



# Shavings

## Hill Country Turners

### Monthly Newsletter



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## Next Meeting, March 12, 2020

### 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.

### Meeting notes and demo:

We were reminded about some of our absent members. Paul Hewett is still very ill and Bill Hussey is laid up after a shoulder replacement. At the time of this newsletter he will be 90 years old. Way to go Bill! Get well soon!

March: See Below

April: Keith Gotchall of Colorado will demonstrate making Beads of Courage and will lead three days of workshops.

We will start taking Craft Supply orders.

George Taylor (where have I heard that name) will have an Open Shop

May: Demo will be James Hampton

There will be a raffle.

June: Jeanne Douphrate will demo.

Roger Arnold will have an Open shop.

August: Roger Arnold reported that SWAT will be from the 28<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>. Act early for reservations because the rooms fill up early. SWAT is one of the largest and best turning expos in the world with great vendors, presenters and programs.

**Special Recognition!** Special attention and recognition was given to Hill Country Woods. That's Jimmy Weir, Kathy Hampton, James Hampton and L.A. Cude for giving so much of their time and wood to our club, demonstrating and helping to make the raffles a big hit and giving time to our projects.

**Demo:** George Jones III, we discovered, is a friend of George Taylor from workshops they have attended and more. George is very good turner who wants to explore more than just the turning process. In our everyday experience we see many textures and he wants to use this experience to transfer the essence of these textures into our bowls. He has at hand a large choice of tools and techniques that each leaves a texture either in removing wood or covering it with materials that leave a mark or a layer to change the feel or appearance of the wood.



George demonstrated some of the simpler ways of using tools such as the Dremel type rotary tool with or without flexible shaft and the large number of bits such as the carbide texture wheels and burs of various

shapes. For larger, more aggressive sculpting or texturing he mentioned the Foredom tools and larger power tools, hammers etc. I don't remember his mentioning explosives, but as he described more and more techniques, I wondered if explosives weren't considered (editorial joke). George is a retired emergency medical technician/supervisor/administrator, so he naturally emphasized care in removing wood with sharp instruments. He also emphasized as breathing protection when producing lots of small particulates. He plans his work, sometimes emphasizing random effects, putting texture into marked areas vs. unmarked areas. Sometimes he has symmetry, sometimes no symmetry. What does the wood have to show? He can take color out by bleaching to good effect or add it. With each change the piece changes in its message. Since he led workshops after the meeting, some of our members will, I hope, bring their work to S&T. Thanks George.

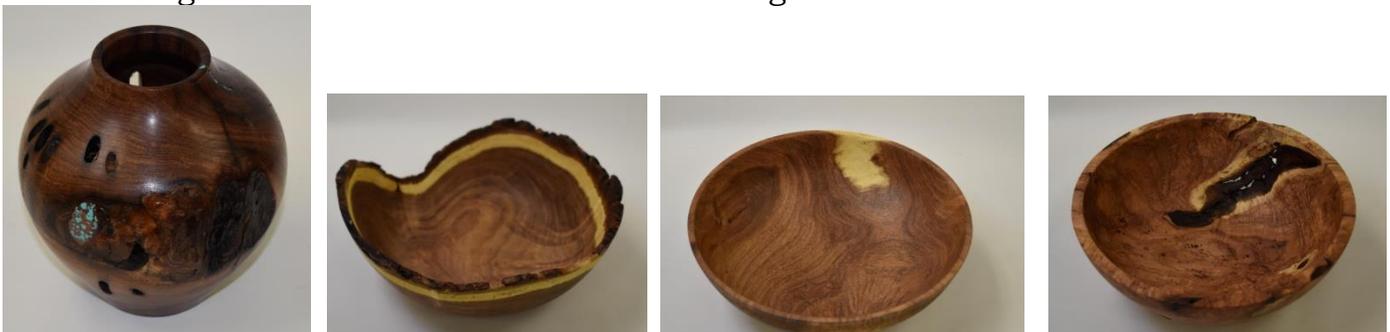


**Next meeting's program:** Next month's demo will be led by Tom Canfield. The topic will be "chucking" but will cover the several ways of holding a piece of wood for turning. Since wood for turning comes in lots and lots of shapes and grain patterns, holding that wood safely (for the piece of wood and the peace of the turner) is paramount. Tom is free with his knowledge and expects us to share the experience with him by participating and bringing samples or problems. Tom's show and tell sample below asked the question "How do you hold this piece?" ...Let's find out.

**Show and Tell:** Tom Canfield showed us the small hollow form from magnolia that produced the challenge. Tom whiting had two small boxes from a piece of big leaf maple burl. In both pieces he used a resin to highlight the form and hold the pieces together. In the first box has a walnut finial as a top and the second a mesquite top.



Tim Lutman from San Antonio, brought brought a hollow form of mesquite with turquoise and copper enlase. Randy Larson from San Antonio brought three bowls of mesquite from the same log. The last one had a rather interesting bark inclusion.



**Snacks and Drinks:**

Snacks/Drinks List 2020		
	<b>Drinks</b>	<b>Snacks</b>
January	John Stegall	George Taylor
February	Joe Johnson	Kathy Hampton
March	Rolf Grimsted	Sue Bates
April	Marcy Dunn	Emily Ford
May	Debbie Walker	Loy Arbaugh
June	Debbie Walker	Harold Dykes
July	Roger Arnold	Mike Magrill
August	Tim Lutman	Phillip Medghalchi
September	Wendell White	Jerre Williams
October	Don Kaiser	Jim Whisnand
November	Ralph Hausman	Barbara Hausman
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	George Taylor	(972) 824-0550	General
L. A. Cude	901-355-7046	Lacquer Finish	James Johnson	830-895-4170	All
Joe Johnson	281-961-1209	General	Raúl Peña	830-6342545	General

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