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MAINE WOOD 2010, BIENNIAL EXHIBITION
Messler Gallery at the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship
Rockport, Maine
DECEMBER 4TH – FEBRUARY 12TH, 2010

ROCKPORT, ME – *Maine Wood 2010* opens at the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship's Messler Gallery on Friday December 4, 2009 with a public reception from 5-7 p.m and an award ceremony at 6:15 pm. This show runs until February 12, 2010. The biennial exhibition aims to highlight the breadth, creativity, and excellence of wood craftsmanship in Maine, and to promote the artistic and economic development of Maine's growing community of fine woodworkers.

This year's show includes 16 furniture makers and sculptors: David Boyle, Gregory W. Crispell, Philippe Guillerm, Wayne Hall, Lou Landry, Matthew Lindsay, Gregg Lipton, Lin Lisberger, James Macdonald, Conger Murray, Jack Rodie, Libby Schrum, Chris Steiner, David Talley, Peter G. Thompson, and John Van Dis.

\$2,000 in prizes will be awarded at the opening night event. Awards include gift certificates of \$500 from Lie-Nielsen Toolworks for Jurors' Best-in-Show; \$350 from Maine Coast Lumber for Best New Maker; \$300 from Holt & Bugbee for the People's Choice Award; \$300 from DMT Diamond Whetstones for Outstanding Craftsmanship; \$300 from Woodcraft of Newington, NH for Best in Furniture; \$250 from Certainly Wood for Best Use of Veneer; and \$250 from Fat Andy's Hardwoods for Most Creative.

Following the exhibition's close at the Messler Gallery on February 12, 2010, the award-winning entries will travel to the Center for Maine Craft in Gardiner, Maine, where they will be on display from February 22, 2010 through April 30th, 2010.

The jurors for this year's biennial are Anissa Kapsales, editor at "Fine Woodworking"; Gretchen Keyworth, director emeritus of the Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton, MA; and Silas Kopf, noted furniture maker in Northampton, MA. Lead sponsorship for "Maine Wood" is provided by Bangor Saving Bank. The exhibition is co-sponsored by the Guild of Maine Woodworkers, Kennebec Valley Woodworkers Association, Maine Crafts Association, Maine Woodturners, Maine Woodworkers Association, and Western Mountain Woodturners. The opening event is being sponsored by IRWIN Tools and Accessories.

For more information, please call 207-594-5611 or e-mail cfc@woodschoool.org. Messler Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The Messler Gallery is located on the campus of the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship, at the corner of Route 90 and Mill Street in Rockport, Maine.