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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, **unless otherwise notified.**

HANDS ON TURNING

(Learn new techniques and methods before the meeting starts)

We are starting up the 4:00 demonstrations again this month. For all of you interested in learning tool sharpening techniques, our club experts will be on hand to teach and assist in getting your favorite tool with a cutting edge. Bring some of your tools along to participate in this practical demonstration. If you have suggestions for future technique demos, contact Johnny Jones at: (830) 537-4503 leftyj@gvtc.com

Notes from the Last Meeting

Jimmy reminded the membership that the club Christmas party will be held at the same location as last year, the Inn of the Hills Resort.

Raul showed us a new and unique spiral turning of a nautilus. He planned to display the work in the gallery at SWAT.

Andy showed us a bowl he turned from corian material.

Show and Tell



Announcement:

The club welcomed guest Ken Bennett from Boerne.

Jimmy announced that the KACC furniture show will be held from Oct.23rd – Nov.30th. Club members will have a gallery available to display wood turnings at the event. See Johnny Jones if you have a piece that you would like to put on display.

AAW Best Practices Sub-committee

The AAW's Best Practices Sub-committee is charged with obtaining and posting write-ups on planning, structure, and management of local chapters, for use by other local chapters and members, as aids. These write ups are produced by individuals who have had experiences in these areas and have the desire to share with others. You can find these postings at <http://www.woodturner.org/community/chapters/practices>. Under "Best Practices Listings", you can take advantage of the subjects in blue. The subjects grayed-out are still under development. I suspect we have not thought of every potential write-up available. You may have an idea we haven't thought of!

We plan to continue to contact you periodically to see if you have experiences that you would like to share with the rest of our organization. Currently, we are seeking someone to produce a write-up on the subject of "Officers and Elections". If you have had experience in this area and would be willing to share it with your fellow woodturners in the form of a write-up, we would like to hear from you. One, of our team of editors, will assist you to ensure the final write-up is one you will be proud of. And, what could be wrong with having your name listed on the Website as being a participating member of the AAW! Please see our editorial policies link on the Web page.

You may contact us or submit your write-up by e-mailing bestpractices@woodturner.org.

If you have received this correspondence as an officer of an AAW chapter, and you know of one of your members who should be the person notified, then please pass this along, and encourage that member to share with the rest of us.

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Demonstration:

Last month's demonstration was conducted by Bob Thompson from the San Antonio woodturner's club. Bob went thru a turning demonstration of Christmas tree ornaments. Using various wood scraps, Bob turns a sphere then drills index holes in the sphere. The end product is a unique ornament that can take many shapes and sizes.



BRINGBACKS

Larry Walton 1	Bob Thompson 1
Johnny Jones 1	Bob Gayer1
Jerry Bennett... .. 1	Uel Clanton1
J.B. Hill1	Chuck Felton2

“TURNED EVENTS”
MEETING IN REVIEW

Events:

The SWAT symposium was attended by several of the HCT club member on Sept. 29th – Oct. 1st in Temple Texas. Our members were be responsible for selling raffle tickets at the door for the SWAT event. The SWAT raffle included four laths and many great items for wood turners. One of the highlights of the event was the turning display gallery. Following are some of the turnings that were on display in the gallery during the event:



NEXT “GRUBBS”

(Sustenance providers for starving artists)

January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December

(DRINKS)
Linda West
Dale Gleichweit
Keith Longnecker
Bill Hussey
John Jones
Chuck Felton
Jerry Bennett
Larry Werth
Vance Loy
Andy Chen
Martin Addison
Santa Claus

(YUMMIES)
Vern Hallmark
Raul
John Brunswick
Jimmy Holton
Phil Hamman
Bob Gayer
Maurice Collins
Tom Ridout
Vance Loy
Jerry Bennett
Larry Werth
Miss Santa Claus?

DEMONSTRATOR OF THE MONTH

This month’s scheduled demonstration will be conducted by Barbie Holton and James Johnson. Barbie and James will discuss and demonstrate shapes and design techniques.

Wood Factoids

This month, we present a factoid on: **Boxelder**

scientific name – Aceraceae *Acer negundo*



Description: Boxelder is one of the most widespread and best known of the maples. Its other common names include ashleaf maple, boxelder maple, Manitoba maple, California boxelder, and western boxelder.

Distribution: Best development of the species is in the bottom-land hardwood stands in the lower Ohio and Mississippi River valleys, although it is of limited commercial importance there. Its greatest value may be in shelterbelt and street plantings in the Great Plains and the West, where it is used because of its drought and cold tolerance.

The Tree: Boxelder is a small to medium-size tree reaching 50 to 75 ft in height and 24 to 48 in in d.b.h. The species is short-lived, attaining an average age of 60 years but rarely 100 years. Growth during the first 15 to 20 years is very rapid and may be as much as 1 in a year.

General Wood Characteristics: A red stain in the wood of living trees caused by *Fusarium reticulatum* var. *negundinis* apparently is specific to boxelder. The stain regularly is associated with Cerambycid beetles and the galleries of other insects, but itself does no damage to the wood.

Working Properties: The wood is low in strength and is of average density. It is workable with both machine and hand tools.

Drying: It dries slowly with little degrade and is stable in service.

Mechanical Properties: Not available

Uses: It is used mostly for inexpensive furniture, woodware, crates, pulp, and charcoal.

“THE BIG CHIPS” of KTC

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