



Shavings

Hill Country Turners
Monthly Newsletter



August 5, 2025

Next Meeting August 14, 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 will be held at the Waco Convention Center on August 22-24. The last day for online registration has passed. Registration at the door for the weekend is \$300. Additional information last page of newsletter
2. **Snacks & Drinks** – Many thanks to **Tim Lutman** for volunteering to bring drinks and snacks to the August meeting.
3. **Christmas Project** – This year will include an ornament turning project taking place over several months. Watch for details
4. **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 September meeting.
5. **Dietert Fund Raiser**- Marcy Downey Dunn with Tom Canfield's help have cut over 20 bowl blanks of cypress and other FW (flood wood). They have cut 20 large pieces of cypress that are too big to bring Thursday night. They are available at my home carport. Also at the river, I am offering any other wood that is already pushed into piles. As much as you want, Big and small, all kinds. I will bring the precut bowl blanks to the meeting Thursday night. These blanks are for the folks participating in the turned bowl project that we will be donating funds to a worthy cause. This project is similar to the one we did for the Mason County Courthouse a couple of years ago. Contact Marcy to schedule a time to pick up wood.
6. **Mulberry wood**- Tim Lutman will have mulberry wood at 5:30 prior to the meeting. He will be across the street in the courthouse parking area. Its green, its big and its heavy beautiful wood.
7. **Save the Date**- We will be involved with the **Oktoberfest, October 3-5**. Watch for details
8. **Save the Date**- We will be involved with the **Waterstreet Festival, October 26**. Watch for details

Show and Tell

Photos by Larry Turley



Don Gibson, Maple



Harold Dykes, mixed wood



Mike Magrill, Elm



Tim Lutman, Box elder



Mike Magrill, Elm



Randy Larson, Proud wave bowl

July Demonstration

Photos by Larry Turley

Tom Canfield discussed 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. The octagonal base, the inside-out segment, and digital gage for accurate angle cuts. Thank you, Tom Canfield.



August Demonstration MAGIC

John Stegall will perform some MAGIC for us. Magic #1 will be some **SHADOW TURNING** as he performs the layout, and turns a sphere using the shadow technique. Then Magic #2 will be turning the sphere into an owl. This is going to be a great demo and you don't want to miss this.

Safety Tip of the Month

Holding the work There are many ways to hold the work. LOOK CAREFULLY each time you mount a piece in your lathe. If you have the slightest doubt about the strength of your method, step back and consider alternatives. Or you could contact one of our mentors for an additional opinion. Do not injure yourself or your project with a poor hold.

2025 Drinks and Snacks

Date	Drinks	Snacks
Aug 14	Tim Lutman	Tim Lutman
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
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
- Jerry Bennett Make a Crack into a Feature
- Lyle Jamieson Segmenting is Fun if You Know How
- Mike Mahoney Sculpture Direct from Your Table Saw & Lathe
- Matt Monaco Foundations of Hollow Form Turning
- Mike Nish Thin-Walled Goblet
- Toni Street Quarter Sawn White Oak Platters
- Traditional Open Ceramic Style Vessel
- Advanced Skew Work
- Coin Box
- Birdhouse Ornaments
- 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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The SWAT Symposium is held annually at the WACO Convention Center in Waco, Texas