

WOODFAIR 2009

Report

By Susan Bicknell, WoodFair Coordinator

Almquist Lumber Company Our Venue and Hosts: Thank you to the owners, Eric and Mary Almquist, and staff of Almquist Lumber Co. who provided the venue for WoodFair 2009 and spent countless hours and resources rearranging the inventory to make room for WoodFair 2009. It would not have been possible without you!

Attendance: Using the same method of counting that we did in 2008 (distribution of free numbered raffle tickets) we estimate attendance increased from about 2000 to about 3000 for 2009. We distributed 1422 tickets in 2008, and 2123 in 2009.

Vendor Booths: Fully paid vendor booths increased from 12 in 2008 to 22 in 2009. In 2008, there were 3 free vendor booths, and in 2009, 9 free vendor booths.

Food and Picnic Area: The Humboldt Wildlife Care Center provided tri tip and hot dog sandwiches, roasted corn on the cob, and beer. They also ran the Hardwood Café, supplying two baristas from Ramones, as well as Ramones baked goods and soft drinks. In addition, Curley's provided Mexican lunch plates with chicken, veggie and steak tacos, beans, rice and Margaritas. Saturday afternoon, an Ice Cream Truck served ice cream novelties. We had about 10,000 square feet of lawn space set up with potted flowers and trees, tables and chairs for people to eat at. In addition, there was a table for small children to play with blocks, crayons and paper.

Best of Show

Jason Straw: Incunabula (Rosewood, Pear, Madrone Burl and Port Orford Cedar Cabinet)



Demonstrations and Seminars: In 2008, there were a total of 13 freedemonstrations scheduled and presented. They included marquetry and inlay, wood bending, wood turning, and tool demonstrations from Festool and Delta/Porter Cable/DeWalt. The presenters were not compensated. In 2009, 25 free demonstrations and seminars were scheduled. Two were cancelled because the presenters were unable to attend. Six of the presenters were compensated with \$100 honoraria each.

Local Hardwoods: Among the seminars were two presentations and a panel discussion regarding local hardwoods. This program attracted the attention of 6 local hardwood mills and retailers. The purpose of this initiative was to strengthen the links between the suppliers of local hardwoods and the woodworkers who ought to be featuring locally produced hardwoods in their work. These mills and retailers spent a good deal of their time talking to each other, but their presence at WoodFair was noticed by many woodworkers. Two of the suppliers had booths in which they sold hardwood lumber. We hope to build on this initiative in 2010.

Boat Show: The Boat Show which has occurred at Almquist Lumber in the past was cancelled this year due to a scheduling conflict with a similar event that took precedence. In compensation, Terry Huff organized a Boat Show as one of the attractions of WoodFair 2009. Eight hand-built wooden boats were displayed. In addition, there were presentations on boat design and boat building.

Woodworking Classes: In 2008, there were no woodworking classes scheduled in conjunction with WoodFair. For 2009, There were 13 woodworking Classes scheduled. Forty seven students enrolled. Classes included Woodturning 1, 2, and 3; Marketing 1, 2, and 3; OSHA Safety; Restoration of Historic Windows; Woodworking 101; Basic Carpentry for Women; Marquetry; Decoy Carving; and Shop Sawn Veneers. Three classes were cancelled for low enrollment (OSHA Safety, Decoy Carving, and Marquetry). Gross income from the classes was \$4545.00 which was used primarily to pay instructors.



