



Shavings

Hill Country Turners
Monthly Newsletter



January 28, 2023

Next Meeting February 9th, 2023

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.

January Meeting

Announcements:

HCT still needs a **video volunteer** for next year's meetings. Please consider volunteering if your skill-set is appropriate.

Not pictured is Tom Whiting's wood drying kiln made from an old freezer and a 60 watt bulb. Also, Marcy Dunn showed a common dehydrator that had been converted to a drying kiln. Tom Canfield showed his jig to make a "tailswatter". How to clean a CBN wheel was also discussed. Scrub it with WD40 and a wire brush. Then use an old drill bit held by vice grips to clean away the residue.

We had a nice turnout for the January meeting. Several show and tell items were presented. Thanks to **Larry Turley** for photos of show and tell.



Don Gibson Layered Bowl. Walnut, purple Heart, Birdseye Maple



Don Gibson Unknown Burl



Don Gibson Ash



Tom Canfield Was a rough turned bowl raffle prize. Cedar Elm



Tom Canfield Tapered head, offset turned handle for antique Adz Red Oak



Ron Dittrich Demo in thin Mesquite



Rick Webster Pine



Rick Webster Unknown



Mitch Boerner 2nd Bowl ever. Mesquite

Joe Johnson Demo

Our January demonstrator was our own **Joe Johnson**. Joe demonstrated sharpening techniques for turner's tools. If you have a question on sharpening technique, Joe is the guy to call.



Joe setting up for the Demo



Showing the 2" gouge protrusion



Grinder set up - 2 CBN wheels and Wolverine jig



Gouge grinding



Relief grind



Platform angle jig



Skew attachment (top)



Skew attachment (bottom)

Joe's safety tip: **ALWAYS USE GUARDS** on the grinder when using stone wheels.

Joe discussed why he favors the use of CBN wheels rather than stone wheels. It's mainly because CBN doesn't wear out and change diameter with use. He uses a popular rig, the Wolverine system, and for gouges, he has two tool holders, one set up for bowl gouges, and the other set for spindle gouges. The distance the tool protrudes from the holder, 2", is the same for either gouge. He places a small pin through the arm for proper, repeatable jig arm length. He showed how to make a set up jig to set the platform angle for traditional bowl gouge grinds, shear scrapers and roughing gouges, which are then freehand ground. For skews, he uses a self-made attachment to the platform, draws a line on the wheel where the skew meets it, then adjusts the platform for proper contact.

February Meeting

1. Membership Renewals-We would like to thank everyone for continuing to support the Hill Country Turners through payment of their annual dues. To date, most everyone is current with their 2023 membership. Despite rampant inflation, we have been able to keep our annual dues at \$35 for individual and \$40 for family memberships.
2. Craft Supplies Order-It's been about 6 months since our last Craft Supplies order. Please let us know when you would like to put together another order. For new members, Craft Supplies gives us 10% off on any Club order exceeding \$1,000, free shipment, and no sales tax. You can find their online catalog at www.woodturnerscatalog.com

February Demonstration

“Tony Wedig will be discussing “Glues and their Chemistry”. This is bound to be interesting and informative.

Safety

Feelings. If you 'feel' unsafe, STOP! Find another way to solve the problem, or even call another turner for help (see the list of people willing to assist in this newsletter).

New Members

Welcome new members!! We are pleased to announce the following new members:
Mike Lanahan (San Antonio), **Kirk McElhinney** (Johnson City)

Upcoming 2023 Calendar

- **February 9th Meeting**
- **March 9th Meeting**
- **April 13th Meeting**

Special Thanks

As always, we thank the **Majestic Ranch Arts Foundation** for their support. Majestic Ranch Arts Foundation makes possible our equipment, and assists us with support for teaching via professional demonstration and workshops.

Drinks and Snacks

Date	Drinks	Snacks
Feb.9	Mimi Stidham	Tom Canfield
March 9	Randy Larson	Teena Larson
April 13	Rick Webster	Joe Johnson
May 11	Ron & Gay Dittrich	Kirk & Sue Bates

Reminders

- **Club Newsletter-** If any of y'all have any input for the newsletter, please send it along.
- **2023 Officers-** **The vice president position is open at this time.** If you are interested, please contact one of the officers for information.
- **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. At the beginning of each year, we send Klingspor a list of current members that qualify for their discounts. You can find their online catalog at www.woodworkingshop.com Klingspor is especially known for their high-quality sandpapers and abrasives.
- **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.

Mentoring

For new turners a special list of members eager to help them 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 this program. 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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The Hill Country Turners have a new email address that can be used by the public to inquire about Club activities. This address is monitored by a Board member. There has been a surprising amount of legitimate email directed to our account. Our email address is,

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