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Museum of Sonoma County Presents 31st Annual *Artistry in Wood* Exhibition November 23, 2019-January 12, 2020

(SANTA ROSA, CA)- November 7, 2019 – For thirty-one years, the Museum of Sonoma County and the Sonoma County Woodworkers Association (SCWA) have collaborated to present *Artistry in Wood*, a major showcase of fine regional craftsmanship. Over the years, *Artistry in Wood* has evolved from a modest exhibition featuring the work of local woodworkers, into something greater. While firmly grounded in Sonoma County, *Artistry in Wood* has developed a broader reputation, drawing participants from across the state, and is becoming one of the most respected annual exhibitions of woodwork in North America. The 31st Annual *Artistry in Wood* opens November 23, 2019, and runs through January 12, 2020, with an opening reception on the evening of November 22 (details below).

Works accepted for exhibition must pass stringent criteria established by a board of jurors. Those accepted are judged by a non-member panel of experts that awards prizes to the finest pieces in each of several categories including furniture, turnery, and artwork. *Awards of Excellence* and *Best of Show* are coveted prizes that reflect the highest quality of artistry and craftsmanship.

Artistry in Wood is currently the only annual woodworking show that is held in a museum. The first *Artistry in Wood* show held at the Museum of Sonoma County was in 1988 with about forty pieces displayed in a six-week exhibit. Last year's exhibition featured over 65 works.

"This will be my third year as chairperson of the show," says Don Jereb, SCWA Show Chair. "It has been an honor and pleasure to be part of this annual display of fine woodworking." Jereb believes that visitors will come away with a "new or enhanced appreciation for the beauty of wood, the artistic skills of the woodworking craftsmen and artists, and the varied possibilities within this medium."

For more information, please visit our website: <https://museumsc.org/2019-artistry-in-wood/>

Programs and Events

Opening Reception

Friday, November 22, 2019

5:00-7:00pm

Free Admission; Concurrent with opening reception of *Discovered: Emerging Artists of Sonoma County*

Artistry in Wood – Maker’s Tour with Don Jereb

Saturday, November 30, 2019

11:30am-12:30pm

Included with General Admission

Don Jereb is a professional woodworker and Chair of the Sonoma County Woodworkers Association’s 31st Annual Artistry in Wood.

Artistry in Wood – Maker’s Tour with Mark Tindley

Saturday, December 7, 2019

11:30am-12:30pm

Included with General Admission

Mark Tindley is a professional woodworker and Sonoma County Woodworkers Association Guild Member.

Lecture on Shaker Furniture by Michael Wallace

Saturday, December 7, 2019

2:00-3:30pm

Included with general admission

Join historian and former SCWA President Michael Wallace for a presentation on Shaker furniture and its design elements. The lecture will look at how this small religious sect’s furniture has influenced the Arts and Crafts movement, as well as Mid-Century Modern designers, and continues to hold our interest today. Wallace will provide various Shaker pieces to view, and explore the reasons behind the enduring interest in the Shaker style.

Artistry in Wood – Maker’s Tour with Larry Stroud

Saturday, January 4

11:30am-12:30pm

Included with General Admission

Larry Stroud is a professional woodworker and Sonoma County Woodworkers Association Guild Member.

About the Museum of Sonoma County

Located in Downtown Santa Rosa on Seventh Street between A and B Streets, the Museum of Sonoma County (MSC) presents exhibitions of modern and contemporary art and local and regional history. MSC is open year-round with changing exhibitions, public programs, school tours, and special events. MSC preserves and manages a regional art and history collection of over 18,000 objects, the region's largest object documentation of Sonoma County's history and culture.

Mission

The Museum of Sonoma County engages and inspires our diverse community with art and history exhibitions, collections, and public programs that are inclusive, educational, and relevant.

Smithsonian Affiliate

The Museum of Sonoma County has been a Smithsonian Affiliate since 2009. Smithsonian Affiliations establishes long-term partnerships with museums, education and cultural organizations to facilitate the loan of Smithsonian artifacts and traveling exhibitions, as well as to develop innovative educational collaborations locally and nationally. Created in 1996 by an act of the Smithsonian Board of Regents, the program is overseen by the Smithsonian's Assistant Secretary for Education and Access and is one of the pillars of the Institution's national outreach efforts. There are more than 200 Smithsonian Affiliates in nearly every state, Puerto Rico and Panama. Affiliates represent the diversity of America's museum community—size, location and subject—and serve all audiences. More than 8,000 Smithsonian artifacts have been displayed at Affiliate locations for the past 20 years.

Museum of Sonoma County

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Admission

Adults: \$10.00
Seniors, Students, Disabled: \$7.00
Museum Members: FREE
Children 12 and under: FREE

Museum Hours

Open: Tuesday through Sunday, 11:00am-5:00pm

Closed: Mondays

Closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, President's Day, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Friday after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas; please visit our website for additional closures

Images



Don Jereb, *Möbius Tangle*, 2018



Joe Scannell, *Canvasback Love*, 2018



Michael Cooper, *Clown Car*, 2018



Turned pieces by Hugh Buttrum (left) and Paul Feinstein (right)

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