



# Shavings

Hill Country Turners  
Monthly Newsletter



October 4, 2023

## Next Meeting October 12<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) **Tony Wedig New Vice-President!!!** Thank you, Tony for stepping up.
- 2) **Don Kaiser and James Hampton** have agreed to take over the A/V chores from Tom Whiting. Tom has handled our A/V work for several years and has now earned a well-deserved rest. Thanks Tom for all your past efforts.
- 3) **New Hill Country Turner Rack Cards** We are still trying to get photos of member turnings to making new HCT Rack Cards. So far we have received photos from one person. We would really like to showcasing the excellent work of our current members. If you have a good photo of a piece of your work, that's suitable for printing, sent the digital file to Joe Johnson at [johnsoj8a@stx.rr.com](mailto:johnsoj8a@stx.rr.com) If you have a nice piece of work, but no photo, bring it to our next meeting and Larry Turley will take an appropriate photograph. Over the years, these rack cards have attracted several new members. Cards can be found at KACC, Kerrville Chamber of Commerce, the Kerrville Convention & Visitors Bureau, and other places around town.

### September Meeting

We had a good meeting in September, with a nice turnout. Below (next page) are pictures of the show and tell items presented. Be sure to bring your latest inspiration/creation to the next meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>.



Tom Canfield, Urn, Mesquite and Masonia



Don Gibson, Shop Wood



Don Gibson, China Berry



Don Gibson, China Berry



Joe Johnson, Maple pepper/salt grinder

## September Demonstration

Our demonstration for the September meeting was James Carter, from the San Antonio Alamo Woodturners. His demo was “Making a Lidded Box Using Only Easy-Wood Carbide Tools”. James did a great demonstration and really showed us the versatility of the Easy-Wood tools. **Thank You James**



Hollowing the box



Sanding the box



Shaping the Lid



Embellish the Lid



Finished Box

## Upcoming 2023 Calendar

### October 12<sup>th</sup> Tony Aktines Demonstration

Our own Tony Aktines will be demonstrating turning Pinch Bowls. They're little Bowls, are about 2" diameter and a couple inches tall typically but you can vary them. They're mostly used for salt, pepper etc. while cooking. Some examples are shown below.



## **November 9<sup>th</sup> Demonstration TBA**

### **October 13<sup>th</sup> Ingram Elementary School Top Turning**

HCT needs volunteers for top turning. Lunch is provided. Please contact John Stegall for all the details. This is a great HCT tradition, please come and help out.

### **October 21<sup>st</sup> & November 4<sup>th</sup> Lathes-a-Turning Making Christmas Trees for Veterans**

Please mark your calendars for Saturday October 21 and November 4. Our downstairs area will have the "lathes a turning".

Our project is to make Christmas trees for the Veterans living at the Kerrville VA Hospital Nursing Home. A much older name for the facility was The Soldiers Home. Now it is called the Community Living Center or CLC for short. Unlike many nursing homes in the past, a Community Living Center resembles "home" as much as possible.

Veterans may stay for a short time, or in rare instances, for the rest of their life. It is a place where Veterans receive nursing home level of care, which includes help with activities of daily living (e.g., bathing and getting dressed) and skilled nursing and medical care.

50 Christmas trees will be made to add Christmas Cheer to the Veteran's rooms. If and when more Christmas trees are made, then they would be given to the VA Volunteers who help service the nursing home.

In 1919, the Kerrville VA Hospital was the first Veterans Hospital built in Texas. Currently only 100 Community Living Centers are in the United States with 7 in Texas.

Turning wood while bring joy to Veterans is a worthwhile project. Come and join us. Wood, encouragement, and advice is always appreciated.

Contact is Tony Wedig. His contact information is below.

### **Safety Tip**

**Direction of turning** – When operating in reverse, unless you have a locking chuck, it may spin off the headstock.

## Special Thanks

We would like to give a special thanks to Mike Magrill for his donation of two Jet Mini Lathe, chucks, and other accessories to the Hill Country Turners. This is much appreciated and they will be put to good use.

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
October 12	Tony Aktines	Joe Johnson
November 9	Jerre Williams	Jerre Williams

## Reminders

- **Club Newsletter-** If any of y'all have any input for the newsletter, please send it along.
- **Craft Supply-** It has been several months since our last Craft Supplies order. Are you ready for another order with the holidays approaching? Remember, we need a total Club order of \$1,000 to qualify for free shipping, no sales tax, and a 10% discount. Let Joe Johnson or one of the other officers know if you are interested or have questions.
- **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, here is a special list of Club members eager to help you along with your 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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