonstration room, which meant that members attending had to help set up the room for each presenter, introduce the meeting and respond as the need arose. Joe Johnson, as club president took the responsibility of making sure everything was in order and our folks were there helping. Our thanks go to Kathy and Joe for their obviously successful work.

The whole SWAT thing was really done well with well known national and international main-presenters. SWAT furnished a scholarship to a new member from each club and, after a poll of new members who had not been to SWAT, Dan Pfeiffer from Fredericksburg was the most eager to go. The club also sponsored a member and chose an experienced person who has been here for some time and has offered notable service Roger Felps.

Hill Country Turners was well represented at SWAT. We have lots of members who are interested in learning about new directions in woodturning, mixing with members from other clubs, working to produce the gathering and showing their works in the "Instant Gallery". Jimmy Weir and L.A. Cude even made a profit for their "Hill Country Woods". Old and new members were there and it was, really, after the hullabaloo was over, a good thing...a very good thing.

Drinks and Snacks

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Drinks</u>	<u>Sweets</u>
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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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

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