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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

Paul Judkin from San Antonio was our demonstrator in November. Many of you may know Paul. He owns Chucks Plus in San Antonio and is a Vicmarc chuck and lathe dealer. He did not have comfort with the lapel mike, so a little of his steady flow of patter fell on deaf ears. This was a shame since he has a really great delivery. I must confess, I have never seen anyone turning a ball while he was wearing a blindfold. If he had been wearing it over his eyes I would have run for the back seats. The use of the concave blocks on the drive chucks and the live center made the whole job look fairly straight forward. It was a nice demo. and he is a good presenter. Here are some pics.



January Meeting

The January demo will be on laminated turnings.

Show and Tell

Frequently as instructive as the demo, show-and-tell was sterling. As usual, I had a hard time keeping track of the pictures and names to go with them. If somebody wants to help with this task, I think we would all benefit, but for now, here is my best guess. If pieces are not signed, maybe members could put a post-it with their name and the wood or woods they used.

One of the first things to catch my eye was Kathy Roberts' jig for making a stage-front Christmas ornament. I've got the ornament sitting on top, but it actually is sandwiched in between the two pieces of cushioned plywood. There is even provision built into the jig for the finial and hanger. As you can see, the hole for the stage can be drilled and worked secure in the knowledge that it won't slip... Tommy Jeffers brought a chess piece (A Bishop) for a whopping large chess board. James Hampton's walnut bowl demonstrated his lemons-to-lemonade skills by greatly improving a fairly plain piece with a little tear-out with texturing and color.



Uel Clanton, known for making everything but bowls has gone back to making a few recently. A nice piece of spalted pecan was the result. Tom Canfield brought three little cherry bowls of differing design and a large ash crotch piece, still on the chuck to show how far one can go to get at the crotch figuring. Note the band to brace the thin walls well above the bottom of the piece.



Tony McComas brought a attractive piece of Big Leaf Maple burl. Paul Hewett brought a nice bradford pear bowl, a mesquite hollow form and a poor little cracked (Pecal?) hollow form that shows what happens when the carbide bit of an Easy tool is not securely fastened.



2013 Club Officers

It is official. Look below in the “Big Chips” section and see the officers you elected for the coming year. Our deepest thanks go to Jay Shimek (and also his super helper Val Shimek) who worked so hard as treasurer. Thanks also to Kathy Roberts who schlepped stuff back and forth all year to the SWAT meetings.

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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