Best Student in All Other Woodworking: Will Madaras: Violin (Spruce, Maple, Ebony)

Exhibition Entries and Awards: Thirty eight exhibitors entered 51 works in the juried exhibition (up about 20% from 2008). Five judges awarded 27 prizes and \$3600 in prize money. We extend our thanks to our jurors for sharing their expertise and for their careful consideration and painstakingly difficult judgment:

Bert Hafar, Head Judge, Associate Faculty, College of the Redwoods, Eureka

Leonard Bechler, Woodworker and Graduate of the College of the Redwoods, Mendocino, Fine

Bill McClay, Woodturner

Paul Kinsey, Professor, College of the Redwoods, Eureka Woodworking Program

Dave Stevens, Woodworking Instructor, Eureka High School



Congratulations to the winners in each category:

Best of Show

Jason Straw: Incunabula (Rosewood, Pear, Madrone Burl and Port Orford Cedar Cabinet)

Most Creative

Jean-Luc Thornton: Elixia (Purple Heart Mermaid in Granite, Copper and Glass Fountain)

Fine Furniture and Cabinetry

First: Matthew Bunnell: Chest of Drawers (Walnut with Macassar Ebony Stand)

Second: Greg Jurens: Elliptical Table with Drawers (Zebrawood, Wenge, and Ash)

Third: Heather Trosdahl: Pinwheel Café Table (Woven pinwheel Parquetry Top with Pinwheel Pedestal Base of Kwila)

Student: Kai Herd: Spring (Occasional Table of Bubinga, Wester Maple and Pear)

Honorable Mention:

Susan Bicknell: Yellow Orchid Demilune (Red and White Birch with Marquetry)

John Einloth: Big Oval Cabinet (Walnut and Madrone)

Dan Graziani: Hall Table (Mahogany and Eastern Maple)

Mat Isaac: Desk (Walnut and Bubinga)
Ari Lane: Bureau (Jatoba)
Ben Williams: Mission Dining Table (Wenge and Jatoba)

Sculpture and Carving

First: Rip Kirby: Bass Player, Drummer, Sax Player, Trumpet Player (Walnut)
Second: Craig Barnes: The Green Man Pedimental Ornament (Jelutong)
Third: Gloria Dinsmore: American Kestral (Tupelo)
Student: Jason Straw: Brain Matter (Ebony)
Honorable Mention: Monica Shell: Free Spirit Statue (Flame Redwood)

Woodturning

First: Tony Chess: Vessel (Mineralized Canyon Live Oak)
Second: Tony Chess: Bowl (Quilted Red Gum Eucalyptus)
Third: Wayne Roe: Platter (Myrtle)
Honorable Mention: Tony Chess: Geode (Madrone Burl)

All Other Woodworking

First: Larry Dern: Cedar Strip Kayak
Second: Troy Hedland: Two Bows, Asiatic Recurved and Long Bow (Tigerwood)
Third: Susan Bicknell: Red Daylilies Marquetry (Many woods)
Student: Will Madaras: Violin (Spruce, Maple, Ebony)
Honorable Mention:
Robert Kammerer: Bench (Spalted Chinquepin Natural Round with Black Oak Base)
Steve and Marilyn McKinney: Band Saw Jewelry Box (Bubinga and Rosewood)

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Eureka Heritage Society supported the Window Restoration Class
Pierson's Building Center and Almquist Lumber company supported Basic Carpentry for Women
Humboldt State University Department of Forestry and Wildland Resources printed our large format informational signs. Thank you to George Pease.

Raffle: We distributed 2123 free raffle tickets and sold \$865.50 worth of additional tickets. The prizes for the raffle were donated, and were valued at an estimated total of \$500. Thanks are extended to individuals who donated raffle prizes. There were 20 raffle prizes donated and unfortunately there was no master list made of the contributors. This is a partial list. We are grateful to all who donated raffle prizes.

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Bert Hafar
Harvey Raider
Doralee and Chris Smith
Mark Berner of Kreg Tools
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Susan Bicknell of Rosebud Woodworking



First Place in Woodturning
Tony Chess: Vessel (Mineralized Canyon Live Oak)

Volunteers Who Assisted with Various Aspects of WoodFair 2009: There are many individuals who deserve thanks for volunteering their time and services to make WoodFair 2009 a success. We thank them, and apologize for omitting any names that escaped our attention. WoodFair 2009 was a success because members of Humboldt Woodworking Society and others contributed their time and talents. All volunteers were asked to sign a release form, and those who did are listed here. Thank you to:

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