



# Shavings

## Hill Country Turners

### Monthly Newsletter



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## Next Meeting, May 12, 2016

### 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.

**January Meeting:** John Stegall, opened the meeting with the usual prelims.

*Treasurers Report* – Roger Arnold:

<u>Beginning Bank Balance:</u>		\$2314.16
<u>Paid Out this Month:</u>		
Craft Supply	\$199.51	
Bike Seat for Peddle Lathe	\$ 36.00	
Lathe Materials for demonstrators	\$100.00	
	<u>Total</u>	\$335.51
<u>Deposit this period</u>		
Club Orders	Total	\$2035.30
<u>Checking Account Balance:</u>		\$2322.16
Petty Cash		\$174.48

After the general intro, John Stegall gave clarification on our standing with Craft Supply and Klingspor. We must accumulate \$1000 or more in orders for Craft Supply items for the 10% and free shipping to take effect. I would benefit us all to save up buying individually, as much as possible, and then join in the group order. Klingspor does not have a limit as to the club order size and offers 10%.

The Kerrville Citizen Police Academy sends us a nice thank-you note for our Blue Santa Christmas donations.

We have copies of the videos taken at SWAT last year and they are available for view for a deposit of \$5.00. (That means that you can get the \$5.00 back when you return the video.)

SWAT is a-coming in! See you there in August, but plan to help out with the AV in our sponsored room.

Bringbacks next month! (May)  
Raffle in June!

**Demo:** Patrick Sikes left his home in Florida and decided to travel out West with wife Stephanie in a variation of the nomadic life of our usual “snowbirds”. He volunteers to do demos at various clubs and we got lucky. Patrick is a pen turner and excellent marketer of his products. He feels that regular mandrels are too prone to bending under the forces necessary to keep the wood stable, so



he prefers to use 60° cones on the headstock and live center. It works for him. He turned two pens for the crowd, giving us one (for bringback?). He roughed out the pens with a small roughing gouge and then used a small skew for the fine tuning. He likes a small



fingernail spindle gouge also. He sands to 600 grit and wipes the work with a clean paper towel. Finish is medium Titebond CA glue which he applies with a clean paper towel folded to about 1 ½ by 6 inches. He places a small pea-sized glob of glue near the end of the towel, gives the revolving piece a few quick swipes to spread the glue, and quickly follows with a brief spray of NCF accelerator. (He bought some from Uel Clanton for this demo as he was almost out.) He moves back



on the towel (for a fresh clean surface and a way of counting the coats as he applies them) and loads a new blob of CA glue...and so on till he has 6-10 coats of finish. Using a series of double sided sponge disks varying from 600 to 12000, he wet sands the work, wiping with a paper towel after each sponge. During the process he gave several tips on where he bought pen kits, blanks, etc. He has an adequate list of resources on his website [www.norskwoodshop.com](http://www.norskwoodshop.com) in the “articles” section. He did a fine job and it was a time well spent.

**Next month’s demo:** John Stegall will demonstrate how to turn an awl.

**Show and Tell:** Uel Clanton showed us a couple of his “Tire Knockers” that RV and Truckers can use to check the general condition of the inner tires of a big rig. This, of course, is just a thin euphemism for a threatening device for prospective boyfriends of daughters. The two euphemisms were in attractive maple and mesquite. James Johnson showed an interesting “not cereal” bowl (for obvious reasons” that a friend challenged him to make out of a piece of Blackjack oak. He also showed a dandy walnut burl hollow form hollowed out from a thimble sized hole. Finally, Tom Canfield showed us an interesting steady rest that he devised to attach to the lathe bed and present a small ball bearing race to support drilling a deep enough hole in a pen sized piece of wood to allow installing the inner ball-point mechanism from cheap, mass-purchased pens to a nicer holder of hardwood. He pointed out that the wood needs to be very straight and fine-grained. His choice of show-and-tell was well chosen and might stimulate some interesting activity in the light of the excellent demo that followed.



**Bringbacks:** The first bringbacks of the new, trimmed, bringback program will be due in May. The winners have until May to make something they feel represents a good effort at their level of expertise to offer to be drawn as the bringbacks of the May meeting. Did I mention that bringbacks are due in May?

The Winners last February were:

- Joel Haby
- Chuck Felton
- Uel Clanton
- James Hampton
- George Taylor
- Loy Arbaugh
- Harold Dykes

Snacks/Drinks List 2016		
	Snacks	Drinks
May	Darrell Korman	Debbie Walker
June	Harold Dykes	Roger Arnold
July	Kathy Roberts	Philip Medghalchi
August	Sue Bates	Windall White
September	Kathy Hampton	Debbie Walker
October	Larry Walton	Don Kaiser
November	Barbara Hausman	John Latour
December	-----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.

Name	Phone	Specialty	Name	Phone	Specialty
Roger Arnold	830-866-3670	Shop Practices	Uel Clanton	830-896-5288	General/Spindles
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