



Shavings

Hill Country Turners
Monthly Newsletter



March 9, 2026

Next Meeting March 12, 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. Sign-up sheet to be **re-circulated**. Thanks to Tim Lutman and Tony Atkins for providing refreshments for the March meeting
2. **Demo sign-up**. A sign-up sheet will be **re-circulated** for your demonstration. Please consider helping the club with your HOW-TO demonstration.
3. **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.
4. **March 14, Saturday Turn-Together** There will be a Turn-Together the Saturday after the next meeting. And any project you are doing is welcome, or maybe use Tom Canfield’s lidded box demo for inspiration? Be sure to bring your tools and material. If you are short on material, please advise.
5. **Swat Update** See on SWAT, last pages of this newsletter.

Dietert Fundraiser



We donated a great selection of items for this successful fundraising special event. Per Paige Sumner of Dieter, over \$2500.00 was raised before the auction even started. Attendance was over 100 people, all items sold, and there were out of town bidders as well. A final report will be in next month's HCT Newsletter. Thanks to all the contributors, let's make next year even better!

February Demonstration

Don Gibson presented information on the HCT Facebook Page. For some of us this is a new way to spread the word, so as to attract interest in the club. If you have a Facebook account, click on the link (Words that say "Hill Country Turners" below to take you to our page. **Thank You Don** for all your efforts.



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facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/HillCountryTurners)

Show and Tell



Reggie Hock



Tom Canfield, Fir



Tom Canfield, Fir



Randy Larson



Tom Canfield, Fir



Tom Canfield, Fir



Tim Lutman



Tim Lutman



Reggie Hock



Clark Oster

(Note from editor: On some pieces I was unable to be positive on assigning correct artist to artwork. There are probably some errors. Please help by signing your work, and leaving a note on the piece for photography.)

March Demonstration

Kathy Hampton Weir will be presenting a demonstration on making a salt cellar. This is a useful item in many kitchens, and makes a great gift too.

Safety Tip of the Month

Always consider the many ways a tool or machine can hurt you, and do 2 things. (1) Wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment, and (2) Adopt a safe plan/approach for use of the machine/tool.

2026 Drinks and Snacks

Date	Drinks	Snacks
Mar 12	Tony Atkins	Tim Lutman
Apr 9	John Stegall	Tom Canfield
May 14	Wendall White	
June 11	Debbie Walker	Barbie Holton
July 9	Reggie Hock	Reggie Hock
Aug 13		
Sept 10		Kathy Weir
Oct 8	Don Gibson	
Nov 12	Joe Johnson	

2026 Presentations

Date	Demo	Presenter
Mar 12	Salt Cellar	Kathy Hampton Weir
Apr 9	Ins and Outs of Tool Sharpening	Joe Johnson
May 14		
June 11		
July 9		
Aug 13		
Sept 10		
Oct 8		
Nov 12		

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

Office		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
Treasurer	John Stegall	839-928-0859	treasurer@hillcountryturners.org
Secretary	Marcy Dunn	830-739-8797	secretary@hillcountryturners.org
Past President	John Stegall	839-928-0859	pastpresident@hillcountryturners.org
Newsletter	Tim Lutman	830-688-3149	newsletter@hillcountryturners.org
SWAT Rep	Kathy Weir	210-508-1397	swat@hillcountryturners.org
Audio-Visual	James Hampton	210-551-4801	av@hillcountryturners.org
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President's Message

Hello all,

The Hall of Honor Honorees for 2026 are Gary Roberts, Clay Foster, James Johnson, Mark Potter, Larry Roberts (Deceased), and Eugene Fitzwater (Deceased). This is now on the SWAT webpage. If anyone has a person(s) they wish to nominate for the Hall of Honor, please send the name with a short note as to why they need to be considered for the SWAT Hall of Honor to any member of the Executive Committee, along with the name of the nominating person.

Prices for registration this year are: Attendees \$230.00 and Spouses \$150.00. Banquet tickets will be \$55.00
Vendor Registration is \$400.00 for the 1st booth and \$350.00 for each booth thereafter (2 through 6)

Swat needs a new Photographer. If anyone is interested get in touch with Buddy Compton at bcc@wtconnect.com.

Blanek's Catering will be the caterer for 2026 Symposium and the Menu for the Saturday Night Banquet looks great!

The table decorations this year will be boxes headed up by Janice Levi.

