



Shavings

Hill Country Turners
Monthly Newsletter



May 16, 2024

Next Meeting June 13, 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. **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.
2. **Finances** – Our bank balance as of the end of May is \$4,791. Deposits were from three 2024 membership payments. There were no expenditures during the past month.
3. **SWAT Update** – Detailed 2024 SWAT registration information is shown on the last page of the Newsletter. The only change from last month is the deadline for ordering SWAT Turning Smocks is July 16. SWAT will be ordering these smocks from Craft Supplies USA.
4. **New Member** - Welcome **Edwin Johnson** from Kerrville as our newest member. Edwin was a member of HCT many years ago. The next time you see Edwin, introduce yourself and welcome him back to the Hill Country Turners.

May Meeting

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



Don Gibson – Spalted Hackberry



Walt Mooney – Pecan



Don Gibson - Maple

May Demonstration

Our demonstrator last month was our very own **Randy Larson**. Randy gave us an excellent demo on the theory and application of off-center or multi-axis spindle turning. What was most impressive was his ability to break down a very complicated subject into smaller understandable parts. If this demo tweaked your interest in learning more, check out Barbara Dill book, Multi-Axis Spindle Turning.



June Demonstration

At our June meeting, Tom Whiting will be demonstrating his approach to making urns. Tom has probably made more urns than anyone in our turning group. Many of his design techniques are unique. If you have ever thought about turning an urn for a loved one, or even yourself, don't miss this demonstration.

June Raffle

The Hill Country Turners have had a long history of having a couple of tool and equipment raffles each year. These raffles have proven to be lots of fun and generate a nominal amount of money which helps the HCT offset expenses and keeps annual membership dues low. The rules are simple,

- You may buy as many raffle tickets as you want. Tickets are \$1 each. No volume discount.
- You must be a member in good standing to participate in the raffle.
- A member may only win two items, but may refuse an item if they already own something similar.

We will send out a communication closer to the June meeting date listing many of the items that will be in the raffle.

Special Veterans Recognition

The national chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has an ongoing program to locate and honor all active U.S. Armed Forces members, regardless of location, during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975.

Nine members of the Hill Country Turners were recognized and received a special lapel pin and personalized certificate to commemorate their service. The presentation ceremony was held before our regular May meeting. Presenting the awards was Suzanne Faught, 1st Vice Regent of the local DAR chapter and our own Marcy Dunn. One of our members lives south of Houston and will be contacted by the Local DAR chapter in his area.



L to R: Jimmie Weir, Mike Magrill, Tony Wedig, Jim Whisnand, John Stegall, Roger Arnold, Jimmie Walker, James Johnson

Safety Tip of the Month

Air Compressors – Do you turn off your air compressor when you leave the shop? If not, Perhaps you should. Many folks leave their air compressors always plugged in. This could allow the pressure switch to turn on the compressor if you had a small air leak and it drops the tank pressure below the setpoint. Imagine what might happen if your air system developed a major leak such as a ruptured hose or line. If you were away from home, the compressor could run constantly for hours to maintain the setpoint pressure. The compressor could overheat, and possibly catch on fire. Just to be on the safe-side, unplug your air compressor when you leave the shop for the day.

2024 Drinks and Snacks

Date	Drinks	Snacks
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 (The deadline for ordering is July 16)

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 pick up your pre-registration packet, or purchase other items

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

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