



Shavings

Hill Country Turners
Monthly Newsletter



June 28, 2023

Next Meeting July 13th, 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.

June Meeting

We had a great meeting in June. Below are pictures of the show and tell items presented. Be sure to bring your latest creation to the next meeting on July 13th. It was mentioned that SWAT needs another team to sell raffle tickets and auction verification/item delivery. If you are interested in this contact Roger Arnold. It was also reported that Harold Dykes sold a segmented bowl for a tidy sum, so we know it can be done. Below are the show and tell items for June.



Randy Larson Zebra Saturn Bowl



Rick Webster Chip & Dip Bowl



Randy Larson Pear



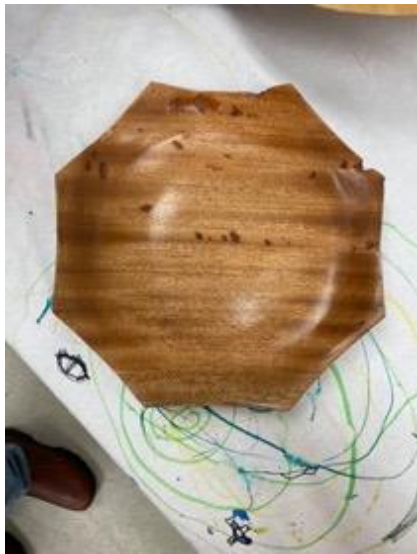
Randy Larson Oak Feb Ice Storm



Raul Peña Cherry Cephalopod



Tom Canfield. Zebra



Tom Canfield. Made from Khaya (aka African Mahogany). The bowl on the right was turned from the re-assembled corners of the 11' platter on the left. Pictured together in the center photo.



Frank Bortle, Box Elder



Frank Bortle's bowl. Bottom by Randy Larson. Stunning outcome from teamwork

In Memoriam



We recently learned of the passing of Charles (Chuck) Felton, a long-time member of the Hill Country Turners. For those who have been HCT members for several years will remember Chuck as a kind, caring, soft-spoken, and gentle person who was always ready to help newcomers. Chuck was a skilled turner and was always willing to share his knowledge with others. Our sympathies to his wife Liz and their extended families.

Demo

Our demonstrator for the June meeting was James Hampton. With Christmas gift making in mind, James did a demonstration on handle making for gift utensils, such as ice cream scoops, pizza cutters, and pigtail meat turners. The metal parts of these items are available from the vendors in kit form. He also did a unique “hidden” bottle stopper. Also described were methods for using less-than-perfect material.



Ice Cream Scoop



Decorated meat pigtail



Bottle stopper hidden inside

Upcoming 2023 Calendar

July 13th HCT Meeting

Topic-How to salvage your project

This meeting will feature how several members go about repairing and salvaging wood with defects that is to be turned or has already been turned. Tim Lutman will bring the equipment he uses to place inlays in cracked wood. There will be others to show us how they use various materials to both strengthen and highlight cracks. Joe Johnson will illustrate how he uses epoxy to hide unwanted defects. You are encouraged to bring a piece of less than perfect project wood if you would like ideas on how to best save it.

SWAT 2023-August 25-27

The deadline for online registration is July 31, 2023. SWAT is widely recognized as the best regional symposium in the country with an attendance second only to the national AAW Symposium. Also, SWAT is an outstanding value compared to most symposiums with a registration fee of \$175 which includes daily lunches. If you have never been to a SWAT symposium, give it serious consideration. You will not be disappointed.

This year's demonstrator lineup is outstanding and includes 7 nationally recognized and 15+ regional turners. To date, there are over 30 registered vendors with more expected to be added later. Included in the vendor lineup is our own Hill Country Woods. There will be many opportunities to satisfy your pent-up spending needs. If you would like more information check out the SWAT website at www.swaturners.org

Safety Tip

Roll sandpaper – DO NOT wrap rolled sandpaper around your fingers for a “better grip”

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
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 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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