



# Shavings

Hill Country Turners  
Monthly Newsletter



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## Next Meeting, April 12, 2012

### 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

There was a large turnout with visitor Clay Blanton of Canyon Lake and new member Rich Grable of Kerrville. Uel Clanton will be his big brother.

The demo was a program on "Twice Dyed Vessels" by James Johnson. He brought several different displays and was ready with a hollow form already prepared. "Twice dyeing" is a way to bring out figure (burl, curly, feather or other figuring in the wood. A dark dye is put on first, then sanded off and a final dye added. The varying grain of the wood in the figure soaks up the dye faster so that when the dye is sanded off there is a residual dye within the figure.

The piece is prepared by sanding to 220 first. James likes water-based dyes as they tend to be more colorfast. By dampening the piece before applying the water-based dye, you prevent the rapid absorption of the dye to the unfigured areas of the wood. This does not prevent the absorption in the figure.

Final sanding (320 grit) precedes the final dyeing coat for obvious reasons. James likes to use an airbrush for the final dye coat so that he can control the flow of the color better.

A protective coat of a film forming finish such as lacquer, shellac or polyurethane is necessary to protect the final work. An oil type of absorbing finish is not recommended.

Here is a good picture of James teaching by Chuck Felton. Also here are a couple of shots of James' sample piece and a particularly good example of the technique on well figured wood.



### April Meeting

George Taylor will be doing the demonstration at our April meeting. His demo, entitled "Decorating with Texture & Color" will show us many of the things he learned at a week-long class with Nick Agar last year at Arrowmont. George has bought several fantastic pieces to "Show and Tell" the last few months that demonstrates these new techniques he has learned. All of us who are trying to get past the "round and brown" stage of our turning journey should find his demonstration really interesting.

## Show and Tell

Roger Farris was first at table with a couple of pieces, a nice bois d'arc bowl with finish by L.A. Cude and a nicely decorated and colored hollow form. Tom Canfield showed an ash platter from a piece of wood that would have been a panel for a cabinet door, but was just too tempting. Tom did one side, then used a screw-in wooden plug on his live center that inserted into a spindle tapped plate. He placed the plate (with double sided tape on the surface) using the live center plug. Now the live center could be withdrawn and the whole piece turned around, remounted and finished on the other side. Tom had another piece, a red-bud hollow form with a hole in the top decorated with turquoise inlaid.



Kathy Hampton showed a beautiful piece of box elder in a finely crafted angel that I am pleased to present to you. I will also throw in, at no extra charge, a shot of Tom Canfield's reversing/finishing jig.



## Open Shop Saturday

A nice bunch was at Jerry DeGroot's open shop on March 17<sup>th</sup>. There were loads of things to touch and see and talk about. Here are some shots of the members and the area where Jerry does his prolific work. The first is by Chuck Felton.



### Business:

Jay Shimek reported an account balance of \$3,690.13 after paying all of the bills but those for use of the Audio-Visual system, which is still in negotiation.

**SWAT:** Kathy Roberts was in Waco the previous weekend and reported that SWAT will be on the last weekend in August.

**Texas Arts and Crafts show:** Uel gave a report on negotiations with the arts and crafts fair. Some members of the fair's board have asked our club to have a large presence with ongoing demos and top turning. This seems to draw a large crowd. We don't know yet about what size tent they could supply, but were looking for as much as six to eight mini-lathes, with members to demonstrate on the main fair days. Nothing is decided yet so keep your ear

**Open Shop Saturday:** **Joe Johnson** will host the open shop in April on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Drinks and Snacks

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Drinks</u>	<u>Sweets</u>
April	12th	Keith Longnecker	Denise Smith
May	10th	Larry Walton	Don Kaiser
June	14th	Mike Shoup	Martha Hill
July	12th	Anna Rachinsky	Valerie Shimek
August	9th	Roger Arnold	Harold Dykes
September	13th	Liz Farris	Jim & Kathy Hampton
October	11th	Paul Hewitt	Will Aymond
November	8th	Jerre Williams	Bill Hussey
December	13th	Christmas Party	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.

<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
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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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