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2009 AWFS® Fresh Wood Student Competition Winners Announced

165 entries received from across North America

LAS VEGAS, Nev. – (July 18, 2009) – Twenty-seven college and high school students - many considering woodworking as a career - went home with Rikon tools and monetary prizes ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 for their entries in AWFS's Fresh Wood competition in Las Vegas. The biennial event, held as part of the [AWFS®Fair](#), attracted 165 entries from 49 different schools in the United States and Canada.

Tyler Duperron from Fletcher's Meadow Secondary School, Brampton, Ontario, won The Best of Show Award, which includes a Rikon Mini Lathe, retailed at \$329.99, \$1,000 prize and a wood sculpture designed by the late renowned wood artist Sam Maloof, for his *An Apple a Day*. Fletcher's Meadow Secondary School, also received the \$2,500 Larry Hilchie School Grant Award for Woodworking, Rikon 10" Table saw and Rikon 34" Radial floor Drill Press.

Fair attendees also voted, awarding the People's Choice Award, sponsored by CustomMade.com, and \$500 prize to Timothy Keating from Cedar Ridge High School, Chapel Hill, N.C., for his *Wandering Roses*.

This is the first time two high school students have been awarded the Best of Show and People's Choice awards.

The judges, ranging from woodworkers to educators, retail and trade, reviewed entries based on the design, innovation and quality of presentation, the use of materials, methods and processes, the functionality and achievement of design intent and craftsmanship and quality.

First Place winners received a \$1,000 prize, Second Place winners receive \$500 and Honorable Mention winners receive \$250; all winners also receive a Certificate of Merit. AWFS also covered shipping and the majority of travel and hotel costs to bring the students and their teachers to the fair. Each category was judged separately per level.

High School Level First Place Winners

- Case Goods
 - Blake Fullenwider, Dale Jackson Career Center, Lewisville, Texas, *Simply Complex*
- Production/Contract Work
 - Brady Reed, Quinter High School, Quinter, Kan., *Pondera*
- Tables
 - Andrew Prioli, Cedar Ridge High School, Chapel Hill, N.C., *Inverurie*
- Open
 - Tyler Duperron, Fletcher's Meadow Secondary School, Brampton, Ontario, *An Apple a Day*
- Class Project
 - John Barry & McKenzie Stevens, Halifax County High School, South Boston, Va., *"The Chair" - A Vehicle for Collaborative Learning*

Post-secondary Level First Place Winners

- Case Goods
 - Andrew Wallace, College of the Redwoods, Mendocino, Calif., *Scotch Cabinet*
- Chairs
 - Allen Mahic, University of Idaho, *Cinnamon Roll*
- Production/Contract Work
 - Rebekah Schaberg, University of Kentucky, *Swell*
- Reproduction
 - Jason Davis, University of Rio Grande, *The Persistence of Time #1 and #2*
- Tables
 - Christopher Atwood, Center for Furniture Craftsmanship, Rockport, Maine, *E Pluribus Unum*
- Open
 - Leah Kenttamaa-Squires, Purdue University, *Sakura*

High School Level Second Place Winners

- Case Goods
 - Antelmo Beltran, Dale Jackson Career Center, Lewisville, Texas, *Crimson Avian*
- Tables
 - Saarinen Balagengatharadilak, Fletcher's Meadow Secondary School, Brampton, Ontario, *Art Furniture*

Post-secondary Level Second Place Winners

- Case Goods
 - Clay Roberts, Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton, Wisc., *Twins with a Secret*
- Reproduction
 - Daniel Graupmann, Palomar College, Corona, Calif., *Kurven*
- Tables
 - David Ringheim, Selkirk College, Procter, British Columbia, *The Empire Desk*

High School Level Honorary Mention Winners

- Reproduction
 - Levi Casey, Mustang High School, Mustang, Ok., *Liberty Cowboy*
- Tables
 - Yush Chandat, Ontario High School, Mansfield, Ohio, *“Indira”*
- Open
 - Andrew Prioli, Cedar Ridge High School, Chapel Hill, N.C., *Ocean Planet*
 - Hannah Stickelman, Ontario High School, Mansfield, Ohio, *Cogsworth*

Post-secondary Level Honorary Mention Winners

- Case goods
 - Carol Jackson, University of Oregon, *Cantilever*
 - Daniel Rickey, Rockingham Community College, Rockville, Va., *Doug Fir*
- Chairs
 - Meirav Shitrit, Art Center College of Design, Ontario, Calif., *Flusso*
 - Kenneth Tuell, Haywood Community College, Asheville, N.C., *Mackintosh Comfort*
 - James Van Den Heuvel, Art Center College of Design, Ontario, Calif., *Andas*
- Production/contract work
 - Laura Davey, Brigham Young University, *Floral Peek-A-Boo Tables*
- Open
 - Hongtao Zhou, University of Wisconsin – Madison, *Decoration of Reclining*
- Tables
 - Jonathan Cox, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, *Split Personality*

The new Bravo To Teachers Award, sponsored by Rikon, was given to two schools this year as recognition for the hard work that the teachers devoted to their woodworking programs. Halifax

County High School from South Boston, Va. and Instructor Clint Johnson will receive a Rikon 14" Deluxe Band saw, retailed at \$849.99. Western Michigan Christian High School from Muskegon, Mich. and Instructor Dick DeBoer will receive a Rikon 6" Jointer, retailed at \$449.99.

The full-scale AWFS®Fair has become a critical hub for international commerce in the woodworking industry. The AWFS®Fair brings together the entire home and commercial furnishings industry, including manufacturers and distributors of machinery, hardware, lumber, construction materials and other suppliers to the furniture, cabinet manufacturers and custom woodworkers.

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For more information on the Association of Woodworking & Furnishings Suppliers, the Fresh Wood competition and photographs of the winners, please visit www.awfs.org.

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