



Shavings

Hill Country Turners
Monthly Newsletter



September 6, 2024

Next Meeting September 12, 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 August is \$4,791. There were no new deposits or disbursements since our August meeting.
2. **Club Raffle** – The next raffle is at this next meeting, September 12. Please consider donating your unused items, tools, wood. We have tools, wood and Klingspooor sandpaper. Please see below for more details.
3. **New Recumbent Peddle Lathe** – Plans for making a new peddle continue to be made. 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.
4. **Pens for Veterans** – John Stegall volunteered to make pens for veterans, the cylinders to be made of walnut, mesquite or maple.
5. **Snacks & Drinks** – Many thanks to Rolf Grimstvedt and Larry Turley for volunteering to bring drinks and snacks to the September meeting.

August Meeting

Show and Tell

There were no show and tell items in the August meeting

August Demonstration

Our demonstrator last month was Larry Turley. Larry demonstrated some of his favorite techniques on pen turning. Unfortunately, we have no further information on his demonstration. **Thank You Larry Turley**

September Demonstration

September demo features a collaboration of John Stegall and Tony Wedig. John Stegall will be turning a Christmas ornament tea lantern. Tony is going to demonstrate how to finish it. Sounds like great timing on this one so we have plenty of time before Christmas to make these gifts.

September RAFFLE

Semi-Annual Raffle – Mark it on your calendar and make sure you attend our September meeting. We will be having our next raffle, and we have lots of goodies that you would like to have. A few examples are, 1) some really high-quality bowl blank along with lots of blanks for our pen turners and small item makers, 2) several lightly used woodturning tools, 3) four boxes of Klingspor premium sandpaper, 4) never used tool handles made by long-time member Uel Clanton, 5) many other desirable and useful items. If you have any lightly but seldom used woodturning tools, consider donating them to the raffle. Income from the raffle helps defray the cost of having future outside demonstrators, support other club activities such as building a new peddle lathe, and helps keep annual membership dues at our current low levels.

Safety Tip of the Month

Safely secure your workpiece to the lathe. Understand how to best secure the wood on the lathe for the project. This goes back to training and understanding the capabilities of the hardware and potential hazards. Assess the diameter of your stock and run the lathe at a recommended RPM. With variable speed lathes, start at a lower RPM and work your way up, checking to see if your workpiece is seated and aligned properly. Also, check and make sure everything is locked tight on your lathe — chucks, tailstock, tool rest, etc.

Shop Items I Would Not Want to be Without

From Tim Lutman:

WHEELS in a SMALL SHOP

I have recently downsized, as well as added some shop equipment. I faced the space problem many of us have, and answered it by placing wheels on equipment and work benches. Having done so, I can shift the bulky tools and benches to allow use of the desired tool.



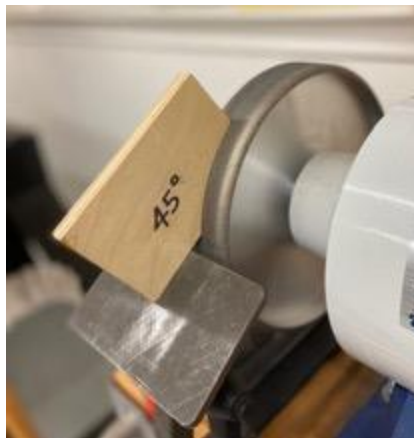
Wheels added to bench



Wheeled sled added to bandsaw

From Joe Johnson:

1. Shop Made Grinder Angle Finder – I use these shop-made plywood jigs to set the platform angle on my grinder. I have jigs for a few of the common platform settings to grind my scrapers, spindle roughing gouges, and various other tools. I think the picture is self-explanatory. I use this 45° jig for sharpening my spindle roughing gouges.



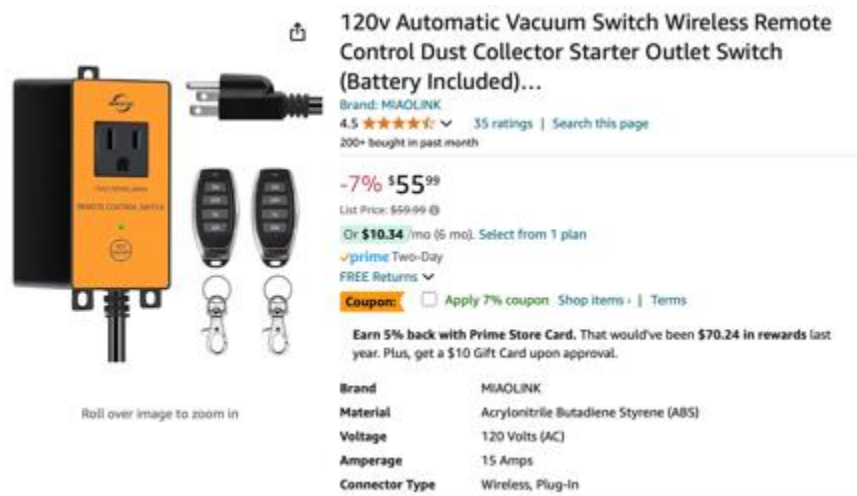
Grinder angle finder

2. Chuck Tenon Go/No Go Gauges – It frustrating when making a tenon to fit in your chuck and find out it's either too big or little. With these simple little gauges, you can avoid these problems. These were made by my son-in-law on his laser printer out of scrap plastic.



Chuck Tenon Gauge

3. Wireless Remote for my Dust Collector – Not too long ago, I broke down and bought a wireless remote switch for my dust collector. I should have done it years ago. I now can quickly turn my dust collector on and off as needed. In the past, it was an effort to walk over to the collector and turn it on or off. As a result, it was often “off” when it should have been “on”. It’s now “on” more often when it’s needed. I got one from Amazon for \$50 and it came with two remote fobs. Pictured is the one I purchased, but you can find them for as little as \$30.



Wireless remote switch

2024 Drinks and Snacks

Date	Drinks	Snacks
Sept 12	Rolf Grimstvedt	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

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