



Shavings

Hill Country Turners
Monthly Newsletter



January 30, 2024

Next Meeting February 8th, 2024

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. **New Members** – Welcome **Glenn McGehee** from San Antonio as our newest member. The next time you see **Glenn**, introduce yourself and welcome him to the Hill Country Turners.
2. **Membership Dues** – The 2024 membership dues are due. The dues are \$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.
3. **Craft Supplies Order** – Our Craft Supplies new order date to be determined
4. **Docent Needed** - HCT provides a docent as part of our obligation to the Arts Center. We need volunteer.
5. **Tom Canfield** - Special notice Tom needs help with Texas Ramp, a group who builds ramps for the handicapped.
6. **Accounting** - HCT is financially healthy.
7. **Audio Visual is going to be updated** – We understand that KACC has received a grant to upgrade the AV system in our meeting room. Timing is uncertain.
8. **Marcy D. Dunn** received a great (and only) Christmas gift from her husband, a log loader. Unfortunately, the editor lost the picture she sent.....

In Memoriam

We recently learned of the passing of Ronald (Ron) Mohr on December 21, 2023, in Fredericksburg, TX. Ron had been a member of the Hill Country Turners for several years and was known for his big smile, inquisitive nature, sense of humor, and skilled craftsmanship. An obituary can be found at <https://www.schaetter.com/obituary/ronald-ron-mohr> Our condolences to those left behind.



January Meeting

We started the new year with many members present at the January meeting. Below are pictures of the show and tell items presented. Be sure to bring your latest inspiration/creation to the next meeting on February 8th, 2024. Please inspire us with your latest turnings



Tom Whiting-Pear



Tom Whiting-Bradford Pear.



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Raul Pena-Cherry



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Randy Larson-Mesquite w/maple inlay



Randy Larson-Mesquite



Randy Larson-Pecan



Tom Canfield-Wig Stand Lumber

January Demonstration

Our demonstration for the November meeting was George Taylor, from Hill Country Turners. He had two demonstrations. “Turning a Live Edge Bowl-Clamshell Effect” was the first demo, followed by “Inlay Techniques Using Natural “Turquoise”. George provided many helpful tips and techniques, along with important safety skills. Definition: A “live edge” bowl still has some bark remaining. When all bark is gone, but the edge is untouched, it is called a “natural edge bowl”.

Live Edge Bowl



George setting up, the mesquite on a screw chuck



Beginning to scatter chips



The wings are created



Hollowing the bowl

Tips

- 1) The tool rest may be driven out of position from impact during early stages of this type of turning.
- 2) Consider using a parabolic bowl gouge, use a sharpie to mark a longitudinal line down the center of the gouge. Rotate the gouge until you don't see the line.
- 3) Be careful to cut the tenon so it has the proper shoulder and flat.
- 4) Leaving mass in the center of the bowl side helps stabilize the bowl.
- 5) "Pivot" through the cut.
- 6) As you Traverse from side to the bottom, raise the cut a bit then drop back to center.

Using Natural Turquoise for Inlay



Turquoise smasher

Tips for Mineral Inlay

- 1) Use a burner to widen crack, then turquoise (or other mineral) “pops”.
- 2) Use two coats of cheap shellac to protect the work from CA glue “stain”.
- 3) Mash the turquoise into the crack, then glue.

Upcoming February 2024 Calendar

February 8th, 2024

Our demonstrators for February will be a different mix of information. First, Ronny Lawson is going to give his demonstration on how he sees a bowl inside the wood. This is great information for all of us. Second, a representative of the Dietert center will discuss their **Meals on Wheels** program, and HCT is planning to make bowl as a fund raiser for the **March for Meals**.

Fundraiser

Dust off the bowl gouges and prepare for a new fundraiser. The recipient of the bowls we make will be the Dietert Center. Bowls will be auctioned to provide funding for their Meals on Wheels program. Let’s hope we have the same success as Marcy’s Courthouse project.

Safety Tip

Stay BEHIND the tool rest – This especially important while turning inside bowls.

2024 Drinks and Snacks

Date	Drinks	Snacks
Feb 8	Tim Lutman	Loy Arbaugh
Mar 14	Randy Larson	George Taylor
April 11		Tom Canfield
May 9	Wendell White	Tony Atkines
June 13	Debbie Walker	Roger Arnold
July 11	Tony Wedig	
Aug 8	Kirk and Sue Bates	Ron and Gay Dittrich
Sept 12	Rolf Grimstvedt	Larry Turley
Oct 10	Don Gibson	Anna Rachinsky
Nov 14		

Reminders

- **Club Newsletter-** If members have any input for the newsletter, please send it along.
- **Craft Supply-** Current order is on hold until after the new year.
- **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

The following members have volunteered to be club mentors. If you have a woodturning or tool/equipment question, call one of these individuals. They would be happy to help.

Name	Phone	Specialty
Roger Arnold	830-866-3670	Shop Practices
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Tom Canfield	903-521-4526	All
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