



# Shavings

Hill Country Turners  
Monthly Newsletter



May 1, 2025

## Next Meeting May 8, 2025

### 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. **SWAT** –If you have never been to SWAT, consider going this year. It will be a memorable experience. SWAT is just around the corner and will be held at the Waco Convention Center on August 22-24. The last day for online registration is 7/31/2025. Please be advised that SWAT is looking for regional demonstrators. Also, a new “Member At Large” will be selected at this years’ event, and this person will advance through the leadership positions at SWAT. Additional information is shown on the last page of newsletter.
2. **AAW Symposium** – This year’s annual symposium will be held in St. Paul, MN on June 12-15. This is the world’s largest gathering of woodturners and attracts attendees from across the USA, Canada, and many foreign countries. If you’ve never been, it’s an eye-opening event.
3. **Snacks & Drinks** – Many thanks to **Randy Larson** and **Chuck Fishel** for volunteering to bring drinks and snacks to the May meeting.
4. **Hunt School** – The board approved a turning demonstration for the Hunt school at their upcoming "**Science Alive**" event on **May 19th**. This special day is dedicated to bringing science to life for their students through engaging presentations, hands-on activities, and interactive demonstrations. We will have both the new peddle lathe and a Mini lathe in action turning tops for the students. It’s really a fun and rewarding event. **Volunteers needed**
5. **Christmas Project** – This year will include an ornament turning project taking place over several months. Watch for details
6. **Turning Contest** – Entries due at the upcoming meeting. It is a fun challenge and we look forward to seeing the artistic results. (Please see Challenge Rules on page 6)

## April Meeting

The April meeting was very well attended and featured another great demo by James Carter of Easy Wood Tools. His demo showed how to make a pendant, including off-center blocks for the detailed pendants. Various Easy Wood tools were presented, including flat point diamond, round point diamond, round and a beading cutter. The quick-change jaw chuck was shown. Thank You **James Carter**. Inspiration for this pendant came from a video by Ron Kanne. Photos by Larry Turley



Jigs for holding work



Beading tool



Carbide tool alignment



Various stages of the pendant, both sides shown of finished project

# Show and Tell

Photos by Larry Turley



Tom Whiting, big leaf maple and walnut



Joe Johnson, walnut



Tom Whiting, Corian



Joe Johnson, Koa found at Goodwill and re-turned



Tom Canfield, pine with biscuits for crack repair

## May Demonstration

Joe Johnson will be doing a demonstration on how to make woodturning videos using readily available and inexpensive equipment. The emphasis will be on “cheap and Simple”. As they say in the old TV commercial, “Even a cave man/lady can do it”. This could be helpful to those who ever had a desire to make and post a YouTube video, create “how to” videos for other clubs or venues, or just impress your grandkids. Included will be several lessons learned and mistakes to avoid. If all the electronic equipment works as planned, Joe will show a short video he made on how to turn a simple bowl for the Dietert Center’s Meals-on-Wheels auction.

## Safety Tip of the Month

**Carbide tool alignment. Know the centerline of the project.** Carbide tools function best when aligned at the centerline of the work.

## 2025 Drinks and Snacks

Date	Drinks	Snacks
May 8	Randy Larson	Chuck Fishel
June 12	Debbie Walker	Roger Arnold
July 10	Tony Atkins	Barbie Holton
Aug 14	Tim Lutman	George Taylor
Sept 11	Debbie Walker	John Stegall
Oct 9	Don Gibson	Loy Arbough
Nov 13	Tom Whiting	Randy Larson

## 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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# HCT Challenge Rules

## Club Turning Challenge

**Object:** Make a candle holder. The candle holder may hold any type or number of candles. Any design is allowed. 90% of the project needs to be turned, decorative carving and drilling is allowed.

**Material:** A single 2x4 pine construction lumber 4 feet long. The lumber can be cut, glued, turned and finished into any shape.

**Prizes:** \$25, \$15 and \$10 gift certificate to What-A-Burger will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

**Format:** All entries will be placed on a table and given an identification number. Every club member will be given a rating sheet.

**Time Frame for Contest:** All entries will be judged after announcements and before the club demo on **May 8**. During the club demonstration the results will be tallied and winners announced at the end of meeting.

**After the Contest:** If possible, all entries will be donated to the KACC as a fundraiser. The KACC will display the candle holders, explain the challenge and items to be purchased. All proceeds will go to the KACC.

### RATING SHEET

Place the entry identification number of the candle holder of your choice in the blank. 1st is your first choice, 2nd is your second choice, 3rd is your third choice and 4th is your fourth choice to win. An identification number can only be used once per rating sheet. Look, walk about the table, and rate the entries.

NO candle holder may be touched, held or moved.

Place your completed rating sheet in the basket at end of table.

1st) \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd) \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd) \_\_\_\_\_ 4th) \_\_\_\_\_

## SWAT INFORMATION

SWAT logo ware is NOT available for purchase at-the-Window. So, order your stuff today...yes, now. Right now.

### 2025 logo ware and neat stuff

 T-Shirt	 Polo Shirt	 Denim Shirt
 Smock	 Coasters (set of 4)	 SWAT Pen Blank
 All in 1 travel Mug \$20 22 oz Capacity (500ml) \$20		

### SWAT Demographics

Could you please help SWAT? The Convention Center is trying to estimate the economic stimulus that SWAT brings to Waco each year. By answering a couple of questions at the bottom of the registration form, you'll help us determine the impact and give us negotiating leverage when it comes time to renegotiate the Convention Center contracts for the upcoming years. Plus, we can qualify for a huge discount from the City of Waco.