



Shavings

Hill Country Turners
Monthly Newsletter



April 25, 2024

Next Meeting May 9, 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. **Docents Needed** – As part of our membership in KACC, we are asked to support their docent program. We need volunteers. It's a rewarding and fun experience.
2. **Texas Ramp Project** - Tom Canfield needs help building ramps for the physically impaired folks in our community. Consider volunteering for this worthy cause. Contact Tom at 903-521-4526 if you can help.
3. **Finances** – Our bank balance as of the end of April is \$4,611. The only expenditure during the past month was for our website hosting cost.
4. **New Rockler Store** – Joe Lambert, the owner/manager of the new Rockler store in San Antonio stop by our April meeting to introduce himself and invite everyone to visit the new store at 309 Northwest Loop 410, San Antonio. All Hill Country Turner members will be given a 10% discount on most all items in the store.
5. **SWAT Update** – Our SWAT representative, Kathy Weir, has reported on the latest SWAT registration updates. Read Kathy's update in it entirety on the last page of this newsletter.

April Meeting

Below are the April Show and Tell items. We like to see what members are doing. Bring your new work to the next meeting for all to see.



Roger Arnold – Bois 'd Arc & Mesquite



Roger Arnold – Walnut & Epoxy



Tom Whiting – Black Walnut & Resin



Tom Canfield – Boxelder Repair



Barbie Holton – Quilted Maple



Roger Arnold – Bois 'd Arc & other

Dietert Center Fundraiser – Update

The Meals-for-wheels fundraiser was a great success with over \$5,000 raised. The Hill Country Turners donated over 30 pieces of wood art and every item was sold. The Dietert Center was so impressed with the success of this event, they would like us to participate in another Meals-for-wheels fund raiser next year.

April Demonstration

Our demonstrator last month was our very own **Tony Wedig**. Tony gave an excellent demo on the history of carbide tools, how best to use some of the more popular carbide tool shapes, and the pros and cons of using carbide tools versus HSS tools. Below are a few pictures from his demonstration.



May Demonstration

At our May meeting, Randy Larson will be demonstrating off-center turning techniques. Off-center turning has gained popularity as a means of adding interest to otherwise mundane spindle turned projects. I think you will find Randy's demonstration very interesting. Below are a couple of pictures showing typical off-center turned objects.



Special Veterans Recognition

(This is a follow-up to the announcement at the April meeting)

Each Hill Country Turner Veteran member who served at any time on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, regardless of location, during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975 is eligible to receive a Vietnam Veteran lapel pin and personalized certificate on behalf of a grateful Nation.

Our own Marcy Dunn is a member of the local Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter, and she and another executive member will be at the Hill Country Turners meeting room to bestow a lapel pin on each veteran in attendance the evening of **Thursday, May 9, at 6:00 pm**. The ceremony will be before our regular meeting.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is actively looking to honor each Vietnam Veteran era, man or woman, who qualifies for this award.

I already have some Veterans signed up to participate, but don't want to miss anyone. PLEASE notify me if you would like to be included. I need your name and what area of the Armed Forces you served.

Time is short. Contact me ASAP so we can have your personalized certificate ready and your very special lapel pin. Contact Marcy at marcyrdowney@yahoo.com or 830.739.8797 mobile phone.

Johnny Jones Boot Auction

Johnny Jones widow, Deanie, donated a pair of Johnny's unique cowboy boots to be auctioned at a club meeting with the proceeds being donated to the HCT in Johnny's name.



The bidding was fast and furious, but Jimmie Weir won the day. Wear them in good health Jimmie.

Safety Tip

Eye Protection is a Must!!!! – Don't even think about stepping behind a spinning lathe without proper eye protection. Minimum protection should be *ANSI Z87.1* rated safety glasses with side shields. High quality full face shields will offer even better eye protection along with good impact resistance.

2024 Drinks and Snacks

Date	Drinks	Snacks
May 9	Wendell White	Tony Atkines
June 13	Debbie Walker	Roger Arnold
July 11	Tony Wedig	Marcy Dunn
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

Mentoring

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

Name	Phone	Specialty
Roger Arnold	210-287-4571	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

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Southwest Association of Woodturners (SWAT) Annual Symposium

August 23, 24, 25, 2024

Online Registration Deadline: July 31, 2024 @ 10:00pm

SWAT Online Registration – **Pre-registration significantly better than At-the-Door!** (Swaturners.org)

	Pre-registration	At-the-Door
Individual	\$190	\$300
Individual & Spouse	\$315	\$475
One Day (Individual)	\$125	\$175
One Day (Individual & Spouse)	\$200	???
Student (Age 10 to 18)	\$50	???

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).

Refunds are subject to a \$25 termination fee.

No Refunds after August 1, 2024.

Other Items:

Saturday Night Banquet \$35 per person

Lunch Ticket \$25 per day

T-shirt \$16

Polo shirt \$27

Denim Shirt \$35

****NEW**** SWAT Turning Smocks \$50

3 for 1 Drawing Tickets

10 for \$10 (\$1 each)

30 for \$25 (83¢ each)

60 for \$50

90 for \$75

100 for \$80 (80¢ each)

(Last year on-site 120 for \$100 -- 83¢ each)

****Top Prize: Robust American Beauty Lathe with all the extras****

Hotel (Hilton and Marriot) room bookings for SWAT are open.

Club Scholarship available (cost of registration only). Contact a Club officer, or Kathy.

To picking up your pre-registration packet, or purchasing other items

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!