



# Great Falls Woodturners Newsletter

[www.gfturners.org](http://www.gfturners.org)

Volume 7, Number 1

August 2015

## Club Elections

### Congratulations

Congratulations and THANK YOU to Dirk Johnson, our new Club President and Del Johnson, our new Club Vice President for accepting the nomination and election to their club positions.

The Club Officers for the 2015 – 2016 club year are:

President: [Dirk Johnson](#)

Vice President: [Del Johnson](#)

Treasurer: [David Stratton](#)

Secretary: [Marian Stratton](#)

Directors: [Tom Krajacich](#)  
[Wayne Petrini](#)  
[Barry Rockwell](#)  
[Sam Sampedro](#)  
[Paul Snyder](#)

Editor of Newsletter: [Sam Sampedro](#)

A special thanks to **David and Marian** for remaining as Treasurer and Secretary.

Thanks to **Tom, Wayne, Barry, Sam & Paul** for serving as Directors.

---

## Club Dues

Since our treasurer was unable to be at the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, we delayed in collecting club dues. Please be prepared to offer the club dues at the Picnic and Sep 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Thanks.

Since August is the first month of the club year, dues for the 2015-2016 will be collected and are the same as the last two years: **\$35.00**. This amount includes paying for club insurance with the Hartford Insurance Co. which has been \$425 for a year. Hopefully that premium price will not increase in February.

---

### Club Demonstrations

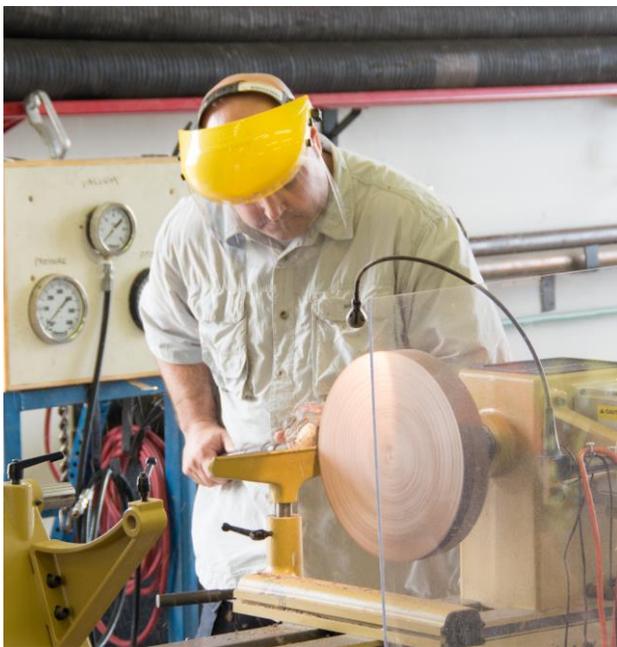
#### [Dirk Johnson – Aug 4<sup>th</sup>](#)

It was Dirk's first demo in front of the club and you can imagine the butterflies and nerves.....but, he fooled us all. Mr. Cool Hand Luke got up in front of a

boisterous bunch and knocked our socks off.

This was the first time turning on a Powermatic (which he secretly now wants one so bad) and he handled it great.

Dirk brought in a very nice piece of walnut to turn a platter rather than 'just' turn a plate. He mounted the blank on the chuck using the woodworm screw and trued the blank.



Then he remounted the platter on the dovetailed jaws and created the top of the platter. After sanding the platter, he again applied Zinsser Seal Coat sanding sealer which brought out a very nice grain in the finished product. Again he then applied **Mahoney's Finishes Utility Finish** and **Mahoney's Finishes Walnut Oil Wax**. These finishes brought out the beautiful grain in the walnut.

Once trued, he turned the bottom creating a dovetail mount and then worked on the ogee shape of the edge. Before removing the platter from the screw he then used Zinsser Seal Coat sanding sealer (also used by Jimmy Clewes). We tried to convince him to use Jimmy's method of lighting the sealer to cure it quickly, but the Firefighter in Dirk convinced him **NO!** He then applied **Mahoney's Finishes Utility Finish** and **Mahoney's Finishes Walnut Oil Wax**. It buffed to a nice sheen.



Now that Dirk has his first demo under his belt, he is ready to do future demonstration with the same ease as his first one.

(I must confess: Dirk did not ask you all to throw money instead of clapping, he definitely deserved the applause at the end of the demo).

**Excellent job Dirk....Thanks very much!**

*Thank You*

---

**Thanks**

**A very special THANK YOU to:**

*Those of you that come early and stay late to help with the set up and break down of the facility and equipment.*

---



Thanks to **Tom Krajacich** for doing the camera work on the Aug 4<sup>th</sup> Demo.

