



Shavings

Hill Country Turners

Monthly Newsletter



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Next Meeting, to be announced...

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.

By now you may have heard that because of Covid-19 and due to the age and physical condition of some of the OTHER members of our club we are cancelling our meetings including our other activities until further notice. This includes Keith Gotschall and the associated workshops. For those signed up, the fee will be returned at the next meeting.

Notes:

As of today, we haven't heard anything definitive about SWAT in August.

Still planned is Colwin Way for September if all goes well

Also possible in September is the Texas Arts & Crafts Fair.

In October we hope to have the Ingram ISD day where we make and spin tops for the elementary school.

Special Recognition!

Uel Clanton was recognized for all that he has done for the club. He was there at the first year and has made everything better in many ways, from turning on the pedal lathe at numerous events (probably the world's fastest top turner), being our representative with KACC for many years, being there at most of our outside projects and working with numerous people in our behalf. He has also mentored many of us with his skill and ideas. Thanks, Uel.

Demo: Tom Canfield gave a comprehensive talk about hold wood on the lathe. He



presented spur type drives with one straight or x type as well as stebcenter and safety drives. All are for between centers work in concert with live centers of various shapes and sizes. Depending on the diameter of the workpiece a steady rest may or may not be needed.

Tom went to faceplate and chuck work where the work can be supported by the faceplates, with the live center playing backup for safety in many cases. He added that using live center extenders to add reach and give more room to work is helpful. He

mentioned the four jaw chucks available and the selections of jaws that can be had for various sizes of wood after preparing the piece by establishing a tenon.

Tom mentioned the two types of holding surface of the jaws, serrated and dovetailed. The dovetailed jaw provides the best holding surface when the tenon is well defined to match the inner pitch of the dovetail jaw. The serrated jaws grip the whole tenon well but leave a mark that must be dealt with later. Tom emphasize the need for either type tenon to be flat on the end and slightly shorter than the depth of the jaw, so the upper part of the jaw rests firmly and evenly on the shoulder of the tenon.

It's a good idea to mark with durable paint the center point of the #1 serrated jaw. Before must remove the work for some reason, you can put a pencil mark on the piece at that site first. That way you can put the piece back on the jaws at the #1 mark and, feeling for the serrated indentations with a gentle wiggle as you close the chuck, make it easier to re-center the piece. Its is a sad thing to have to deal with a piece that is no longer running true.

Tom noted that it is important to have clamps or other ways of holding together unsafe blanks such as you would find on burls or cedar or cracked wood. Be careful in the second turning of dried bowls. Don't try to use the old tenon because it will probably not be flat on keep it level and carefully return a proper tenon. Don't trust the tenon on very wet wood. Check the tightness of the chuck every few minutes.

Finally, Tom showed us how to use a jam chuck with pads and a soft ball live center hold to work on the base of a magnolia natural edged hollow form, the big daddy of the form he showed last month at S&T. Thank you Tom.



Show and Tell:

Roger Arnold brought a plate of spalted hackberry and a lovely box of spalted pecan and myrtle. Marcy Dunn brought a strange device of pine she called a coffee mug, which didn't seem right since the base was so narrow and there was this cutaway down $\frac{3}{4}$ of the side. Oh... now I see. The long base is for a car's cup holder. Wow!



Tom Canfield Brought a little colored box elder toothpick holder. Really small for somebody who likes to make bigger things, usually. Perhaps he was aware that Anna Rachinsky was bringing a larger hollow form of walnut. Larger for her, but with a graceful shape. She swore "never again" as she is well known for her earrings and tiny boxes and decorations.

Raúl Peña brought an exquisite box having a large top with an inlaid dragonfly and carefully realistically drawn wings. Raúl is becoming interested in marquetry and, as usual, shows his artistic habits.



Financial Summary:

Beginning Balance		<u>\$2,056.03</u>
Deposits		
Membership Renewals		35.00
Christmas Dinner		36.00
Total Deposits		<u>\$ 71.00</u>
Disbursements		
KACC Membership		683.00
Hartford Insurance		461.00
Total Disbursements		<u>\$1,144.00</u>
Current Balance		<u>\$ 983.03</u>

Snacks and Drinks: (to bear in mind whenever we get back)

Snacks/Drinks List 2020		
	Drinks	Snacks
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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