



Shavings

Hill Country Turners
Monthly Newsletter



July 5, 2025

Next Meeting July 10, 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** – 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. After that the admission for the weekend is \$300. Additional information last page of newsletter
2. **Snacks & Drinks** – Many thanks to **Tony Atkin** and **Barbie Holton** for volunteering to bring drinks and snacks to the July meeting.
3. **Top Turning – July 14th** we are scheduled to make tops at the First Presbyterian Church on Earl Garrett at Jefferson here in Kerrville. We will set up beneath the oak tree. They promised electricity & a large fan. It runs from 1:00-3:30ish.
4. **Christmas Project** – This year will include an ornament turning project taking place over several months. Watch for details
5. **New Rack Cards**- We are almost out of rack cards at KACC. We are in the process of designing and printing new ones with an updated and more modern style. Hopefully, they will be ready by the August meeting.
6. **Inventory Reduction**-Roger Arnold and George Taylor are still needing to get rid of excess inventory. Roger has a bunch of good Mesquite and some other species that he's giving away. George still has a few nice shop items that he's either giving away or selling at a ridiculously low price. See Roger and George if you are interested and need more details.
7. **Newsletter**-Our newsletter is later than normal this month due to internet outages that have affected those involved in it publishing and distribution. **It's difficult to put into words the heartbreak and sorrow that has come from the horrific flooding that has devastated Kerr County and so many of our surrounding communities. Please keep all our neighbors and visitors in your thoughts and prayers while they contend with this unimaginable tragedy.**

Show and Tell

Photos by Larry Turley



Don Gibson Hackberry (?)



Don Gibson, Box Elder



Randy Larson, Box Elder



Walt Mooney, Critters for SWAT Tables various wood



Walt Mooney, Ash Wave Bowl



Walt Mooney, Ash Box separately turned "wave"



Walt Mooney, Ash Wave Box



Tim Lutman, Mesquite



Tim Lutman, Mesquite

Historical Significance

Photos by Larry Turley



Roger Arnold repaired this antique cobbler's stool/bench with new turned legs

June Demonstration

Randy Larson present phase 2 of his How-To wave bowl turnings. Randy showed an extruded wave form known as the “Proud Wave Bowl”. Thank You **Randy Larson**



Pressing the dummy protrusion into place



Use of a drill bit “stop collar” for re-turning depth control

July Demonstration

Tom Canfield will discuss how he turned the tall candle holder which was the winner in the “candle Holder from a 48” piece of 2’x4’. This is a complicated turning with several types of turning included.



Safety Tip of the Month

Clothing and Jewelry Wear close-fitting clothing, tuck in shirts, tie back long hair and beards, and remove any loose jewelry or dangling items that could get caught in the rotating parts of the lathe.

2025 Drinks and Snacks

Date	Drinks	Snacks
July 10	Tony Atkines	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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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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1 st V. Pres.	Buddy Compton
2 nd V. Pres.	Greg Stehle
Memb. @ Large	Brian Schrader
Past Pres.	Tom Beatty
Secretary	Stormy Boudreaux
Treasurer	Dave Marshall



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.