



# Shavings

## Hill Country Turners

### Monthly Newsletter



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## Next Meeting, November 10, 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.

**September Meeting:** Plans seem to be coming together for Jimmy Clewes. He will be coming to Kerrville in conjunction with the San Antonio Club. Since the SA club is pressed for space (we have had a wonderful relationship with KACC in recent years and owe our good set-up to their good will) we will be hosting the SA club on February 9<sup>th</sup> when Jimmy Clewes will demo. The following three days will feature three 1-day workshops at a place and fee to be announced.

Tom Canfield reported on a workshop he has been leading at Ambleside Elementary in Fredericksburg to introduce older elementary students to woodturning. Tom has been especially active in his adopted home town and is largely responsible for this enterprise. Some of those who helped were Roger Arnold, Joe Johnson and Wendell White.

The group also talked about the annual trip to Ingram Elementary School to turn tops and show turning to the older children Led by Uel Clanton and Bill Hussey the group was joined by John Stegall, Roger Arnold, George Taylor, and Joe Johnson.

Tom Whiting talked about the Blue Santa project and how we can help children by our Christmas donations. By giving as a group we can help publicize both the Blue Santa Project and the Hill Country Turners. Donations through the club can be made available before or at the Christmas party.

Kathy Roberts drew the group's attention to the AAW scholarships to the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, TN; the John C. Campbell Folk School near Brasstown, NC; and the Anderson Ranch Arts Center at Snowmass Village, CO. If you are interested, please submit your names to the board so we can recommend you.

Nominations are needed for Officers for the coming year. So far, Tom Whiting is moving up to first vice president. We will need nominations for second vice president (usually charged with arranging demos among other duties. Wendell White has volunteered to stand for treasurer and we will need a nomination for Secretary.

If you have not done so already, pay your dues this meeting...please.

Make your choices on the Christmas dinner at the meeting at \$30.11 per person

### Treasures Report: Roger Arnold shows:

Beginning of the month -	\$3747.09
Expenditures	\$1216.55
Deposits	\$812.79
Total	\$2530.64
Petty Cash	\$166.90

**Demo:** Joe Johnson gave two demos, shortening them by good preparation.



**Angel ornament:** Joe's round piece of white wood was mounted with a tenon. He brought his own chuck to make sure the jaws were marked for a correct fit and truly steady run. His demo did not run perfectly smooth, but he got the highlights with his usual precision and smooth delivery. I tried to type

the process, but realized that THE ENTIRE THING is on our website in Joe's own words and with excellent tips etc. Look at the "Projects" section on the main menu and select Joe's Angel Christmas Ornament. You will be glad you did. If you get the newsletter by mail, get someone to print it out and send it to you....Ask me... I will.

**Hollow ball with finial ornament:** Joe had prepared his top and bottom finial and limited his demo to a discussion of finials and ornaments with examples of finials that didn't seem to fit and some that did, focusing on the size and the amount of ornamentation of the finial. He also said that if you were going to make the ball truly round, it shouldn't be "almost" round and especially "not-quite-almost" round. In spite of this, he feels that different shapes for the hollowed area should be explored (square corners or definitely oblong etc. He also talked about three basic tools that he has used to good effect.



- A. Allen wrench hollower (ground down allen wrench with handle)
- B. Robert Sorby Mini Hollower set of three
- C. Hunter small hollowing tools

Joe starts the hollowing process by forming the ball, cutting down to about 1/2 the diameter of the ball toward the parting area. Measuring the thickness of the ball, he marks a drill in the tailstock so that, moving the drill in the tailstock it will end just short of the diameter. He will later take the back of the ball down to slightly smaller than the drill size so that drilling past the diameter of the ball will cut through the remaining neck holding the ball to what's left of the blank. He popped the finials on (and they fit of course) and he was in business! Neat! Thanks Joe.

**Next Month's demo:** Next month (**this meeting, in a few days**) bring something you have turned and let the group see and talk about it. That's simple isn't it? Expect a critique, but you know this group and they are kind almost to a fault. It is a good thing to have other people look at your things and you should come away with some new ideas and perspectives.

**Show and Tell:** Ken Morton bought three blanks from James Johnson at James' open-house in the spring. James demonstrated coring multiple bowl blanks from a single log. Ken made the mistake of bringing his wife and he bought all of the cores and now has Ken making bowls from the lot. He brought the first, and biggest to show us of beautiful box elder. In walked Larry Walton with another beautiful bowl of box elder with a lot of gray highlights as well as the red. Phillip Medghalchi showed two of his latest, an elm burl box and a pecan hollow form with a natural edge.





Snacks/Drinks List 2016		
	Snacks	Drinks
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
L. A. Cude	901-355-7046	Lacquer Finish	James Johnson	830-895-4170	All
Joe Johnson	830-896-5924	General	John Jones	830-537-4503	General
Ken Morton	210-833-7148	Natural Edge			
Raúl Peña	830-6342545	General			

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