



Great Falls Woodturners Newsletter

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4th Annual Club Picnic

August 15th, Kathy & Barry
Rockwell's Place:

It was a weather perfect day for a picnic and (except for some uninvited smoke) there was a great one in Hardy, Montana.

Once again, for the fourth time, Kathy and Barry Rockwell welcomed our club to their home to share an incredible Montana environment and views.

This year there was BBQ from Big Mouth BBQ and a great variety of salads, beans, cake, pie, fruits, etc., for munchies.

In addition to the great food and drinks, Barry showed us his new camera and screen for hollowing. He got a screen and backup camera and created a method of ensuring a successful hollowing of a vase.

Then he demonstrated his chain saw sled and showed us how he takes a huge chunk of tree and methodically

cuts bowl blanks from the log. Very impressive.

A special thanks to Kathy and Barry for hosting the club's picnic.

Please see pictures of the picnic at the end of the newsletter.

Special Demonstration WALT WAGER



On September 7th we had the pleasure of hosting **Walt and Barb Wager** from the beautiful **Sunshine State: Florida**.

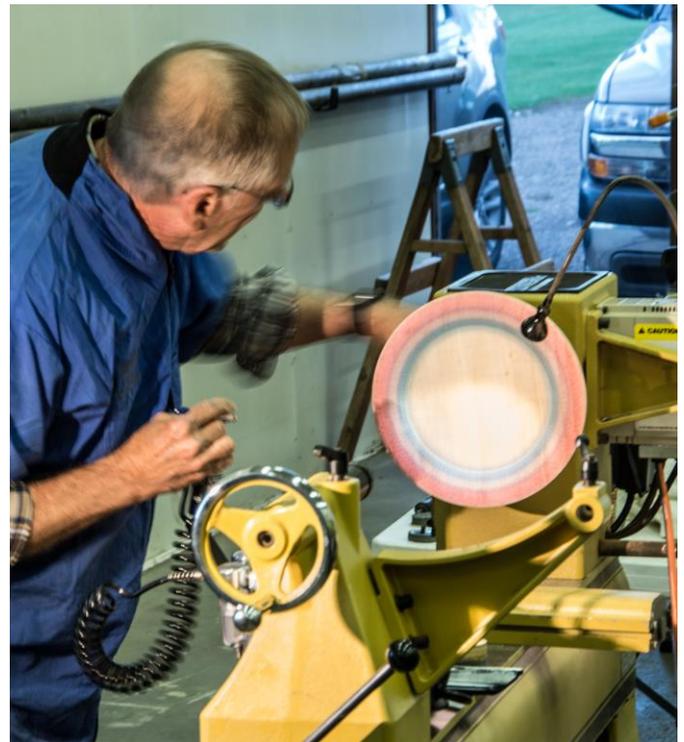
Walt, who is on vacation, took time out to give us an EXCELLENT demo on texturing and coloring turnings.

First Walt discussed then showed us how to use the Merlin System to texture a turned bowl. He started using a bowl that had been turned and shaped the outside (this was in the event that we are not satisfied with the texturing outcome, we could make an 'adjustment'). He used a Merlin with a chainsaw wheel and textured the outside of the bowl. The chainsaw wheel gives a more pronounced texturing.



Once that was accomplished, he then used Black Gesso to put a color base on the texturing. There are three versions of Gesso: White, Black and Clear. It was set aside to dry and the demo continued.

The next step in the demo was to show us how to use an Air Brush and an Air Brush Compressor (available at Harbor Freight (HF) as a savings over purchasing a more expensive version. The HF version accomplished the same end as the more expensive versions) and water based Acrylic paint to color a platter. He discussed using the water based paints (available at Michaels) to spray a color, clean the air brush, and put on a second and succeeding color.



Using the Merlin with a Galahad Carving wheel, he showed us another method of texturing and then attached a flexible shaft with a sanding drum to further shaped the textured grooves.



Then he showed us how to enhance our texturing using Liberon Gilt Cream to add more pizzazz to the piece. There are three versions of the Cream: Gold, Pewter, and Amazon. Also using Kryon Matte Finish to cover the Gilt Cream after it dries.

Throughout the presentation he gave us a wealth of information such as:

Using water based paints to make it easier to clean the air brush immediately after using it.

Using inexpensive 'acid brushes available at HF to apply different colors of dye and saving each color brush to be used in the future.

Making our own sanding disc holder to cut our costs in sanding our turnings. Using the Klingspor sanding mop to finish our texturing grooves.

Please see the pictures of Walt's items that he brought and used during the demonstration later in the newsletter.

Walt, our club thanks you for an **OUTSTANDING** demonstration and education on texturing and coloring.

Thank You

2015 Symposium Corner

Well, yesterday it was two years until our next symposium. **TODAY** the symposium is **13** days away.

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 and bring it or them to the first day of the symposium.

