



# Shavings

Hill Country Turners  
Monthly Newsletter



November 19, 2021

## **Next Meeting PARTY December 9, 2021**

### **Meeting Place**

**Hill Country Turners** meet in the basement of the KACC (Kerr Arts & Cultural Center) at 228 Earl Garrett St., Kerrville, Texas, 78028 at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month. **For December, there will be no formal meeting, instead the Christmas Party will be at the Y-O**

### **November Meeting**

Announcements: During the November meeting, the club was updated with the calendar, the financial status ("We Are In Good Shape"), the Holiday Party, and club dues. The Jamie Donaldson demo followed.

### **Jamie Donaldson Class and Presentation**

Jamie Donaldson was the demonstrator this month. His marvelous technique was shown with levity and experience, with safety tips included, Mr. Donaldson also taught the use of various third party tools. Special Thanks to Joe Johnson for organizing this event and to Kirk Bates for the mesquite. And Thank You Jamie! *(no comments about the unknown ear pictured)*



## **December Meeting / Holiday Party**

There will be no December meeting; the Christmas party will be held instead on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the YO in Kerrville. The cost is \$35 per person for the 3 meat dinner. The YO has extended an \$89 room rate for those desiring to stay overnight; Mention “Hill Country Turners” for the special rate. If you need to pay for seats, please send a check to Joe Johnson 150 Boot Hill Trl., Kerrville, TX 78028 ..**No Walk-Ups. Bring a turning of yours and take home a turning made by another member.**

## **Nick Agar Holiday Zoom Demo**

Mark your calendar for this fun event. Nick will be demonstrating the turning of some ornaments. **December 4, 2021.** email invitations to be sent soon.

## **Upcoming Calendar:**

- December 4<sup>th</sup> – Nick Agar Holiday Zoom session
- December 9<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Party at the Y-O
- January 13 - Club meeting G. Taylor demo

## **Special Thanks**

We would like to again thank the **Majestic Ranch Arts Foundation** for their continuing support. Majestic Ranch Arts Foundation makes possible our equipment upgrades and technological enhancements for “live” internet teaching. This foundation also makes possible the live demonstrations teaching us how to elevate our craft to art.

## **Honorable Mention Marcy Dunn & HCT**

This from Marcy Dunn:

Our turning club has jumped into a very worthwhile, feel good, project by making wooden bowls for Mason, Texas to auction off to raise money for a very special need. In February of this year, the 111 year old Mason County Courthouse was burned down by an act of arson. It was a devastating loss to our entire Hill Country community.

My family is from Mason and my great uncle “happened” to plant all the pecan trees around the Courthouse back in the 1920s. As an avid “tree hugger”, I was sick to see three of the 100’ trees damaged beyond saving. I immediately came up with a plan to help make this tragedy into something good.

Into the story comes the heroes of the Hill Country Turners. Many of our members from Kerrville and 10 surrounding towns, volunteered to take some of the precious pecan wood and turn it into magnificent bowls to gift back to the “Friends of the Mason Courthouse “ to use for their money making fundraisers to assist in rebuilding the incredible, three story courthouse. At this time, we have delivered 12 beautiful bowls and writing pens, to the three banks surrounding the courthouse , where they will be on display throughout the fall and spring, awaiting a large fundraising concert, to be announced at a later date. Mason is so excited about our unique, generous, assistance. Many art lovers are trying to decide which bowl will proudly grace their homes! **Thanks Marcy and HCT !!!**

*Here are some samples of the turnings produced from this event.*



Tony Wedig



Debby Walker



Tom Whiting



Kaiser



Rolf Grimstead



Anna Rachinsky Anna

Don



Tom Canfield



Kathy Roberts



Roger Arnold

## Drinks and Snacks

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Drinks</u>	<u>Sweets</u>
December	9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party	Christmas Party
January	13 <sup>th</sup>	Wendell White	Tim Lutman
February	10 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	TBD
March	10 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	TBD

## 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	George Taylor	972-824-0550	Bowls
L. A. Cude	901-355-7046	Lacquer Finish	Raul Pena	830-634-2545	General
James Johnson	830-895-4170	All	Joe Johnson	830-896-5924	General

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