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Museum of Sonoma County Presents 33rd Annual *Artistry in Wood* Exhibition

November 13, 2021 - January 9, 2022

(SANTA ROSA, CA)- October 29, 2021– For thirty-three 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 33rd Annual *Artistry in Wood* opens November 13, 2021 and runs through January 9, 2022.

Works accepted for exhibition must pass stringent criteria established by a board of jurors. Those accepted are judged by a 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. The 2019 exhibition had about seventy-five. While a juried showcase was canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic, the SCWA members still presented a stunning survey of works in a modest exhibition that opened online as a virtual exhibition in December 2020, then to the public in March 2021, when the Museum was able to reopen for visitors.

“This will be my fourth 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 displayed in such a grand setting as the Museum." Every year, the show presents new and exciting creations by members of the Sonoma County Woodworkers Association. 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/2021-artistry-in-wood/>.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Annalisa Price, Development Manager, aprice@museumsc.org, (707) 579-1500 ext. 104.

Programs and Events

Opening Day

November 13, 2021

11:00am-5:00pm

Several of the exhibiting artists from the Sonoma County Woodworkers Association will be in attendance throughout the day.

Additional programs to be added shortly. Details and registration will be available on our website: www.museumsc.org/events.

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
Seniors, Students, Disabled: \$7
Museum Members: FREE
Children 12 & under: FREE

Museum Hours

Open Wednesday through Sunday
11:00am-5:00pm

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 ([click here](#) to view and download)



Joe Scannell, *Canvasback Love*, 2018, featured in *Artistry in Wood*



Turned Vessels by John Cobb, featured in *Artistry in Wood*