



# Shavings

Hill Country Turners  
Monthly Newsletter



**June 27, 2024**

## **Next Meeting July 11, 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. **Finances** – Our bank balance as of the end of June is \$4,791. There were no new deposits or disbursements since our June meeting.
2. **SWAT Update** – The most recent 2024 SWAT information is shown on the last page of this Newsletter. SWAT has also begun issuing a monthly newsletter in the months leading up to the actual SWAT event. A link to the July newsletter is shown on the last page.
3. **Mason Court House Rededication** – As noted in an earlier email, the rededication of the new Mason Court House will be July 13, 2024 at 11:30 AM followed by an open house from 1 PM to 3 PM. All HCT members are invited.
4. **Club Raffle** – The Board decided to postpone the next raffle until the September meeting since attendance is generally higher after the summer vacation months.
5. **New Recumbent Peddle Lathe** – Plans for making a new peddle lathe was presented by Roger Arnold. Our old peddle lathe has served us well for many years and at different venues around the area. The main disadvantage of the current lathe is the size which restricts its use by smaller kids. The new lathe would be adjustable and better suited for smaller kids. By a show-of-hands, the membership approved plans to design and construct a smaller peddle lathe.
6. **Snacks & Drinks** – Many thanks to Tony Wedig and Marcy Dunn for volunteering to bring drinks and snacks to the July meeting.

# May Meeting

Below are the June Show and Tell items. Apologies for the photo quality since our photographer, Larry Turley was on vacation.



Don Gibson - Walnut Vessel



Don Gibson – Laminated Bowl



Don Gibson – Spalted Vessel



Don Gibson – Acrylic Pen



Chuck Fishel  
Shop Made Steady Rest



Randy Larson – Wig Stands



Mike Magrill – Elm Bowl



Owen Malbec – Oak Bowl



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## June Demonstration

Our demonstrator last month was Tom Whiting who shared his unique approach to making urns. Tom has made many urns for family and friends and has developed a technique for using a Ring Master to accurately cut stackable rings from various species of flat boards. These rings are stacked and glued. The glued-up vessel is then hollowed in two halves. The halves are then glued back together, finished, and decorated.



## July Demonstration

Our July demonstration will feature James Carter from the San Antonio Alamo Woodturners. James is an expert in the use of Easy Wood tools. He will show us how to make a bowl similar to the one shown below and embellish it with easy to make beads. Adding a few beads is always a great way to make plain grained woods look better.



## Safety Tip of the Month

Lathe safety was discussed prior to the start of our June meeting. All of these safety tips are important and worth repeating.

- Don't wear any loose clothing or dangling jewelry such as long earrings, bracelets or rings while turning.
- Always wear closed-toed shoes to protect your feet.
- While sanding a well fitted N95 paper mask is the absolute minimum protection.
- Eye protection is not optional while turning.
- Before turning on your lathe, make sure, a) the speed is set to low, b) the wood will clear the tool rest, c) to check around the lathe, including the floor for any items that could get caught in a spinning lathe, and e) everyone, including any shop visitors are out of the "line of fire".

## 2024 Drinks and Snacks

Date	Drinks	Snacks
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 folks. 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

## HCT Officers

**Should you need or want to contact any Hill Country Turner officers, you can use the phone numbers or new email addresses shown below**

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## SWAT Update

IF YOU ARE ATTENDING SWAT 2024, PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR SPOUSE OR PARTNER.

Are you coming to Waco for SWAT 2024 with your spouse? Spouse registration includes meals and entrance to the exhibits and sessions. If the spouse is not interested in the demonstrations, they do not have to pay the spouse fee. They will need to buy the lunch(es) and dinner tickets separately.

Activities for Spouses have been part of the woodturning conference for the past ten years. Volunteers from the Spouses group schedule fun, creative activities Friday-Sunday. Participants can learn new skills and make new friends.

We're currently looking for instructors/leaders to add to our Activities for Spouses. We need individuals who could teach small painting projects, wreath-making, paper crafts, crochet, jewelry, knitting, embroidery, genealogy, or other hobbies. Participants usually pay a nominal fee to cover the cost of materials.

We currently have teachers signed up to teach basket weaving, authors to discuss their books, making custom coffee mugs, paper crafts, and many other things. If you have anything the spouses would like to work on, we have a room set aside to just sit and do your crafting, crocheting, knitting, etc.

To volunteer to teach, contact Marie Mills [lakeview6416@yahoo.com](mailto:lakeview6416@yahoo.com)

We need participants too. Register for Spouse classes in mid-July on the SWAT Website or on Facebook (SWAT Activities for Spouses) using a link to Sign-Up Genius. Or sign up at our table near the Registration windows at SWAT. The camaraderie we share expands year after year. Come join us!

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You can find the latest version of the SWAT Newsletter at the following link.

<https://www.swaturners.org/support-files/newsletter-july-2024.pdf>