Urgent: We have a need for demonstrators for the months of October thru December. Please see the dates in the Meeting-Demonstration Calendar. Call Sam at 761-4145 or email him at [csampedro@bresnan.net](mailto:csampedro@bresnan.net) to reserve your date. Thanks!!!

(Note: This notice provided in larger type since no one in the club could read the regular sized print in the last newsletter!!!!!!!)

---

# Safety

## Steps in turning safely:

1. Faceshield On
2. Lathe On
3. Stop Lathe
4. Faceshield Off

---

## TIPS

Information Tip – Sam Sampedro

### Bangle Size Chart

Recently I turned several Bangles. At the meeting Rich Charlson asked me what size they were and my answer was: Duh!

So I did a Google on **Bangle Sizing and Sizes**. The best one I found is at the end of the newsletter so you can print it if you like.

---

## 2015 Symposium Corner

The early sign-up deadline for the 2015 symposium is Sep 7th to enjoy the reduced price of \$95.

Well, yesterday it was two years until our next symposium. **TODAY** the symposium is 43 days away. My, my how time flies.

So, we are providing these facts:

- Rudy Lopez puts on a great, educational demonstration as evidenced by the video URL we sent out recently.
- It would be nice to get some silent auction items for the symposium. Please look around to get rid of that item you no longer use.
- Craft Supplies USA has donated the Grand Prize of a Three Day Class in Provo.
- Rudy has graciously offered to do two one day workshops to be

held at Barry Rockwell's shop.  
There are only three slots left.  
This is a great opportunity.

- There will be some nice door prizes provided for the two days.
- Lunch will be served both days of the symposium.

---

## Club's Appreciation

**Editor's Comment:** My thanks to the following individuals who helped with the content of this newsletter:

**Randy Gazda** - (for submitting pictures of his turnings)



<http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/>

Thanks to Craft Supplies USA for their generosity in donating a class for the 2015 Symposium Grand Door Prize.

---

# Instant Gallery

## Instant Gallery Photos

(Great Photos by Paul Snyder)

**Randy Gazda** was a very active club member until he moved to Seeley Lake. Randy provided great demonstrations, donated a lot of wood to the club wood raffles, was always willing to help new turners and is just a great all around person.



Randy Gazda (walnut, maple, bloodwood)



Randy Gazda (walnut, maple, bloodwood)



Randy Gazda (bloodwood, hickory, walnut and maple)



Randy Gazda (Top View)



Dirk Johnson



Randy Gazda (Picture of the Stool that he turned during the March Demo)



Dirk Johnson (Demo Platter)



Dirk Johnson



Randy Gazda (another view)



Sam Sampedro



Sam Sampedro



Scott Johnson



Sam Sampedro



Scott Johnson



Scott Johnson



Scott Johnson



Scott Johnson



Terry Hill



Terry Hill



Terry Hill



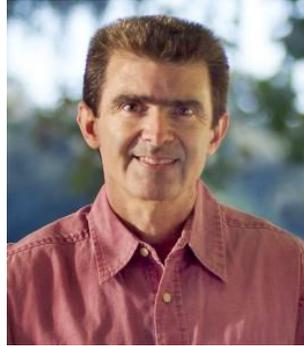
Terry Hill



Del Johnson

# Great Falls Woodturners 2015 Symposium

## Featuring



## Rudy Lopez

<http://www.rudolphlopez.com/gallery.html>

Turning Bowls, Creative Shapes and Much More

*When: September 26 & 27, 2015*

*9:00 AM to 4:00 PM*

*Place: Great Falls Fire Training Facility*

*1900 9<sup>th</sup> Street South*

*Great Falls, MT 59405*

**Grand Door Prize: Three Day Turning Class  
at Craft Supplies USA, Provo Utah**

### Door Prizes

### Silent Auction

\*\*\*\*\*

Registration Fee: Per Person:	\$125.00
Discount if PAID on or before September 7th :	\$125.00 – \$30.00 = \$95.00
One Day Attendance:	\$60.00 (no discount)
Children Under 18 Accompanied by Adult:	\$15.00
College of Technology Students	\$30.00
Includes lunches on Dates of Attendance	(All Currency U.S. Dollars, Check or Money order)

# Great Falls Woodturners Symposium 2015 Rudy Lopez Demonstration Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ EMail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Persons Attending (Including under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: Per Person: \$125.00  
Discount if PAID before September 7<sup>th</sup> : \$125 – \$30 = \$95  
One Day Attendance: \$60.00 (no discount)  
Children Under 18 Accompanied by Adult: \$15.00  
College of Technology Students \$30.00  
Includes lunches on Dates of Attendance (All Currency U.S. Dollars, Check or Money order)

.....

