



Shavings

Hill Country Turners
Monthly Newsletter



February 28, 2024

Next Meeting March 14th, 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 **Rogelio (Roger) Gomez** from San Antonio as our newest member. The next time you see **Roger**, introduce yourself and welcome him to the Hill Country Turners.
2. **Membership Dues** – The 2024 membership dues are due. The dues will be \$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 a volunteer.
5. **Tom Canfield** - Special notice Tom needs help with Texas Ramp, a group who builds ramps for the handicapped. Contact Tom at 903-521-4526 if you can help.
6. **Accounting** - HCT renewed our Club liability insurance for 2024/2025. The annual cost is currently \$446.00.
7. **Audio Visual** – KACC is in the process of replacing and upgrading our AV system. Hopefully this project will be completed in the near future.

In Memoriam

We are sad to announce that Johnny Jones, a long-time Hill Country Turner member passed away on 2/5/24 after a long illness. Johnny was a talented woodworker and woodturner and was always willing to share his knowledge, talents, and time with his fellow HCT members. As president of the Majestic Ranch Foundation, he was instrumental in helping the HCT financially survive the Covid-19 pandemic. Johnny smiling face with his ever-present cowboy boots and unlit cigar will be missed. RIP



February Meeting

We had a great turnout for the February meeting. Below are pictures of the show and tell items presented. Be sure to bring your latest inspiration/creation to the next meeting on March 14th, 2024. Please inspire us with your latest turnings



Tom Canfield. Mimosa



Don Gibson, Mesquite



Tom Canfield. Bradford Pear. Oil
and Renaissance Wax

Fundraiser March for Meals



Paige Sumner from Dietert Center discussed the Center's need for a fundraiser to benefit their Meals on Wheels program. This program provides both nutrition and nurturing for seniors in need. There will be a "Soups On" dinner and both a live and online auction for our donated items. A separate mailing was sent to all members describing the program in more detail. Please consider turning a few of your favorite items for this worth while program.

March Demonstration

Our demonstration for the March meeting will be **Tom Canfield**, from Hill Country Turners. Tom will show us his method for making a **“Wig and Hat Stand”** for cancer patients who are undergoing chemo. Completed stands can be donated to local treatment centers.



Upcoming Demo

At our April meeting, John Stegall will show us “A Bowl from a Board”

Safety Tip

Breath dust free air – Control your dust via dust collection, or reduce dust by sanding with oil, wax, or other alternate methods

SWAT Update

Southwest Association of Woodturners (SWAT) Annual Symposium August 23, 24, 25, 2024

Kathy Weir is our new SWAT representative. Below are her note from the recent SWAT meeting in Waco.

Gary Beers (1st Vice President) resigned for personal reasons. Daniel Schauer (was 2nd Vice President) will take his place. Greg Stehle (was Member-at-Large) will fill the 2nd Vice President position. A new Member-at-Large will be voted on at the August meeting.

The Ornamental Turners will merge their annual symposium with SWAT this year.

Registration includes: Access to all demonstrations, access to all vendors, daily lunch, and access to the Woodturners' Art Gallery. Registration does not include Banquet Tickets nor the Demonstrator Handbook (hardcopy version).

A Robust American Beauty Lathe with all the extras will be the grand prize!!

Hotel (Hilton and Marriot) room bookings for SWAT will open 2/19/2024.

SWAT Online Registration will open 3/4/2024.

2024 SWAT Registration Cost

Individual \$190
Spouse \$125
One Day \$125
Student \$50
Saturday Night Banquet \$35 per person
Additional Lunch Ticket \$25 per day

Club Scholarship available (cost of registration only) (*Contact Kathy for information-ed.*)

Registration office will open Thursday (noon to 5:00p), Friday (7a to noon), Saturday and Sunday (between rotations)

You are our best advertiser. Be sure to share a link to the SWAT page on your social media! Their website is <https://www.swaturners.org>

2024 Drinks and Snacks

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

Reminders

- **Club Newsletter-** If members have any input for the newsletter, please send it along.
- **Craft Supplies-** 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 previously 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
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

HCT Officers

Office		Phone	Email
President	John Stegall	830-828-0859	
Vice President	Tony Wedig	575-921-6317	
Treasurer	Joe Johnson	281-961-1209	
Secretary	Marcy Dunn	830-739-8797	
Past President	George Taylor	972-824-0550	
Newsletter	Tim Lutman	830-688-3149	
SWAT Rep	Kathy Weir	210-508-1397	
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