



Shavings

Hill Country Turners
Monthly Newsletter



November 3, 2023

Next Meeting November 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.

Announcements:

New Members – Our newest HCT member is **John Jenkins** from Comfort. The next time you see John, introduce yourself and welcome him to the Club.

Membership Dues – We will begin collecting 2024 membership dues during our November meeting. Dues will be the same as last year, \$35.00 for an individual membership and \$40.00 for a family membership. We welcome cash or checks but prefer checks. Unfortunately, we are unable to take credit cards at this time.

Christmas Dinner – Our annual Christmas dinner will be held on December 14th at the YO Hotel and Convention Center on Sidney Baker Street. This will again be a buffet dinner with 2 or 3 meats, a salad, several holiday sides, a dessert selection, and a beverage of your choice. The cost will be \$27.00 per person and includes tax and gratuity. As always, spouses, significant others, or a friend is welcome. You may pay for the Christmas dinner along with your dues at the November meeting.

Craft Supplies Order – Our Craft Supplies orders are going slowly. To date (11/1) we have received two orders for a total of \$200. The total order to qualify for Club discounts and free shipping is \$1,000. If we haven't made substantial progress towards the \$1,000 minimum order by November 21, we will need to defer the order until after the holidays.

Thank you - **James Hampton** for helping with the A/V work.

November Drinks and Snacks -- **Jerre Williams** signed up to provide both.

December Newsletter – There will be no December Newsletter, as there is no December meeting. Also please note that the newsletter is a collaboration of the editor, the membership, and the officers. Everyone is encouraged to contribute newsletter items.

October Meeting

Plenty of familiar faces were present, with a nice turnout. Below are pictures of the show and tell items presented. Be sure to bring your latest inspiration/creation to the next meeting on November 9th. Please inspire us with your Christmas decoration turnings.



Don Gibson, Burl



Don Gibson, Mesquite



Don Gibson, Canary Wood



Don Gibson, Spalted Pecan

October Demonstration

Our demonstration for the September meeting was Tony Aktines, from good old Hill Country Turners. His demo was “Making Pinch Bowls”. **Thank You Tony!!** Note the different chuck adaptors in the last two photos.





Ingram Elementary Science Day (Oct. 13)

The Hill Country Turners once again participated in the Ingram Elementary School annual “Science Alive” day on October 13. We brought out the pedal lathe and a mini lathe and turned finger spin tops for grades 3 through 6. The school staff treated all participants to a fabulous buffet lunch. The HCT members who attended were John Stegall, Roger Arnold, Wendell White, Marcy Dunn, Walt Mooney, Don Gibson, Larry Turley, and Joe Johnson. It was a fun event; please consider participating next year.





Upcoming 2023 Calendar

November 4th

Please mark your calendars for Saturday 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 bringing 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.

November 9th

Our demonstrator for November will be Jerry DeGroot. Jerry is a past member of HCT and has demonstrated for us several times. Jerry has also been a featured demonstrator at SWAT. If you have never seen a Jerry DeGroot demonstration, you are in for a real treat.

Safety Tip

Ventilation – Adequate ventilation is required when painting. This time of year we close our doors and windows, but care is required when painting, sanding, and finishing.

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
November 9	Jerre Williams	Jerre Williams

Reminders

- **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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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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