



Shavings

Hill Country Turners
Monthly Newsletter



April 30, 2022

Next Meeting May 12, 2022

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.

April Meeting

Announcements: So, we were back together again in April! We had a really great turn out with a great demo by George Taylor. Also, we had the raffle, and many great items were sent to new shops. Folks got to catch up with each other and share their past and current events. Some nice show and tell items were presented; see below. **Thank you Larry Turley** for the photography





Please note that several of these pieces are to be donated to the **Mason County Courthouse** fundraiser.

Treasurers Report

After our April meeting, we have about \$1,400 in our main operating account. We had a net income of about \$390 from the raffle and a membership renewal. Our expenses were a total of \$595. This was a check to KACC for 2022 affiliate member dues (\$100) and meeting room costs (\$495).

Just a comment about our raffle---our goal has always been to break-even on our raffles and not necessarily to make money. The past several raffles have not been break-even. For last month's raffle, we decided to ask folks for donations of any lightly used or new tools, equipment, and other turning related items they were no longer using. Thanks to everyone who donated items and bought raffle tickets. It was nice to make up for some of our previous raffle short-falls. (Thanks **Joe Johnson** for this report)

Safety

KEEP HYDRATED TO KEEP TURNING As always, it is important to focus on health safety. Remembering to keep hydrated is an important aspect of all your tasks. This time of year is it too easy to forget proper hydration which may result in a momentary loss of concentration. So, grab that bottle of water and head to the shop. Keep some water in your vehicles as well-just in case.

George Taylor Demo

George Taylor provided the demonstration Hill Country Turners. He demonstrated his technique for turning bottle stoppers. During the demo, he turned three stoppers. One of wood, one of acrylic and one of a combination. Some of the tips he demonstrated included the use of carbide tools on the acrylic. Also, to wet sand acrylic. Three marketable items in an hour or so... Thank You George Taylor!



Upcoming 2022 Calendar:

- **May 12th** **Randy Larson** Demo “Staved Beads of Courage Boxes”
- **Colwin Way** Demo and workshops in **September**

Special Thanks

As always, we thank the **Majestic Ranch Arts Foundation** for their support. Majestic Ranch Arts Foundation makes possible our equipment, upgrades to existing equipment and technological enhancements for “live” internet teaching. This foundation also makes possible the live demonstrations teaching us how to elevate our craft to art.

Drinks and Snacks

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Drinks</u>	<u>Sweets</u>
May	12 th	Sherri Wolfshol	Tom Canfield
June	9 th	Rolf Grimstvedt	Roger Arnold
July	14 th	Tony Adkins	????

Reminders

- **SWAT Update**-Hotel Registration is open, and **we still need VOLUNTEERS** for assistance in the video presentations.
- **Craft Supply**-Please get your orders in for us to reach our ordering minimum goal. We continue to struggle with our current Craft Supplies Club order. About 3 weeks ago, we had finally reached our \$1,000 threshold needed to receive our Club discount, free shipping, etc. I made a final check before placing the order and found that 2 big-ticket items were suddenly out-of-stock. Since COVID, Craft Supplies has discontinued taking any backorders and shipping them separately from the main order when the item is again in-stock. I know it's frustrating for everyone as well as for me. With the most recent out-of-stock items, our order total is back to about \$650. We will keep trying!
- **Klingspor**-Don't forget that the HCT participates in Klingspor's woodworking/woodturning discount program. This program gives members a 10% discount on most of their catalog items. To qualify for the discount, you must create an online account before placing your order. Additional details were recently sent to all HCT members.
- **Club Membership Information**-Our primary means of communicating with members is by way of e-mails. If your contact information changes, especially your e-mail address, please let Joe Johnson or Marcy Dunn know so you will continue receiving communications from the HCT.

Mason County Courthouse Fundraiser

Thanks to Marcy Dunn's tireless effort, the Mason County Courthouse Fundraiser is still active and having great success. Her editorial contributions to American Woodturner December 2021 and the Kerrville Daily Times of January 15-16, 2022 have been published and are at least in some part responsible for many donations including two \$500,000 donations. Thanks also go to the many members of the HCT for their turned artwork donations, keeping us in the limelight. Several of this month's show and tell items are earmarked for this fundraiser. Keeping this effort in the news is so important to the Mason County Courthouse effort.

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	281-961-1209	General
Tom Canfield	903-521-4526	All			

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