



# Shavings

Hill Country Turners  
Monthly Newsletter



January 30, 2024

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

| <b>Name</b>   | <b>Phone</b> | <b>Specialty</b> |
|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| Roger Arnold  | 830-866-3670 | Shop Practices   |
| L.A. Cude     | 901-355-7046 | Lacquer Finish   |
| James Johnson | 830-895-4170 | All              |
| Tom Canfield  | 903-521-4526 | All              |
| George Taylor | 972-824-0550 | Bowls            |
| Raul Pena     | 830-634-2545 | All              |
| Joe Johnson   | 281-961-1209 | All              |
|               |              |                  |

## Hill Country Officers

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