



Shavings

Hill Country Turners
Monthly Newsletter



December 8, 2025

Next Meeting January 8, 2026

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. **Snacks & Drinks** – Many thanks to **the HCT officers** for volunteering to bring drinks and snacks to the January meeting.
2. **Christmas Project** – This year will include an ornament turning project taking place over several months. Watch for details
3. **Dietert Fund Raiser-** Marcy Downey Dunn with Tom Canfield's help have cut over 20 bowl blanks of cypress and other FW (flood wood). Also at the river, Marcy is offering any other wood that is already pushed into piles. As much as you want, big and small, all kinds. This wood is for the folks participating in the turned bowl project that we will be donating funds to a worthy cause. Contact Marcy to schedule a time to pick up wood.
4. **Christmas party Dec. 11.** Bring Christmas items for VA hospital, the party will be held at the YO in Kerrville. More details to follow.
5. **Woodturning Class** This March we will be offering an "introduction to wood turning" class through the Dietert Center's Club Ed and it will appear in their Spring education catalogue. Hopefully, this will increase our membership and give us a stronger presence in the community.
6. **Membership Dues** They are now \$50 a year, as approved by membership, which will cover our increased costs.
7. **Swat Update** will be August 28, 29, 30. Registration will be \$230, spouse \$150, and a booth starts at \$400

8. Y.O. RANCH HOTEL CHRISTMAS DINNER BUFFET

*Chef's Choice of Seasonal Vegetables
Hot Rolls and Butter
Iced Tea and Coffee Service*

*Salads: Tossed Green Salad Holiday Ambrosia
Starches: Rice Pilaf Mash Potatoes/ Gravy*

*Entrees: Sirloin Steak with Demi Glaze
Chicken Cordon Bleu w/Cream Sauce
Salmon al Fresca*

Deserts: Bourbon Pecan Pie Pumpkin Swirl Cheese Cake

You may pay at the door if you wish to enjoy this festive dinner

The \$40 price includes the required 24% gratuity and 8.25% sales tax.

November Demonstration

Kathy Roberts presented a wonderful demonstration of basket illusion bowl design and construction. With her favorite wood, sycamore, she showed several basket designs. Also shown were ornaments and platters with carved centers (basswood for easy carving). Kathy did recommend the D-Way beading tool, and showed the proper beading tool presentation. She also mentioned the tiny chuck from Record power she uses on ornaments. Sanding "twigs" were a neat sanding device. For inks, Archival ink is ok, but offers limited colors, however replacement pens can be purchased. Color pens from Chromatek have many color choices, but replacement pens are unavailable. **Thank You Kathy**





Burning the design



Index plate and pencil platform



Marking using pencil platform



Bead cutting



Bead cutting

Results of all the preparation and finishing the basket weave illusion



Ornament



Carved top platter



Covered Basket



Bowl shaped Basket weave



Vessel with woodburning decoration

Show and Tell



Tom Canfield, Walnut,



Tom Canfield, Magnolia



John Stegall, Found wood



Kathy Roberts, Cypress Floodwood



Chuck Hischel, Floodwood



Owen Malbec, Ash



Owen Malbec, Maple



Don Gibson, Cypress Floodwood



Don Gibson, Cypress Floodwood



Don Gibson, Sale
Wood

Dietert Fundraiser

(Photos by Marcy Dunn)

Marcy has sold 12 bowls with proceeds going to KACC for \$1,875.00. Additional bowls have been sold as well. Marcy received two thank you letters from KACC and Dietert Center for our donations of money for the sale of Flood Wood Bowls. They were very grateful for the income. Pictured is another bowl for donation.



Tim Lutman, Cypress,
chrome diopside, copper

Safety Tip of the Month

Use care when heating the shop. Remove fire hazards, and only use a safe heat source.
Fumes can kill!

2026 Drinks and Snacks

Date	Drinks	Snacks
Jan 8	Officers	Officers

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

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