



Shavings

Hill Country Turners
Monthly Newsletter



March 30, 2023

Next Meeting April 13, 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.

March Meeting

Announcements:

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

The March meeting was well attended. Below are pictures of the show and tell items presented. Be sure to bring your latest creation to the next meeting!



Tom Whiting Chinese Pistache



Tom Whiting Box Elder



Mitch Boerner Mesquite/Epoxy



Mitch Boerner Walnut maybe



Mitch Boerner 7th Grade



Mitch Boerner Walnut maybe



Tony Wedig. OSB

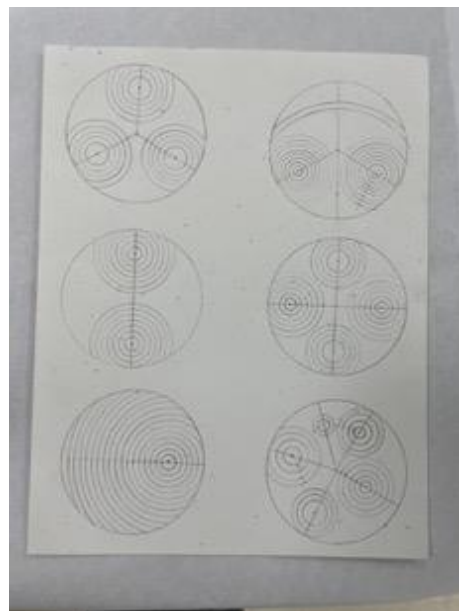
Randy Larson Demo

Our March demonstrator was our own **Randy Larson**. He demonstrated how to cut the lid for a “Hans Weissflog” style box.



Randy discussed the approach to this type of design. There are basically 4 steps.

- 1) Draw your design on paper (Later transfer it to harder paper to locate pin holes).



- 2) Make a jam chuck with pins. Several jam chucks are pictured in the center.



3) Turn the lid with holes to fit the jam chuck.



4) Make the lid first, then the box to fit the lid.



This was an excellent demonstration, full of techniques and tips. For example, use of a brad point drill helps precision. Use hot melt glue to help fix the work to the jam chuck. Turning speed is about 800 to 1,000 rpm. Cut the outside lid elements first. Hollow the lid from the bottom to 3/32". A more detailed instruction sheet was sent to all members after the demonstration.

Upcoming 2023 Calendar

April 13th Demonstration **Janice Levy**

Our demonstrator for the April meeting will be Janice Levi from Groesbeck, Texas. Many of our members may know Janice or have seen her demonstrations at SWAT or one of the AAW Symposia. She is known nationally for her woodturning skills and unique pyrography styles. Janice is also a sought-after instructor and routinely teaches at prestigious art and craft schools such as Arrowmont and John C. Campbell Folk School. Plan to come, it will be a fun and informative evening. Learn more about Janice at www.rightturnonly.com

May 11th Demonstration **Joe Johnson**

Joe Johnson will be doing a demonstration on Vacuum Chucking. The demonstration will cover the design, building and safe use of a vacuum system. He will also show how to build your own vacuum chucks and demonstrate how to use a vacuum chuck to remove the tenon and sand/finish the bottom of a bowl.

Safety

Safety tip: Its ok to go ahead and read the safety precautions that come with a new tool. Always wear your **P**ersonal **P**rotective **E**quipment.

New Members

Welcome **Mitch Boerner** from Fredericksburg as the newest member of Hill Country Turners

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
April 13	Rick Webster	Roger Arnold
May 11	Ron & Gay Dittrich	Kirk & Sue Bates
June 8	Kathy Roberts	Loy Arbaugh
July 13	Debbie Walker	Rolf Grimsveldt
August 10	Joe Johnson	Tim Lutman
September 14	Don Gibson	Larry Turley
October 12	Tony Aktines	Sherri Wolfshohl
November 9	Jerre Wlliams	Jerre Williams

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.
- **Craft Supply-** The last order was received and delivered. 'till the next one....
- **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.

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.

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Tom Canfield	903-521-4526	All			

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This from Tom Whiting

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If You Never Try, You Will Never Know

If you have been turning for 5, 10, 20 years, or longer, you are just beginning to understand the fascinating craft of woodturning. This might make more sense if you use an analogy of someone who had one year's experience twenty times.

Take the example of a baker who only makes one kind of bread over and over. The baker might be pretty good at making that one kind of bread but most folks wouldn't consider the baker a very good baker. While someone who makes several different kinds of delicious bread, bagels, cakes, pies, and muffins would be considered a thoroughly accomplished baker.

This, certainly does not suggest you give up making what you love, only that you add other types of projects into the mix. This way you can keep your craft alive, interesting, and growing. You might just consider adding embellishments such as pyrography, carving, texturing, or painting. Besides, the skills you learn by turning something different will carry over and make you even better at turning what you love.

Turners who may make mostly one or two objects, like bowls or pens, have tried turning spinning tops, bottle stoppers, pepper mills, and hollow forms – whatever. They may discover a completely new passion. You may want to try turning a few different kinds of projects. You might just be surprised at what you learn. If you are mainly a bowl-turner, try some spindle projects. If you are mainly a spindle turner, try some plates, platters, bowls, and hollow forms. Each time, you will learn and experience something more and broaden your capabilities.

It takes making more than a few of each of these “other projects”, to understand your new projects. As mentioned above, it takes a lot of any of these to get to the “I Get It” stage. When you look back at the first ones, they may seem a little clunky and disproportionate but they were fun and well worth your time and effort.

Besides, having an arsenal of quick easy projects that you are good at this is a great way to demonstrate turning to the public, or to introduce someone new to woodturning as a fascinating hobby or side business for a little extra income. Always be on the lookout to show someone how fun a wood lathe can be. Keep it simple and they will understand. Remember that wherever you go, there you are.

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