



Shavings



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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.

March Meeting

Raúl Peña is going to charge both barrels for this meeting. He will show how to make a pen for under 25 cents (by making our own jigs and stuff) and then, time willing, how to carve a bowl with a hook tool.

Also at our meeting, there will be discussion of our involvement in the Texas Craft Fair in May. If you have an opinion, please join in.

February Meeting

We have had Uel and his fly swatters. This has got to be one of the most exotic turned products of all time. The most special thing I brought back from this, besides the tips and demo on spindle turning, is that listening to the customer meets your needs as well as his. By getting with his customer and offering choices and suggestions Uel could cut his use of valuable wood and provide a more selected sizing for his product. Very well done Mr. C.



Uel Clanton's tail swisher

Also, Raúl mentioned that SWAT will be the last weekend of August. The time was changed, because Waco, which has a place large enough for SWAT and is the most central city for the region, could not guarantee us dates with motel availability for

later in the year. (Some sort of football college is based in Waco.)

Show and Tell

This proves to be the most consistently impressive event in our meeting. Everything from beautiful pieces to great tools, exotic wood or found wood is presented. For BIG, James Johnson took the prize with his massive box elder hollow form. He had been working on this since around Thanksgiving. What Johnny Jones was doing helping

him is a mystery since he was in between heart surgery and joint replacement. Even then it was at the risk of life and limb to James at least. Woodturning is not supposed to be a full contact sport guys.

Ken Morton showed his deepest bowl to date with its copper inlaid. Vern Hallmark showed a bowl of Carob wood crotch with specks of turquoise inlaid. Garrett Brown showed a found wood bowl and wagon wheel hub. Jerry DeGroot had a nice bowl he turned (from mesquite?). Mr. DeGroot was a founding force in the formation of the local mesquite group. I regret I didn't get a picture of his bowl. Finally, Harold Dykes showed one of his latest bowls and talked about the Butterfly feature ring that he designed for it. Here are some of the picture highlights of the S&T.



Demonstrators For 2010

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Demonstrator</u>	<u>Topic (If Known)</u>
February	11th	Uel Clanton	TBD
March	11th	Raul Pena*	TBD
April	8th	Vern Hallmark	TBD
May	13th	Keith Longnecker	TBD
June	10th	Joe Johnson	TBD
July	8th		
August	12th	Dale Lemons**	TBD
September	9th	Ken Morton	Sharpening

October	14th	The Holtons**	TBD
November	11th		
December	9th	Christmas Party	Christmas Party

2010 Food Sign-Up Sheet

Month	Meeting Date	Drinks	Sweets
March	11th	Dale Gleichweit	Kathy Roberts
April	8th	Bob Bub	Bobbie Bub
May	13th	Joe Ripkin	Garrett Brown
June	10th	Joe Johnson	Ken Morton
July	8th	Liz Farris	Vern Hallmark
August	12th	Keith Longnecker	Roger Arnold
September	9th	Maurice Collins	Jim Weir & L.A. Cude
October	14th	Jerre Williams	Larry Werth
November	11th	Roger Arnold	Bill Hussey
December	9th	Christmas Party	Christmas Party

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