



Shavings

Hill Country Turners
Monthly Newsletter



June 5, 2025

Next Meeting June 12, 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. See additional information on the last page of the 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 **Debbie Walker** and **Roger Arnold** for volunteering to bring drinks and snacks to the January meeting.
4. **Hunt School** – See pictures
5. **Christmas Project** – This year will include an ornament turning project taking place over several months. Watch for details
6. **Show and Tell** - You must identify (sign) your item in order to be included in the newsletter and the website archive. We have two unknown this month. No unidentified items next month.
7. **James Johnson** - will be having a tool and wood sale at his house on Saturday and Sunday, June 14 & 15. Save the date. Additional details will be sent to all HCT members in a separate email.

In Memoriam



We recently learned of the passing of Jerre Williams, a long-time member of the Hill Country Turners on May 8th at the young age of 87. For those who have been HCT members for several years will remember Jerre as a kind, caring, soft-spoken, and gentle person with a wry sense of humor. Jerre was a skilled turner and was always willing to share his knowledge with all who wanted to learn. Jerre leaves behind many legacies for members to enjoy. He created and was long-time editor of the first HCT's electronic newsletter. He also created our first HCT website and was its Webmaster for several years. Jerre will be missed by all. To learn more about Jerre's amazing life, check out his obituary <https://grimesfuneralchapels.com/memorialpage.asp?id=26753>

Hunt School

We had a good bunch turn out for the Hunt school event, 5/19/25. Not pictured is Don Gibson, photographer.



May Meeting

The May meeting had a good turnout. The “Candle holder from a 2x4” Challenge was judged, results below.

Turner’s Challenge Results

Photos by Larry Turley



Randy Larson, 2nd Place



Tom Canfield, 2x4
First Place 25-1/4”



Tim Lutman, Pine
2x4 3rd Place

Show and Tell

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Joe Johnson, 2x4
pine



Wendell White,
Maple, Purple Heart
Padauk, Walnut



Wendell White, Maple,
Purple Heart unfinished



Randy Larson, Wig Stands

Historical Interest Item

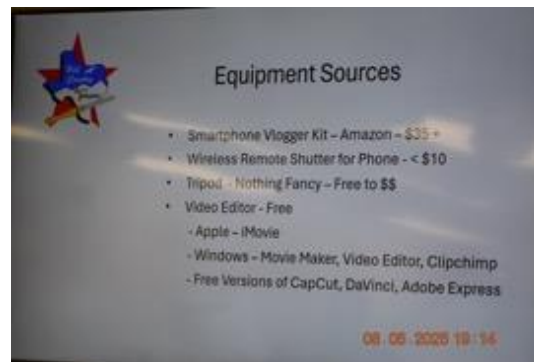


Tulip Poplar from the Thomas
Jefferson Monticello Estate

This beautiful piece was turned by Kirk McCarley in 2010. It was purchased by a friend of Joe Johnson that lives in Charlottesville, VA and gifted to Joe that same year. The backstory is the Tulip Poplar was diseased and had to be removed for fear it would fall on the Jefferson Monticello home. Part of the tree was donated to a local woodturning club to make items for the Monticello gift shop. The tree is estimated to be about 275 years old.

May Demonstration

Joe Johnson showed us how to make woodturning videos using readily available and inexpensive equipment. Included were several lessons learned and mistakes to avoid. Joe showed a short video he made using the demonstrated equipment on how to turn a simple bowl (for the Dietert Center's Meals-on-Wheels auction.)



June Demonstration PROUD WAVE BOWL

Randy Larson will present phase 2 of his wave bowl turnings. This how-to will result in an apparently extruded wave form known as the “Proud Wave Bowl”. DON’T miss this one. Randy’s demo will be informative with plenty of tips and tricks

Safety Tip of the Month

Concentration **Concentrate on the task at hand.** Maintain your focus while the machines are working. A split-second lack of focus can spell disaster for the work piece as well as bodily harm.

2025 Drinks and Snacks

Date		Drinks		Snacks
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

Office	Name	Phone	Email
President	Tony Wedig	575-921-6317	president@hillcountryturners.org
Vice President	Tony Wedig	575-921-6317	vicepresident@hillcountryturners.org
2 nd Vice President	Roger Arnold	210-287-4571	vp2@hillcountryturners.org
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Past President	John Stegall	839-928-0859	pastpresident@hillcountryturners.org
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HCT Website			www.hillcountryturners.org



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Officers for 2026

At the next Board of Directors meeting during SWAT the members of the Executive Committee for 2026 will be elected. The current nominees are based on current Executive Committee (EC) officers moving up one Position. The only missing name is for member-at-Large.

We need a nominee(s) for Member-at-Large. This can be someone you know who you think would be an asset to SWAT, or it can be a self-Nominee.

The Board of Directors will vote on the EC officers for 2026 at the August Board of Directors meeting which is normally held Saturday afternoon during the SWAT symposium.

