



# Shavings

Hill Country Turners  
Monthly Newsletter



May 28, 2023

## **Next Meeting June 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Announcements:**

- 1) **We still need a video volunteer or trainee.** If you have this interest or skill, please contact Tom Whiting or any club officer. HELP!!
- 2) **HELP!! We still need a Vice-President.** Please consider serving for our club.

### **May Meeting**

The May meeting was well attended and it was nice to catch up with friends. Below are pictures of the show and tell items presented. Be sure to bring your latest creation to the next meeting on June 8!



Randy Larson, Saturn Bowl, Cherry



Kirk Bates, Cigar Ash tray, Mesquite



Kirk McElhinney, Maple, one piece Coffee Scoop



Mike Lanahan, Purple Heart, Xacto Knife Holder



Mike Lanahan, Banskia Seed Pod Box,  
Purple Heart

## Joe Johnson Demo

Our demonstrator for the May meeting was Joe Johnson. He did a demonstration on Vacuum Chucking. The demonstration covered the design, building and safe use of a vacuum system. He discussed the building of vacuum chuck systems and demonstrated how to use a vacuum chuck to remove the tenon and sand/finish the bottom of a bowl. He reminded us to visit our website <https://hillcountryturners.org/> for all the information, found under the projects tab.





Pumps and various vacuum chucks



Diaphragm pump set-up with valving



Adaptor to connect vacuum pump to lathe headstock and vacuum chuck



Adjusting a platter's wobble under vacuum



Complete set up with rotary vane vacuum pump and vacuum adaptor

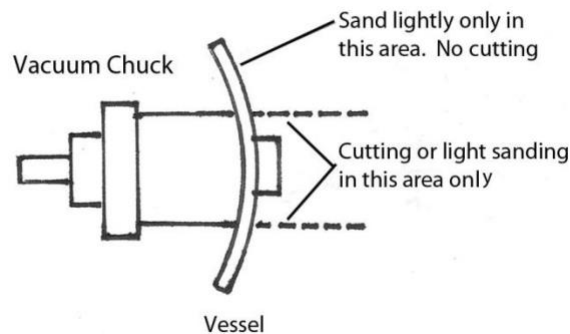
## Upcoming 2023 Calendar

### June 8<sup>th</sup> Demonstration

James Hampton will be the demonstrator for the June meeting, James will concentrate on spindle turning, including handles for various gift items. Christmas is coming, its not too soon to have this demo.

### Safety Tip

**Safe Area of Operation** – A vacuum chuck is neither designed nor intended for aggressive wood removal or power sanding of a partially completed item. This is best left to traditional holding methods. The best use for vacuum chucks is to provide complete, unobstructed access to the bottom of a vessel for final foot preparation, sanding and finishing. As a general rule, it is best to confine all work within the area covered by the chuck body.



### 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
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 Atkins	Sherri Wolfshohl
November 9	Jerre Williams	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 with 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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