



Shavings

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Next Meeting March 14, 2013

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.

February Meeting

Will Aymond was back and we were glad to hear our Treasurer's report showing:

Register balance at 10/11/2013	\$2,870.05
Deposits since then	\$4,702.00
Disbursements	\$3,251.90
Balance in register	\$4320.15
Petty Cash	\$239.25

-Since the last meeting AAW has communicated an option for club liability insurance at \$425.00 for the year. After a short discussion the members voted to purchase this insurance.

-George Taylor announced a Club Challenge to turn a 3" thick bowl shape Ash blank into a pleasing form and shape. The results will be judged at the April meeting. Materials will be distributed at the March meeting.

-George also covered plans for upcoming meeting demos. The results of the Survey taken at the last meeting indicated an overwhelming interest in natural edge bowls, followed by sharpening and finishing.

Jim Whisnand reported on the SWAT board meeting.

- 2013 SWAT will be 22nd – 25th August at the Waco Convention Center, online registration will open April 1st (no fooling!). (SWAT website www.swaturners.org)
- The board voted to keep the cost the same as last year.
- Symposium hotels with SWAT special rates (which includes daily breakfast) so far are the Hilton and Courtyard by Marriott. Contact information is available on the SWAT website. Be sure to ask for the SWAT special rate.
- Details with the 7 lead demonstrators have been finalized and are on the SWAT website. Regional demonstrator apps should be submitted online by March 31st.
- Instant Gallery rules are the same as last year with a limit of 10 items per artist. Items may be submitted beginning Thursday, August 22nd at 3:00 pm through 12:00 noon Saturday, August 24th. Artists are encouraged to fill out the Instant Gallery Inventory Form (available on the SWAT website) prior to check-in.
- Since our audio/visual equipment is stationary and can't be used when we host a room at SWAT, rather than cobbling together equipment, HCT volunteers will assist the Instant Gallery photographer as "runners". Runners will bring items from the tables to the photographer and return them to the tables once photographed. Two volunteers are needed for each shift (Thursday, 1 shift; Friday and Saturday, 3 shifts).

- Beads of Courage boxes will be submitted at a separate check-in table in the Instant Gallery and will be displayed on especially reserved tables. (Note: No Instant Gallery Inventory Form is required for Beads of Courage boxes.)
- Lathes for the 2013 Raffle will be a Powermatic and a Robust.
- The Ladies Buss Tour has been discontinued due to lack of interest. An additional room will be provided for use in an expanded ladies/spouses program. Activities offered are listed on the SWAT website.
- The total number of Clubs associated with SWAT now stands at 27.
- HCT has purchased a set of the 2012 SWAT Symposium DVDs (now available to check out from the library).
- Each Club affiliated with SWAT is allowed to grant one 2013 SWAT registration scholarship (registration only, no banquet ticket) to a Club member that has never attended a SWAT Symposium. If you are interested in being considered for this scholarship, contact Jim.
- Since the SWAT board meeting, both the President and Vice President have resigned. Wayne Furr of Oklahoma has filled the President position. If you are interested in volunteering for any SWAT jobs, contact Jim.

Demo

Tom Canfield gave an excellent demo on Natural edge bowls.

Natural edge bowl tips...

- Watch for bark flying (wear your face shield).
- Typically, natural edge bowls are turned with green wood (it will move on you, tenon may elongate).
- Putting a dimple in the tenon will help with remounting to true up and turn tenon off.
- Cut pith out (15% of diameter, example 1-1/2" out of 10").
- For an oval shaped natural edge bowl, blank should be longer than wide.
- For a round shaped natural edge bowl, the blank should be wider than long.
- Use a Forstner bit to make a spacer for the worm screw and to clean bark area.
- A 2-prong drive works well also and is advantageous when tilting the blank to create special effects with different angles (drive prongs with the grain).
- Use **sharp** tools.
- Work the outside first,
 - With a standard bowl you turn "downhill", but that would take the bark off.
 - With a natural edge bowl, turn "uphill", from bark down to base of bowl to shape.
 - To true up a natural edge bowl, turn "downhill", from base toward bark.
- Swing handle out to get angle when turning inside of bowl.
- Turn inside from bark down to center.
- Work "air" section first, then work solid section to bottom.
- Tear-out may be a sign your tool is getting dull.
- Hand sand bark area.
- To resolve depth clearance with chuck when using a jam chuck to cut off the tenon, use PVC for a spacer with rubber shelf liner or leather between the jam chuck and bowl.
- Keep the tail stock up until only a small amount is left to remove (~3/8").
- Use a "protector" against the bowl and a small saw to cut flush.
- For the best chance of keeping the bark on, cut the tree in late summer to January/February when the sap is down.
- Spray lacquer first on the bark, then coat with CA.
- It is better to use a tenon rather than a recess, it is easier to true up a tenon.
- A depth measurer is critical – it is easy to make natural edge funnels!

Both Tom's shoe covers that keep him from tracking shavings in the house (which his wife greatly appreciates) and his apron are available at SWAT.



March Meeting

The March demo is on sharpening. Several different types of sharpening systems will be covered. **Don't forget to bring you bring-backs for the Club Raffle will be this month!**

Show and Tell

Uel Clanton brought a Padauk jewelry bowl with a Cocobolo center. Tom Canfield showed a square bowl of Pecan with a hole, the first bowl off of his new Nova Comet II midi lathe. Roger Felps showed us a Mesquite bowl with pegged decorations and a vase of non bearing Mulberry wood with nice pyrographics.



George Taylor showed a Mesquite bowl with natural holes. Jerry DeGroot showed a Mesquite bowl swearing that it is “just another bowl”. Tom Ridout brought a bowl of Cedar of Lebanon wood, a rare chance to see that wood. Lewis Dodd, showed a large, for Mesquite, bowl that cost him a bit of pain and trouble when the tree he took it from fell on his leg and pinned him to the ground till a neighbor helped him to get free. Wood turning can be dangerous in so many ways.



Finally Dan Pfeiffer showed us a trio of lidded boxes, part of a concept he is developing entitled “Tree of Life”. The boxes are of Walnut, Maple and Monsano, with milk paint, crystal and natural limbs. Thanks Dan and thanks everybody.



For Sale: Roger Arnold has a Delta 16” Lathe w/ 48” bed, 220 volt 2 hp motor. \$1300 and 16” Grizzly Bandsaw \$250 w/ 2hp motor for sale. Contact him at arnwood@hctc.net

Jerre Williams has a Jet JWL-1236 midi lathe, ¾ hp speeds 550-3000 using a pair of conical pulleys to deliver speed changes. Swing is 6” and distance between centers 35”.

Contact him at jerrew@hotmail.com.

Refreshments 2013

Month	Meeting Date	Drinks	Sweets
March	1 4th	John Stegall	Kathy Roberts
April	11th	Liz Felton	Tom Canfield
May	9th	Debbie Walker	Uel Clanton
June	13th	Roger Arnold	Harold Dykes
July	11th	Keith Longnecker	Joe Johnson
August	8th	Martha Palmer	Kirk Bates
September	12th	Dale Lemons	Jim Weir & Kathy Hampton
October	10th	Jim Whisnand	Bill Hussey
November	14th	Larry Walton	Don Kaiser
December	12th	Christmas Party	Christmas Party
January '14	9th	?	George Taylor

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

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