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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.

January Meeting

- Ken Morton opened the meeting and recognized visitors. Since Will Aymond is having medical problems, Jay Shimek kept up his old place for another meeting and announced that we have about \$5000 pending our payment of our KACC fees.
- Ken announced a new Texas Mesquite Association that will be having a Mesquite art show at the Shriner's Temple June 28-30.
- An e-mail from AAW was discussed. The cost of liability insurance for AAW members is on hold because the price is too high. This insurance covers injury to an observer at a demo by an AAW member. The AAW is looking for more affordable insurance, but for now AAW members are not covered.
- An amendment for the raffle was made to allow only members in good standing (paid up) to enter.
- The Board has proposed at least one challenge a year. Jerry DeGroot suggested an ornament contest, but other suggestions were encouraged. Jerry has an ash log to donate for whatever challenge is chosen.
- Pete Cowger is looking for an intermediated sized or larger lathe – petercowger@gmail.com.
- Phillip Medghalchi has a mini lathe for sale – hpmmail-awa@yahoo.com.

George Taylor, our new VP, gave a bang-up demo on laminated turnings, a variant of some of the work by Goeff Whaling of Australia as practiced in the US by Jim McPhail, of North Carolina. (You can see some of his work and a video on www.jimmcpmail.com. The idea is to layer various woods and then turn them. Of course, the Devil is in the details.

- o Plan out your turning. Colors and textures are important.
- o Use wood that is already surfaced if you can, otherwise you will have to turn each segment as it is added using the lathe and a straight edge or sanding the surface.
- o A source of surfaced wood can be found at craft stores (Woodcraft has a cutting board kit)
- o Use sharp tools
- o If you use yellow glue, wipe off the excess.
- o If using CA glue, give it time to cure. Accelerator will start at the outside of the glued surface and take a few minutes to work in to the center.

George showed how the various layers of different woods are used to enhance the work. The idea of laminar segmenting is kind of unsettling because the grain is not presented consistently as in larger segmenting. The results were very satisfying. As long as the piece remains relatively small, the wood will not be able to move enough to cause trouble and it is

great looking work. At the end of his demo George gave away a scratch-awl kit as a challenge to spread the skill.



February Meeting

The February demo will be our past president Joe Johnson showing how to set up a vacuum chuck. He is really adept at this and will present a well documented path to vacuum chucking, should you decide this is for you. He has promised to present a nice handout that we can put into the website for future reference. The reference will be posted on the Projects section of the website. After all, we may not need it now but we may change our mind.

Show and Tell

Larry Walton showed an attractive Mulberry burl bowl within a great natural edged piece. Sue Bates brought a Box Elder bowl and a marble holder that took a lot of marbles to do well. Sue's husband Kirk showed a Mesquite bowl with a smidge of turquoise. Darryl Korman also used turquoise in his Walnut bowl.



Tom Canfield brought three bowls. First is a Huisache bowl that looks a bit like Mesquite, but he says is about $\frac{3}{4}$ the density. The other two are natural edged Mesquite and Mistletoe burl and, on a timely suggestion by Roger Felps, are endgrain bowls. Roger Felps brought a Pecan, Western style vase with burned decoration. In a happy tale, Uel Clanton brought a Cocobolo tail fly-swisher donated by a Wildebeest.



Harold Dykes showed us a beautiful bowl of Yellow Heart, Mesquite, Lyptus, Maple and Ipe. The orientation of the woods, unlike most with-the-grain segmented pieces, included some end-grain features. James Hampton brought a natural edged bowl with a tall foot of Cherry he got from a friend in Missouri. Dale Lemons showed is a really red, and super punky, Box Elder bowl. Ken Morton made a wand of Bacote to finally admit to his friends at work that his computers are really worked by his magic, since they were calling him "Magic Morton" (or "Wonder Wizard" if you look at the engraved MM upside down).



Jerry DeGroot brought three Arizona Ash bowls, one natural edged, and a Cherry Christmas ornament. Really good work guys!



HCT Holiday Charity Results: The results of the Club's Holiday drive to collect household goods and clothing was very successful. Several members of the HCT stepped forward and donated a large quantity of household goods and clothing. The central collection point was at the Feltons. Four very full pickup loads were delivered to Rock Springs by the Felton's and Clantons where it was distributed to the needy by members of the Sacred Heart of Mary Parish. The feedback received indicated the donations were very much appreciated. Many thanks to everyone who participated in this Holiday Charity event.

Boys and Girls Club Visit: The Hill Country Turners were invited to demonstrate for the boys and girls attending the "Winter Camp" conducted by the Boys & Girls Club of the local Salvation Army Kroc Center. Utilizing our famous pedal lathe and two powered mini-lathes, Joe Johnson, Bill Hussey, Uel Clanton and Chuck Felton turned a variety of tops for the kids and acquainted them with woodturning. There were approximately 40 boys and girls watching the demonstrations and each one of them got at least one turned top to take home with them.



Refreshments 2013

Month	Meeting Date	Drinks	Sweets
January	10th	George Taylor	Ken Morton
February	14th	Darrell Korman	Phillip Medghalchi
March	1 4th	John Stegall	Kathy Roberts
April	11th	Liz Felton	Tom Canfield
May	9th	Debbie Walker	Uel Clanton
June	13th	Roger Arnold	Harold Dykes
July	11th	Keith Longnecker	Joe Johnson
August	8th	Martha Palmer	Kirk Bates
September	12th	Dale Lemons	Jim Weir & Kathy Hampton
October	10th	Jim Whisnand	Bill Hussey
November	14th	Larry Walton	Don Kaiser
December	12th	Christmas Party	Christmas Party
January '14	9th	?	George Taylor

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
L. A. Cude	901-355-7046	Lacquer Finish	Chuck Felton	830-792-5249	General
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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