Mail Completed Form and Payment to:

GF Turners c/o  
David Stratton  
2120 3rd St S  
Great Falls, MT 59405

# Rudy Lopez Workshops

Rudy has graciously agreed to conduct two one day workshops with five students per workshop after the symposium. The possible dates are either Sep 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> or Sep 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. A firm date will be determined soon.

Cost for the one day class is: \$100. The first 10 attendees who pre-pay get to attend the workshops.

The workshops will be conducted at Barry Rockwell's Shop in Hardy.

Start Time: 9:00 AM

Lunch will be provided.

Further details will be provided as soon as they are finalized.

Please pre-pay for the class by Sep 1<sup>st</sup> to Barry Rockwell

Make checks payable to the Great Falls Woodturners

**Only three (3) slots left!**

# Great Falls Woodturners Meetings/Demonstrations Schedule

---

**\*\*Aug 15**            Club Picnic

**\*Sep 7 Meeting/Demo – This is the FIRST MONDAY of the month**

**Please note: Walt Wager from out of state will give us a demonstration on using texturing tools and coloring our woodturnings. This is a no charge event so plan on attending.**

**Sep 26 & 27 Rudy Lopez Symposium – At the Fire Training Station  
Please see the Flyer**

**Sep 28 & 29 Rudy Lopez Workshops at Barry Rockwell's Shop  
Please see the Flyer on Workshops**

**\*Oct 5**            Meeting/Demo

**\*\*Oct 17**          Demo

**\*Nov 3**           Meeting/Demo

**\*\*Nov 21**        Demo

**\*Dec 1**           Meeting/Demo

**\*\*Dec 19**        Demo

## Sizing Guide for Bangles and Bangle Bracelets

Bangles and most Bangle Bracelets don't have a closure; they need to be slipped over the hand. So an accurate measurement is necessary for a good fit.

### Bangles and Bangle Bracelets without Closures

Wrist Size	Bangle Size	Diameter In Inches	Diameter in Millimeters	Circumference in Inches	Circumference in Millimeters
Extra Small	2/2	2.125	54	6.67	169.4
Small	2/4	2.25	57.2	7.06	179.6
Medium	2/6	2.375	60.3	7.46	189.5
Large	2/8	2.5	63.5	7.85	199.4
Extra Large	2/10	2.625	66.7	8.24	209.3

### Measuring a Good Fitting Bangle or Bangle Bracelet

Measure the inner diameter of a good fitting bangle or bangle bracelet you have. Compare the measurement to the above chart and determine your bangle size. This is a pretty accurate way to measure your bangle size. Still need help, Contact Us.

### Measuring Your Hand

This can be used to find your bangle size, but needs to be done carefully for an accurate result. You will need a flexible tape measure or a piece of string and a ruler.

**Bring your fingers together and thumb across the palm as if you were about to put on a bangle.**

**Measure your hand with a string or tape measure around the widest part of your hand. Note the circumference of your hand. If you used a string measure it against a ruler.**

**Compare your hand circumference size with the bangle circumference in the above chart to determine your bangle size.**

**If the hand circumference measurement falls between 2 sizes then go with the larger bangle size.**

### Bangle Bracelets with Closures

Even if the bangle bracelets have closures like adjustable screws or clasps and they adjust to fit all sizes, our bangle bracelets with closures or clasps come in different sizes. Some of our customers like their bangle bracelets to fit snugly around the wrist like a cuff instead of a bangle. So if a customer has a bangle size 2/4; will buy a bangle size 2/4 because it has to be slipped over the hand but might end up buying a beagle bracelet size 2/2 that has closure and can be opened to wear it for a snug fit around the wrist. Based on the above presence choose the size you are looking for.

## Eliminating Dimples

I think most of us novice turners have problems with dimples at the center of the inside bottom of boxes and other turnings. Here is a simple tool and process that will help to eliminate dimples.

The drawing illustrates the dynamic of a rotating piece as well as the cutting tool in relation to a dimple on the inside of a bowl. Most cutting tools, such as scrapers, only cut top down. As soon as the tool crosses the center point, the cutting edge of the tool is no longer engaged, making it difficult to get a clean cut at the center.

The solution is to make a tool that can cut the wood in both directions, from the top down and from the bottom up. The tool is simply moved to the left and right of the center point of the box or bowl, eliminating a dimple.

Grind the cutting edge of a skew chisel to a round profile like a round-nose scraper. I reground a 1"- (2.5 cm-) wide skew and put a 2" (5 cm) radius on the cutting edge.

In order to keep the cutting edge in the center, I made a toolrest that supports the skew/scraper. The toolrest is made from wood (although it would be better in steel). This way, the tool is always exactly on the centerline of the workpiece.

I use this tool only for finishing, not for roughing out the interior of a box. Take very light cuts, and you will be surprised how easy it is to eliminate the dimple.

~Werner Witek, Appleton, WI





**Remove Dimple in Bottom of Boxes**

