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Hill Country Turners
Monthly Newsletter



April 6, 2026

Next Meeting April 9, 2026

Meeting Place

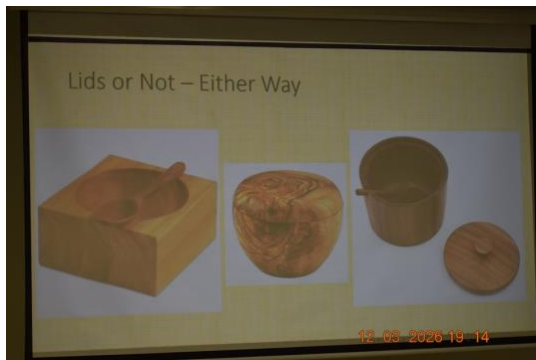
Hill Country Turners meet in the basement of the KACC (Kerr Arts & Cultural Center) at 228 Earl Garrett St., Kerrville, Texas, 78028 at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Announcements

1. **Snacks & Drinks** – Many thanks to the **John Stegall** and **Tom Canfield** for volunteering to bring drinks and snacks to the April meeting.
2. **Demo sign-up**. Please consider helping the club with your HOW-TO demonstration. Contact Tony Wedig or John Stegall
3. **Swat Update** See information on SWAT, last pages of this newsletter.
4. **Facebook Page**. Be sure to check it out!
5. **Treasurer's Report** Healthy with about \$4250 in bank, \$125 in petty cash
6. **Deft** is now rebranded to "Prolux"
7. **Turn-Out**. We will be looking for a show of interest for a possible Turn-Out on Saturday May 18, consider this for a fun time at the club.

March Demonstration

Kathy Hampton Weir presented a great discussion and display of salt cellars. Historically the salt cellar was a status symbol, and the host often and the cellar next to him. Many shapes work well, and you could consider turning a lid for a glass bowl, or turn a bowl for a glass lid. No lid, hinged lid or magnetic lid, all designs work well for this item. Don't forget embellishments and artistry! Kerf's Wood Cream, salad bowl or cutting board finish is recommended for inside the cellar. (Photos by Larry Turley)





Show and Tell

(Photos by Larry Turley)



Tom Canfield, Mesquite



Tom Canfield, Yellow Mora



Dale Gleichweit, Spalted Hackberry



Tom Canfield, Ash, Natural Edge



Tom Whiting, Cedar, Beer Stein



Tom Whiting, Big Leaf Maple, Resin



Randy Larson



Don Gibson



Roger Gomez, Mesquite Mini-Burl



Don Gibson, Walnut Bowl, African Blackwood Finial



Don Gibson, Mesquite



Randy Larson



Randy Larson. Burned Owl



Randy Larson



Randy Larson



Will Deaton, Oak



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March 14 Turn-Out

(Photos by Larry Turley)

The club had a “Turn-Out” for some fun turning together. Ideas were shared, and design considerations were shared. This was a good event, highly recommended y’all join in next time.



April Demonstration

Joe Johnson will be doing the April Demonstration on the “Ins-and-Outs of Tool Sharpening”. Anyone new to woodturning will quickly realize sharp tools are a necessary ingredient to a successful project outcome. In this demonstration Joe will show a quick and efficient way of sharpening our most common tools and keeping them sharp. After the demonstration, members are invited to bring a tool that has been troublesome to sharpen and he will provide one-on-one instruction.

Safety Tip of the Month

2026 Drinks and Snacks

| Date | Drinks | Snacks |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Mar 12 | Tony Atkins | Tim Lutman |
| Apr 9 | John Stegall | Tom Canfield |
| May 14 | Wendall White | Dale Gleichweit |
| 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 | Tom Whiting |
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2026 Presentations

| Date | Demo | Presenter |
|-------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Apr 9 | Ins and Outs of Tool Sharpening | Joe Johnson |
| May 14 | D-Bar turning end grain | Dale Gleichweit |
| June 11 | | |
| July 9 | | |
| Aug 13 | | |
| Sept 10 | | |
| Oct 8 | | |
| Nov 12 | | |
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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 | 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 |
| 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 |
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| Webmaster | Bobby Ward | | webmaster@hillcountryturners.org |
| HCT Website | | | www.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.

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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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