Please contact Tom Beatty for information or to ask Questions at 817 919 6685 or tyawaydad@gmail.com

The present nominations for officers are given below:

President	Buddy Compton
Vice President	Greg Stehle
2nd Vice President	Brian Schrader
Past President	Pam Thompson
Treasurer	Dave Marshall
Secretary	Stormy Boudreaux
Member-at-Large	TBD



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Secretary	Stormy Boudreaux
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2025 Demonstrators

National Demonstrators:

Sally Ault	Turn & Embellish a Top Box
	Make a Crack into a Feature
Jerry Bennett	Segmenting is Fun if You Know How
	Sculpture Direct from Your Table Saw & Lathe
Lyle Jamieson	Foundations of Hollow Form Turning
	Thin-Walled Goblet
Mike Mahoney	Quarter Sawn White Oak Platters
	Hollow Heirloom Salt/Pepper
Matt Monaco	Traditional Open Ceramic Style Vessel
	Advanced Skew Work
Mike Nish	Coin Box
	Birdhouse Ornaments
Toni Street	Creating Polymer Clay Pens
	Millefiori Pens with Different Materials

Regional Demonstrators:

Alan Stratton	Turning a Pumpkin Box
Anne Ogg	Honey, I Shrank the Antiques
Charles Tucker	Designing & Creating Custom Canes
Clayton Thigpen	Garden Fairy
Gary Rock	Wooden Top Birdhouse Ornaments
James Carter	Spindle Basics
James Duxbury	Magical Morse Taper
Jim Bob Burgoon	Flask with Decorative Medallions
Keith Robinson	Embellished Lighthouse
Lenny Nederveld	Hidden Hazards of Woodturning
Linda Jane Ferber	Turn a Wig Stand
Lionel Bedard	Multiple Axis High Wing Natural Edge Bowl
Mark Wallace	3 or 6 Sided Rose
Paul Russell	Barely There Vase
Paul Tiefel	Topsy Snowman
Steve McNeil	Copper Lidded Box
Todd Raines	Elevated Candy Dish - Natural Edge

Registration and Hotels

Individual registration for the entire event is \$190.00 and includes lunch each day. Online registration at this rate is available until July 31. After this date you must register at the door for \$300.00.

Hotels next to the convention center are the Hilton Hotel and Courtyard by Marriott. These rooms are filling up fast. Each has a special rate for the Symposium

Hilton Waco is next to the Convention Center
254-754-8484

The Courtyard is next to the Hilton
254-752-8686

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Additional Hotels in the Area

There are several new hotels close to the Convention Center. There is also an event at Baylor the same weekend so make your reservations early.

- Residence Inn by Marriott Waco**
501 University Park Drive, I-35, Exit 335B
- La Quinta Inn & Suites Baylor Waco**
911 South 10th Street, I-35, Exit 334 & 334A
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites**
101 Taylor St. I-35, Exit So MLK Blvd
- Even Hotel (by IHG)**
110 So MLK Blvd. Exit I-35 at So MLK
- Hotel Indigo Waco – Baylor**
211 Clay Ave, I-35 Exit 335A
- Hotel Herringbone**
319 S. 4th Street, I-35 Exit 335A
- AC Hotel Waco Downtown**
600 Mary Ave, I-35 Exit 335A
- Hotel 1928**
701 Washington Ave, I-35 Exit 335A
- Aloft Waco Downtown**
900 S 11th St, I-35 Exit 335A
- Comfort Suites Waco - I-35**
810 I-35 North, I-35, Exit 338A
- Home2 Suites by Hilton Waco**
2500 Bagby Avenue, I-35, Exit 333A
- Best Western Plus Waco North Bellmead**
1502 I-35 North, I-35, Exit 338B
- Element Hotel Waco**
2200 Robinson Drive
- Comfort Suites Baylor University Waco**
2700 La Salle, I-35, Exit 333A
- Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott North**
4257 I-35 North, Exit 339
- Hampton Inn Lacy Lakeview**
4259 North I-35, Exit 339
- Holiday Inn Northwest Waco**
1801 Development Blvd, I-35, Exit 339 & 340
- Quality Inn & Suites South Waco**
2410 South New Road, I-35, Exit 331
- Candlewood Suites Waco**
2700 South New Road, I-35, Exit 331

This Year's Logo Items



New Items for This Year!



The 3 for 1 Raffle

There are three opportunities to win some great prizes by purchasing raffle tickets!
The first opportunity is at the opening ceremony on Friday morning. The winners can receive a midi latte or an Arrowmont scholarship. **SO, BE THERE EARLY!!!**
The second raffle is at the banquet Saturday evening. Featuring 30 pieces of gorgeous wood art.
The final raffle will be Sunday at lunch. This will include turning tools, wood, a scholarship to Arrowmont and ... yes ... LATHES!
Start buying those raffle tickets now!



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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.

Thank you,

SWAT President

Per our SWAT Representative Kathy, the hotels adjacent to the conference center are full. Other accommodations are available within a short drive

SWAT officials mentioned that they have the largest quantity of registrations for this lead-time ever, so this will be a great year.