



# Shavings

Hill Country Turners  
Monthly Newsletter



July 31, 2024

## **Next Meeting August 8, 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 July is \$4,791. There were no new deposits or disbursements during the past month.
2. **SWAT Update** – The most recent 2024 SWAT information is shown on the last page of this Newsletter. SWAT has been issuing a monthly newsletter in the months leading up to the actual SWAT event. The August newsletter is shown on the last page.
3. **Club Raffle** – The next raffle will be at the September 12. Please consider donating any new or lightly used turning items. We will have lots of tools, wood, and Klingspor sandpaper.
4. **New Recumbent Peddle Lathe** – Plans for making a new peddle lathe continues. Raul has donated a couple bikes and Roger Arnold is spearheading the project. 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. Roger is requesting help in constructing this smaller peddle lathe. Please contact Roger Arnold, as any skills you have will be appropriate for this project.
5. **Pens for Veterans** – John Stegall volunteered to make pens for veterans, the pens will be made from walnut, mesquite, and maple.
6. **Snacks & Drinks** – Many thanks to Kirk and Sue Bates and Ron and Gay Dittrich for volunteering to bring drinks and snacks to the August meeting.

## July Meeting

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



Mike Magill - Elm



Don Gibson - Bowl from  
a board



Joe Johnson - Elm not Ash



Don Gibson - Parting tool  
guide

## July Demonstration

Our demonstrator last month was James Carter from Easy Wood Tools who turned a poplar bowl. The nice thing about a professional demonstration is that the demonstrator usually shows tools which we could add to our arsenal. James did not disappoint. He showed how to safely use various carbide tools, including round, square, point and beading tools. He also showed the time saving Easy Wood chuck with its quick-change jaws. Some of James' tips were to rock the beading tool slowly while cutting. Sanding sealer can strengthen bowl bottom fibers. **Thank You James Carter**



## August Demonstration

Our own Larry Turley will be showing some “Shortcuts to Success” with some pen turning techniques. He has learned some simple ways to turn the pens. Thanks Larry

## Safety Tip of the Month

Leave your safety shield on the lathe so you are certain to wear it during your next session.

## 2024 Drinks and Snacks

Date	Drinks	Snacks
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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### Additional SWAT Information

SWAT is just around the corner. For the latest information on demo schedules, current list of vendors, and other related activities, go to the SWAT website at,

<https://www.swaturners.org>

You can find the August addition of the SWAT Newsletter on the following page.

An important item not shown in this version of the SWAT newsletter is that mobility scooters are available for rent by the Convention Center. The cost is \$50 per day. Call 264-750-5810 to reserve.



# SWAT NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

This is the third newsletter that has been sent in as many months. It will also be the last one before our symposium arrives in August. As with any new endeavor, there are kinks to work out. Lenny Nederveld, our tireless editor, has put lots of time and effort into this project and we believe that most of the kinks are worked out.

As advertised on our website, our registration will cut off on July 31st. Afterwards the only way into the demonstrations will be to pay the higher priced fees at the registration window. If you know that you want to attend, please register ahead of time. It will save you some money and guarantee that you will receive your lunch. Another item that you should check out is the rotation schedule that is on the website. There won't be printed schedules available (except in the handbook), but you can find the schedule on the website and print it out before you arrive. We also will have QR codes displayed in various locations that will give you a direct link to the rotation schedule. If you are like me and want to have a hard copy in your hands, please print it out before arriving.

The deadline for logo ware, including the new SWAT turning smocks, has already passed. A few extra polos, tees, denim shirts and turning smocks were ordered. There certainly won't be enough for everyone, but you might get lucky and find one in your size. You will probably have to wait until Saturday to see what stock is available, though. If all works out well, we will have a new vendor that sells coffees, teas, pastries and perhaps some sandwiches. He is hoping to be set up Thursday morning. This is a new venture for us, so give him a shout out and try some of his treats.

See you in Waco,  
Pam Thompson  
SWAT President 2024

## Registration Is Open Logo Wear is Not

**Reminder:** Online registration is open until **Wednesday July 31, 2024** for \$190.00. After July 31 registration can be completed only at the event but is increased to \$300.00 in order to accommodate for extra food, etc. To register go to <https://www.swaturners.org/> and click on "SWAT Registration" ordering logo wear is removed from the registration site. Unfortunately ordering at the event may not be available.

The problem using Safari to register is still an issue. Scroll way down and find the small "Submit" button and click it. Better yet use another browser besides Safari.

## Volunteers Needed

James Desbrow needs assistance with the hands-on pen turning booth. He would like at least one hour of your time, or as much as you can give him. All you need is the time as he will provide everything else. Contact James at [liljim9747@aol.com](mailto:liljim9747@aol.com)

Also, thanks to everyone that volunteered to assist Marie Mills with the Spouses events. All is well there.

## What's in Store this year

There are **29 demonstrators** lined up for the symposium. Check the Facebook page for information on each of them. See the link to our Facebook page in the footer. So far, we have **48 vendors** registered for this year! See the list on page 2.

## Beads of Courage

The Beads of Courage (BOC) that SWAT has participated in for years has run its course. It is no longer a viable project due to our cancer hospitals' ability to store our boxes. They are now using smaller cloth bags that can be stored in a drawer. If you or your club has a hospital that still wants BOC boxes, Bravo, please continue! We are exploring other avenues of service. In the meantime, if your club finds a service project, please notify me so that we can explore all options. Thank you for all your contributions over the years. I know it has meant so much to the children and their families.

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## Thursday Lunch

Lunch on Thursday will be served **ONLY** for registration and Ops volunteers. Vendors, room preparers and others will need to get theirs in the area. There may be a food vendor available in the Convention Center.

<https://www.swaturners.org>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555716497913>

The SWAT Symposium is held annually at the WACO Convention Center in Waco, Texas