



Shavings

Hill Country Turners
Monthly Newsletter



October 4, 2026

Next Meeting October 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 **Don Gibson (drinks) and Loy Arbough (snacks)** Thanks for volunteering for bringing these treats to the October 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 FOR NOVEMBER.
3. **Facebook Page**. Be sure to check it out! Liking the content helps the page get recognition <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=Hill%20Country%20Turners>
4. **HCT Website-** There is a wealth of information on our website, don't forget to check it out. www.hillcountryturners.org
5. **Basket Illusion Class Oct 10.** Kathy Roberts will be teaching this class.



6. **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. Please bring your art to this meeting.

7. **Save the Date-November 6.** It's time again for the **Top Turning** event at Ingram. Volunteers for turning and helping are requested to contact John Stegall.
8. **October 23 – 25.** Possible booth at the Lone Star Fine Gourd Art and Craft Show (Kerrville Youth Center)
9. **Newsletter Editor.** **We are seeking a volunteer for this position.**

September Demonstration

Barbie Holton discussed “Artistic Recommendations” to enhance your turnings. With her background in art, she discussed three main topics to “up our game” by adding artistic appeal to turned items. These three are (1) Lift, (2) Design, and (3) Out of the box thinking. (1) **Lift.** means to get the item up off the table. This is the easiest of all enhancements, just be leaving a foot on the bowl for example. (2) **Design.** Based in mathematics, the “Rule of Thirds” or “Golden Ratio” a great help your design. Research this for a better understanding of the approach. (3) **Out of the Box Thinking** This element is evidenced by adding elements such as carving, coloring, burning and inlays to name a few. Thank you Barbie Holton for this inspiring presentation



Show and Tell

(Photos by Don Gibson)



Mike Magrill, Hackberry.
Demo piece from August



Kelly Bissell, Walnut
Carved feet, gold leaf



Mike Magrill, Sycamore.
Demo piece from August



Don Gibson, Cherry

October Demonstration

Tom Whiting will be demonstrating a three-corner bowl. This bowl will be a big one, he's planning to start with a cube of material about 11-1/2" per side. WOW! This demo should be full of tips and tricks to execute this turning.

Safety Tip of the Month

Be certain of the "hold" on the piece to be turned. If you are unsure of the hold, keep thinking on a better way to grip it, before you blow up a good piece of wood and possibly

injure yourself.

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		Hollowing and its tools		Mike Magrill
July 9		White glue and finishing		Tony Wedig
Aug 13		Bowl Making		Mike Magrill
Sept 10		Designer bowls		Barbie Holton
Oct 8		Large 3 point bowl		Tom Whiting
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
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