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Hill Country Turners
Monthly Newsletter



May 11, 2026

Next Meeting May 14, 2026

Meeting Place

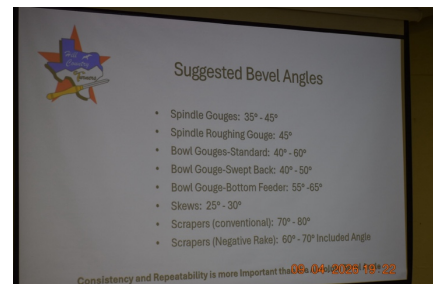
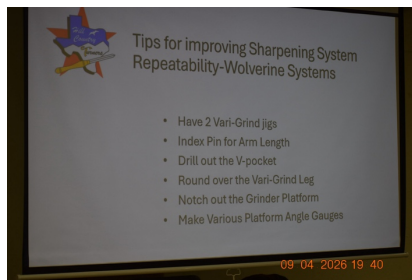
Hill Country Turners meet in the basement of the KACC (Kerr Arts & Cultural Center) at 228 Earl Garrett St., Kerrville, Texas, 78028 at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Announcements

- 1) **Snacks & Drinks** – Many thanks to the **Wendall White** (Drinks) and **Dale Gleichweit** (Snacks) for volunteering for bringing these treats to the May meeting.
- 2) **Demo sign-up**. Please consider helping the club with your HOW-TO demonstration. Contact Tony Wedig or John Stegall WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP
- 3) **SWAT Update** See information on SWAT, last pages of this newsletter. Highlights include a hollow-form turning duel between Trent Bosch and Laurent Niclot, and the banquet will offer a choice between tenderloin and salmon!
- 4) **SWAT Help Request** The Tolleys need help, please volunteer.
- 5) **Facebook Page**. Be sure to check it out! Like and Share.
- 6) **Treasurer's Report** Our accounts are still healthy.
- 7) **Turn-Out**. **CANCELLED** The Turn-Out that was to be held Saturday May 18, has been cancelled due to special exhibit scheduling conflict with the KACC. It will be rescheduled.
- 8) **Kathy Roberts Class** **POSTPONED** This class has been moved to the fall, watch for more information.
- 9) **Save the Date-October 24** Once again we will be turning outside at the second annual Water-Fest. Volunteers will be needed. Associated with this event, we will be asking members to turn an artistic item to donate for a KACC fund raiser.

April Demonstration

Joe Johnson discussed tool sharpening, a very complete How-To-Sharpen your turning tools with a grinder. Sharp tools are a necessary ingredient to a successful project outcome. Keeping tools sharp results in cleaner cuts, less tear out and less sanding. In this demonstration, Joe showed a quick and efficient ways of sharpening our most common tools and keeping them sharp. A small sampling of Joe's slide portion of the demonstration is shown below. *If any member would like a copy of the entire slide presentation (much additional information) used in this Sharpening Demonstration, contact Joe Johnson and he will send you a copy.* (Photos by Larry Turley)



Show and Tell

(Photos by Larry Turley)



Raul Pena, Butterfly



Raul Pena, Butterfly



Tim Lutman, Pecan



Owen Malbec, Juniper



Raul Pena, Butterfly



Tom Canfield, Ash Handle



Randy Larson, Mesquite



Tom Canfield, Octagon Platter



Tom Canfield, Ash Burned Rim Platter



Missing Identification

May Demonstration

Dale Gleichweit will present a technique for turning end grain wood, using a D-Bar system. This should be interesting and informative.

Safety Tip of the Month

Grinder safety. Use magnets to collect grindings, and use caution with the use of wheel guards and respirators (ALWAYS USE guards and respirators with stone wheels).

2026 Drinks and Snacks

Date		Drinks		Snacks
May 14		Wendall White		Dale Gleichweit
June 11		Debbie Walker		Barbie Holton
July 9		Reggie Hock		Reggie Hock
Aug 13		Marcy Dunn		Marcy Dunn
Sept 10		John Stegall		Kathy Weir
Oct 8		Don Gibson		Loy Arbough
Nov 12		Joe Johnson		Tom Whiting

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		Amish Outdoor Wood Finish		Tony Wedig
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
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
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HCT Website			www.hillcountryturners.org

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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Facebook page:

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

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