



# Shavings

Hill Country Turners  
Monthly Newsletter



May 26 2022

## Next Meeting June 9, 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.

### May Meeting

Announcements: We had a bit smaller turnout for the May meeting. However it was a good meeting with some great show and tell items were presented; see below. **Thank you Larry Turley** for the photography.



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Name Anna Richinsley  
Wood type @ Walnut @ Apron  
@ Box Elder & Cherry  
Comments: Dark-stain box  
(design by M.D. Long)

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Please note that the last piece was done by Roger Arnold for the **Mason County Courthouse** fundraiser.

## Major points reported

- Drinks and Snacks List
- Club Newsletter
- Interest in Turning Smocks
- Buckhorn RV Craft Fair
- SWAT Update (see below)
- 2023 Officers (see below)

## Treasurers Report

At our May meeting, we have about \$1,419 in our main operating account. We had a net income of about \$411 from the raffle and a membership renewal. Our expenses were a total of \$595. This was a check to KACC for 2022 affiliate membership dues (\$100) and meeting room costs (\$495).

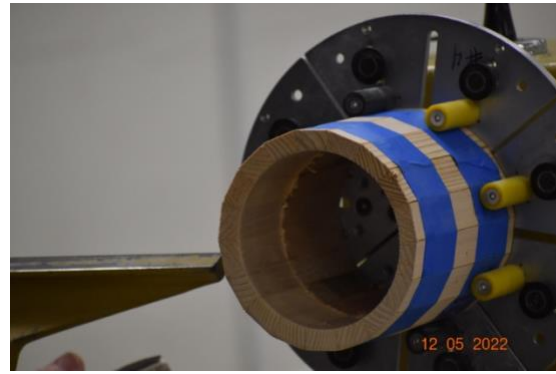
## Safety

**PROTECT YOUR LUNGS** At a minimum, have a dust mask available. There are many respirators on the market, most will fit under your face shield.

## Randy Larson Demo

Randy Larson provided the demonstration. He showed us his technique for turning STAVED Boxes. During the demo, he discussed the major tool options, table saw or router with table. The importance of a good angle gage to set angles, how to determine the number of staves, and how to assemble the staves into a usable box. (Think Beads of Courage Boxes) Thank You Randy Larson for the informative demonstration.





## Upcoming 2022 Calendar:

- **June 9<sup>th</sup> John Stegall** Demos "Trio of vases using a unique method"
- **July 14<sup>th</sup> Roger Arnold** Demos "Improve your lathe with extra storage"

## 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's donations helped us weather the Covid Crisis.

Also a special thanks to all of our **Officers** who got the club through the Covid years and kept us going. Those were tough times to find ways to have virtual meetings and demonstrations.

**Marcy Dunn** has worked hard on the Mason County Courthouse, and certainly deserves special mention and thanks from the club.

**Newsletter contributors** have helped put this newsletter out, with comments, notes, schedules and proof reading. It is a group effort with several moving pieces, and the final product is, we hope, a satisfactory letter.

## Drinks and Snacks

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Drinks</u>	<u>Sweets</u>
June	9 <sup>th</sup>	Rolf Grimstvetdt	Roger Arnold
July	14 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Adkines	John Stegall
August	11 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Lutman	Sue Bates
September	8 <sup>th</sup>	Debbie Walker	Joe Johnson
October	13 <sup>th</sup>	Loy A. and Kathy R.	Loy A. and Kathy R.
November	10 <sup>th</sup>	John Stegall	George Taylor

## **Reminders**

- **SWAT Update**-Host hotel registrations are open, and we still need **VOLUNTEERS** for video assistance in the Hill Country Turners demonstration room.
- **Club Newsletter**- If you are not receiving this newsletter, then it don't matter what I say here.
- **2023 Officers**- Please consider putting your hat in the ring for an officer position. Or nominating someone who would work for our club.
- **Craft Supply**- We finally reached our \$1,000 Club Order threshold and turned in our Craft Supplies order on Monday, May 22. Two things were very apparent in putting together our most recent order, 1) Craft Supplies (and probably other vendors also) are still having difficulty maintaining normal inventories . Many popular items have been out of stock for several weeks and in some cases, several months. 2) Like everything else in our lives, inflation is driving the prices of woodturning equipment and assessories up at a rapid rate. As an example, large Vicmarc Chucks have been out-of-stock for about 4 months. When they recently received new inventory, the price had increased \$20.
- **Klingspor**-Don't forget that 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 e-mail. 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 for this update: As of May 25, the massive steel girders were placed on the new supportive concrete collar on top of the Courthouse! It was tricky getting around the tall trees but the girders look beautiful, they are red! Things will start moving along once the building is dried in.

Tom Canfield and I have often delivered items to Mason; We have taken 36 bowls, many pens, cutting boards, key chains, bottle stoppers, vases and other art items to total 151 things in all! Wow. I'm still expecting about 10 more bowls. Yeah.

The large monetary donations were a fantastic surprise and bonus! We received three \$500,000 contributions and one for \$2,000,000 from a gentleman from New York City who grew up in Mason as a young boy.

These moneys help put us almost over the top of our goal, a little under \$20,000,000. We have surpassed my original goal of 20 bowls by almost half. Thanks to all of you who made multiple bowls and art pieces. It has been your generosity and tenacity and big hearts to make our project a roaring success.

This has been a "feel good" project for all of us and know that we all are being celebrated and appreciated by all the Mason people.



## 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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