The Hotels with blocked rooms for SWAT are the Hilton, Marriott Courtyard, Holiday Inn Express & Even Hotel. Online SWAT Registration and Hotel Reservations Open - March 1, 2026

The Turning Duel this year will be turning a hollow form with Trent Bosch and Laurent Niclot. It will be in McLennan 208 and 209 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. There is no charge for the Duel and there is no food in conjunction with that event.

The Instant Gallery will move from Brazos North to Brazos South.

Thanks to the South Plains Woodturners for providing on-site sellers for the 3 for 1 raffle tickets. Prices are 10 tickets for \$10.00 or 30 tickets for \$25.00. Order your raffle tickets when you register for SWAT (will be on the registration form). Raffle Drawing at Friday Lunch after the Opening remarks will be 1 Midi Lathe, 1 Arrowmont scholarship, & various items donated by Vendors.

The Raffle Drawing at the Saturday Night Banquet will be gallery quality Art Pieces turned by invitation only to supporting woodturners.

The Raffle Drawing at Sunday lunch after the closing remarks will be vendor donated tools, wood, finishes, and other assorted wood turning supplies, in addition to 1 Arrowmont Scholarship, a One-way 2436 3HP Lathe and 2 midi lathes.

Buddy Compton, SWAT President 2026

Officers for 2026	
President	Buddy Compton
1 st V. Pres.	Brian Schrader
2 nd V. Pres	Henry Pennel
Mem @ Large	Brad Glock
Mem @ Large	Kelly Shaw
Past Pres	Pam Thompson
Secretary	Stommy Boudreaux
Treasurer	Dave Marshall

SWAT needs a New Photographer

The photographer that has taken pictures for years has decided to retire. This is a call to all clubs that we need a photographer, if anyone is interested get in touch with Buddy Compton at bcc@wtconnect.com. You might receive some nice rewards for volunteering.

New Club Affiliations

With the change in the by-laws any club can now request to become affiliated with SWAT. To request to become an affiliate club please contact Buddy Compton at bcc@wtconnect.com. Affiliated clubs have a director on the board and receive one scholarship for their club to use as they see fit.

Blanek's Is Back

Blanek's Catering will be returning from years past as our caterer for the 2026 Symposium and the Menu for the Saturday Night Banquet looks really good.

Carved Beef Tenderloin with Bearnaise Sauce
Salmon with Chilean Fruit Salsa
Potatoes Au Gratin

Roasted Chef's Cut Mixed Vegetables
Garden Salad with Ranch and Italian dressing
Cheesecake with Assorted Toppings

The rest of the menu has not been confirmed yet with Blanek's.

2026 Lead Demonstrators

The lead demonstrators and their topics for 2026 are as follows:

- John Beaver- (1) Wave Bowls -(2) Flying Rib Vase /Cradled Bowl
- Trent Bosch - (1) Revelations in Hollowing- (2) Vessels and Surfaces
- Andy Chen - (1) Segmented Turning-(2) A Spiral Attachment for the Lathe
- Jason Clark- (7) Return to Saturn -(2) Neo-Traditional Christmas Ornaments
- Rebecca DeGroot - (1) Walking Teapot - (2) Mini Aquifer
- Mike Jackofsky - (1) Making a Hollow Vessel- (2) Small Scale Hollow Forms
- Colwin Way - (1) Birds, Ducks, Hummingbird, Woodpeckers - (2) Angel of Light

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Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555716497913>

The SWAT Symposium is held annually at the WACO Convention Center in Waco, Texas

Table Decorations

This year's table decorations will be boxes. Please contact

Janice Levi at jlevi@rightturnonly.net if you are interested in

turning some boxes for the tables.

Nearby Hotels

The Hotels with blocked rooms for SWAT are the **Hilton,**

Marriott Courtyard, Holiday Inn Express & Even Hotel.

Online SWAT Registration and Hotel Reservations

Open -

March 1, 2026.

Additional hotels in the area are given below. Check online for

contact information.

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

General information

- Logo wear is only available by pre-ordering when registering for SWAT on-line.

- Kelly Shaw the board Member at Large will be the Social

Media/Facebook Coordinator

- The New Room Host for the Ranger Room is the South

Plains Woodturners

- This year we will have a total of 4 Rotations on Friday

and 4 Rotations on Saturday and 2 Rotations on Sunday

for a total of 10 Rotations for the Symposium. With 7 Lead Demonstrators and 21 Regional Demonstrators in

7 rooms for a total of 70 Rotations

- The Hands-On-Areas will feature Bowl Turning with Gary

Rock and Paul Milo, and Pen Turning with Travis Merrill.

- **Don't forget we start the first set of demonstrations at 8:00 AM on Friday.**

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

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