

Biography:

Rudolph Lopez began his relationship with wood over 40 years ago as a craftsman of fine furniture and cabinetry. With an education in drafting and design and many years working as a professional photographer, the transition into woodturning has been a seamless flow into another creative endeavor.

"I have always had a love of nature and its natural beauty and the inspiration it provides, my adolescence was spent pursuing anything and everything outdoors. With that came my love of wood. I love everything about wood, rough or smooth it possesses a warm welcome feel. Wood has an unlimited potential for creativity but also flaws, knots, cracks and other defects which sometimes makes it difficult to work with..... this is my favorite kind of wood. I never cease to be amazed by the incredible amount of beauty to be found in it as I create a new turning. My goal as an artistic turner is to bring out this hidden beauty which God and nature has provided and enhance it to create something that invites the eye and beckons the touch. I prefer simple shapes with sensuous flowing lines that showcase and reflect the natural beauty of the wood, thus becoming something to treasure for years to come".

His energetic easy-going personality and his ability to explain woodturning techniques in a simple understandable manner has allowed Rudolph to share his skills and enthusiasm for woodturning along with his love of wood through demonstrating at regional symposia across the country and teaching at clubs, schools of arts and crafts as well as his studio in Tampa, Fl.

Rudolph's work has been featured in several American Association of Woodturners juried exhibitions at national symposiums and the AAW Gallery of Wood Art in St. Paul, Minnesota. He received the Raymond James Gasparilla Festival of the Arts Emerging Artist Award in 2009, and chosen by the AAW as one of four international emerging artists of 2012. His work is currently displayed at the St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts gift store, St Petersburg, Fl.

To view more of Rudolph's work please visit his web-site
www.rudolphlopez.com