



# Shavings

## Hill Country Turners Monthly Newsletter



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## Next Meeting, June 11, 2015 MEETING PLACE

**Hill Country Turners** meet in the basement at the KACC (Kerr Arts & Cultural Center) at 228 Earl Garrett, Kerrville, Texas at 6:00 pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The formal meeting starts at 6:30.

Treasurers Report: Roger Arnold reports that we:

Paid out for the light truss system	\$181.25
Deposit for Craft Supply and membership	\$754.52
Checking Account Balance	\$2753.76
Petty Cash	\$205.00

**SWAT:** Registration for SWAT is now open. Tom Canfield has kept us alerted to changes and offerings. Rotation schedules are available to be seen at [www.swaturners.org](http://www.swaturners.org). This is the best regional show in the U.S. and a great chance to see a lot of turning and getting a lot of new ideas. If you do decide to go, sign up to help out in the room that we sponsor. You won't be losing out on part of the show because you will be there watching (and helping) a demonstrator perform.

**Demo:** Turning Tops. Uel Clanton, as most of you know, is our resident top turner as well as our consummate production turner. He is always on the alert for better and faster ways of doing any kind of turning and the apex this talent is seen when he demonstrates his top turning for the children. Uel and Bill Hussey have gone frequently to schools and other venues to represent our club to the community. Uel's specialty is turning tops using the pedal lathe. This is a particularly difficult trick, since the lathe is powered by a child and the top must be finished before the child is "finished".



The actual turning of the top is really only the tip of a pyramid of work that starts with making the top blanks. Since Uel has turned thousands of tops, he has had to produce thousands of blanks.

He starts with a mesquite board that is 2 ¼ X 5/16" and a 3/8" dowel made of hard maple. He cuts a disk out of the mesquite with a circle cutter outfitted with a 3/8" drill bit for the dowel. Because the dowel isn't a true 3/8" it needs to be resized. Uel cuts the dowel to a reasonable length and attaches it to a drill and then runs it through a 3/8" Veritas dowel maker to get the correct size. He then drives the dowel into the mesquite disk using a homemade jig that sets the correct depth of the dowel. Add thin CA glue to finish it up. Multiply this by the hundreds and you will see the work this represents.

**Turning:** Turn the disk part first using a very sharp parting tool, slicing the bottom of the disk in a gentle arc ending at the dowel. Repeat at the top of the disk. Even out the edge of the disc and bevel the edges. Using a spindle gouge, shape the top of the dowel and then make a point below the disk for the top to spin on. Sand everything to 220 grit. Slow the lathe down and color with Crayola markers. Don't forget the little curlicue at the point. Cut the dowel off at the top of the handle and you're done.

Now quick, load the next blank and get ready to torture the next kid.

**Corian Tops:** This uses the same basic process, it just takes longer. Once the top is turned and off the lathe, Uel uses a buffing wheel and white diamond. Charge the wheel with the white diamond and then buff the Corian top.

**Next Meeting:** The demo will be “what to do with a funnel?” There will be a raffle. Bring money.

**Show-and-Tell:** Dan Pfeiffer showed a unique funeral urn with a sharply curved three legged base of the main walnut burl body with a sugar maple outer rim and top. The top mirrored the curved base and was also carved with three arms. On top was a burl cap with a crucifix from a rosary. James Hampton showed a unique ornament of mahogany in the split turning/inside-out fashion. Tom Canfield brought a pecan bowl from wood he got at SWAT last year.



Drinks/Snacks List 2015		
	Drinks	Snacks
June	Liz Felton	Loy Arbaugh
July.	Uel Clanton	Harold Dykes
August	Roger Arnold	Kathy Roberts
September	Jim Whisnand	Will Aymond
October	J. Williams	Curtis Herbert
November	Kathy Hampton	Ralph Hausman
December	ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY	

Set-up/Take-down List 2015		
June.	Kathy Roberts/Loy Arbaugh	
July.	Darrell Korman/Greg Walton	
August.	_____ / _____	
September	_____ / _____	
October.	_____ / _____	
November.	_____ / _____	

Set up begins ~ 5:00 p.m. The back doors will open then

**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.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Specialty</b>
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