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DATES ANNOUNCED FOR HAWAII'S WOODSHOW 2010

Grandest Showcase of Hawaii's Finest Wood Artists Brings out Best of the Best

Honolulu, HI ~ 09.23.09 ~ Hawaii's Woodshow, the 18th annual statewide juried woodworking show of the Hawai'i Forest Industry Association, is scheduled for March 27 through April 11, 2010 at the Academy Art Center, Honolulu Academy of Arts.

Show attendees can expect to see remarkable heirloom-quality works made from native Koa, Mango, Kamani, Milo, Norfolk pine, macadamia nut, Kiawe and other Hawaii-grown woods. From lathe-turned bowls so thin they are nearly transparent to stunning furnishings and sculptures, Hawaii's Woodshow offers fantastic crafted works.

Categories of works submitted include furniture, woodturning, sculpture and musical instruments. There is a special student division for ages 18 and under.

Pieces entered in the Woodshow must be made predominantly from locally-grown woods, and certain rare or endangered species are prohibited. By restricting the type of material used, the show encourages artists to use local sustainable forest products that have been planted and brought to full growth here in Hawaii.

"Hawaii's Woodshow is the preeminent Woodshow for anyone who may appreciate the beauty and versatility of Hawaii's woods," said Heather Gallo, Executive Director, Hawai'i Forest Industry Association. "This show features Hawaii's most talented wood artists while giving us an opportunity to promote Hawaii-grown wood art and educate the public on sustainable forestry practices."

Most of the beautifully crafted pieces will be available for purchase throughout the show.

Hawaii's Woodshow 2010 will be open to the public from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays, March 27 through April 11, 2010. There is no charge for admission; however, a \$5 donation is suggested to help HFIA in its efforts to promote healthy and productive forests.

About the Hawaii Forest Industry Association:

The Hawai'i Forest Industry Association (HFIA) is dedicated to responsible forest management. In addition to its annual woodworking exhibition, HFIA sponsors the Hawaii's Wood trademark, manages a 76-acre dryland forest preserve, and serves as an advocate for Hawaii's diverse forest industry.

Established in 1989, HFIA is a nonprofit corporation founded by and for people committed to managing and maintaining healthy and productive forests. HFIA's programs promote healthier forests, increased business in Hawaii's estimated \$30.7 million annual forest industry, and more jobs within the sector. Visit:

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