- 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 will be some nice door prizes provided for the two days.
- Lunch will be served both days of the symposium. There will be BBQ the first day and fried chicken the second day.
- In addition to lunch, there will be doughnuts and coffee in the mornings. Snacks in the afternoons.

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 **Chuck Kuether** for doing the camera work on the Sep 7th Demo.



TIPS

Information Tip – Tom Krajacich

CBN grinding wheels.

For a while now I have been frustrated with my grinding wheels and their balancing on my grinder. Finally I decided to make the switch to CBN wheels. After researching various wheels, I decided to order from **Woodturner's Wonders run by Ken Rizza**. The GF Turner's members just received a forward about this company. The CBN wheels I ordered were a pair, 80 grit and 180 grit . If you order a pair they are \$249.95(so \$125 a piece). I also ordered the self-aligning spherical washers(aka: wavy washers; \$11.90 for the pair which will align the 2 wheels). The company was excellent to

deal with. The wheels arrived promptly and were excellently packaged. The spherical washers were omitted due to an oversight by the company, but a quick e-mail to them resolved this issue promptly.

The wheels are about 6 # each, so they are "really a balanced flywheel." The wheels run absolutely true and the quality is terrific. The sharpening is outstanding (except for operator error). I am very pleased with the purchase. Maybe two club members could buy a pair and then split the cost. A Great Product and Great Company to deal with. Happy Turning. Tom Krajacich



the 600 grit hone and they are done quickly and the ring tool is superbly sharpened. The outside edge can then be touched up on a diamond card and you are ready to get back to turning. The hones are available through Amazon and their suppliers. Hope this is a helpful idea. Good Turning. Tom Krajacich



Information Tip – Tom Krajacich

Termite Tools Sharpening;

A number of our club were "corrupted" by Barry Rockwell's utilization of the Termite Tool to do end grain turning of very thin wooden bells. What a tool. I have tried to sharpen them with a diamond fish hook hone(see the picture) and also a diamond sharpener for sharpening hunting/fishing knives. They both worked, but were not quite right. I then decided to utilize my hollow chisel mortise diamond hones. A couple of quick turns with the 220 grit finished with

Club's Appreciation

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

Tom Krajacich



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

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

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](#)

Instant Gallery

Instant Photos

(Great Photos by Paul Snyder)



Wayne Petrini



Scott Johnson



Tom Krajacich



Dave Manix



Paul Snyder
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Gary Coleman



Scott Johnson



Scott Johnson



Paul Snyder



Tom Krajacich



Rich Charlson



Wayne Petrini

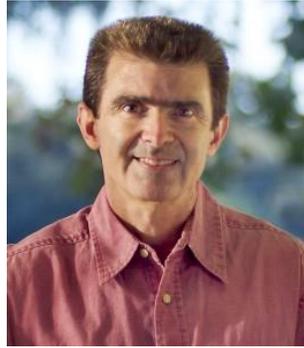
Walt Wager Gallery





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 9th 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): _____

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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 28th and 29th or Sep 29th and 30th. 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 1st to Barry Rockwell

Make checks payable to the Great Falls Woodturners

Only three (4) slots left!

Great Falls Woodturners Meetings/Demonstrations Schedule

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

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

***Oct 6 Meeting/Demo – Barry Rockwell**

****Oct 17 Demo – Dirk Johnson**

***Nov 3 Meeting/Demo – Bandsaw Demo**

****Nov 21 Demo – Chuck Kuether**

***Dec 1 Meeting/Demo – Sam Sampedro**

****Dec 19 Due to the Christmas Holiday being so close, there will not be a demo.**

***Jan 5 Meeting/Demo**

2015 Picnic



From Left to Right: Front Row: Arny Owen, Roger Wayman, Barry Rockwell, Larry Harman, Jay Eklund, Rich Owen, Wayne Petrini, Del Johnson, Marian Stratton. Back Row: Ken Quaschnik, Paul Snyder, Sam Sampedro, Chuck Kuether, Harry Boughton, Dave Manix, Dirk Johnson, Ed Austin, Darrel Young, David Stratton.





Sharpening Oval Skew Chisels



Dress your grinding wheel to get it clean and straight across. Mark the bevel of the skew chisel with a black marker so that you can easily see if the entire cutting edge has been sharpened. Use a Veritas grinding jig for skew chisels and attach two small magnets under the oval skew chisel to keep it from rocking side to side. A small mirror can be used to view the bevel from underneath as the edge is being sharpened.

~ Joe Cavanaugh

Vienna, VA

Tools for Turning Miniature Hollow Forms

Most of my work is fairly large-scale, but I am a pack-rat and I save all the trimmings to use for making miniature hollow forms. I had been using some tools I made from screwdrivers, but they did not allow me to make the forms I wanted.

At the hardware store, I saw an item called a “hook and pick set.” I bought a set and heat-treated the metal. I ground a fingernail profile on the end of each tool. These tools already have a useful handle and I find that I can turn a miniature hollow form quickly.



~ Jerry D. Johnson

Kennewick, WA