

June 2, 2017

Re: **Eighteenth Annual Texas Furniture Makers' Show®**
Kerr Arts & Cultural Center
Kerrville, Texas

Dear Furniture Maker,

You are invited to apply to exhibit at the **Eighteenth Annual Texas Furniture Makers' Show®** presented by Woodcraft® and staged at Kerr Arts & Cultural Center, Kerrville, Texas from October 26 through December 1, 2017.

In the last few years, the Show® has sold an average of \$35,000 of furniture and accessories.

Based on past practices, the following Show® procedures apply (**please read carefully**):

1. The gallery can artfully exhibit 55 to 60 pieces of furniture; entry into the Show® is juried. **All applications must be submitted with a \$25 non-refundable jury fee. Final Application deadline is Friday, September 15, 2017.** The furniture you propose to display must not have been shown previously at the Kerr Arts & Cultural Center.
2. **All furniture must be displayed on standardized pedestals.** (See Attachment "A".)
3. In keeping with our mission to encourage new furniture makers to enter the craft, we include the classification of **Apprentice Furniture Maker**. Note the definition for **Apprentice Furniture Maker** on the Entry Application.
4. **All accepted furniture makers** are encouraged to submit small **handcrafted furniture accessories** (i.e. boxes, clocks, children's toys, wall art, shelves, display cabinets, lamps, etc.) for display and sale in the Derby Gallery. There is **no entry fee for the accessories**, but a 30% sales commission will apply. We suggest that accessories have a sale price of less than \$800. (see attached form).
5. The Show® will be promoted in Woodcraft® monthly flyers and the Fine Woodworking Magazine. We will promote the show statewide in selected print media, online and through social media including www.kacckerrville.com, **Facebook/Kerr Arts and Cultural Center**, and **Facebook/Texas Furniture Makers Show**.
6. **We require all furniture not for sale (offering no possible financial support for KACC) be entered at a higher entry fee. Please read the Entry Fee schedule in the Call for Entries letter.**
7. The Show® will run for one month with **the gallery open six days a week**. Show® hours will be: Tuesday through Saturday 10 AM to 4 PM and Sunday 1 PM to 4 PM. **Admission is free**. The Show® will close at 4 PM on Friday, December 1st; furniture pick-up will be on Saturday, December 2nd. **Early pick-up is not allowed without prior approval.**
8. **The furniture show committee will be available at delivery for any artist not sure of Show® pricing for their piece(s).**

If you have any questions e-mail me at arts@kacckerrville.com or telephone (830) 895-2911.

Thank you for your interest in the Texas Furniture Makers' Show® and we look forward to receiving your Application.

George Taylor
Kerr Arts & Cultural Center

Enc: 1. Call for Entries; 2. Entry Application; 3. Attachment A; 4. Accessories Inventory Form

Call for Entries
Eighteenth Annual Texas Furniture Makers' Show®
Kerr Arts & Cultural Center
October 26 through December 1, 2017

Woodcraft® and the Kerr Arts & Cultural Center, Kerrville, Texas, invites you to apply to exhibit at the **Eighteenth Annual Texas Furniture Makers' Show®**.

The purpose of the Show® is to present your work to the public in a formal gallery atmosphere, to improve the quality and skill of Texas furniture making by formal consultation and by example, and to bring national attention to the fine one-of-a-kind hand-made works of art created by Texas Furniture Makers.

- Who:** Texas Furniture Makers (You must be a Texas resident to qualify).
Where: Kerr Arts & Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett, Kerrville, TX. 78028.
 Tel. (830) 895-2911, E-mail arts@kackerrville.com,
When: **The Show® will open on October 26 and run through Friday, December 1, 2017**
Opening reception and awards ceremony Saturday, November 4, 2017, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM.
Delivery: Work must be delivered at the rear dock of the Art Center (across from the courthouse) on Monday October 23, 2017, from 9 AM to 2 PM. (Delivery can be made at other times by special arrangement. Storage space is very limited. **No work will be accepted after Wednesday, October 25th.**
Pickup: Pick up furniture on Saturday, December 2nd from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Entry Application: Please fill out the enclosed Entry Application describing the furniture you will enter and include two good quality glossy photographs representative of your work (First time entrants must provide photos of the actual piece to be entered). The final cut-off date for acceptance will be **September 15, 2017**. **A non-refundable jury fee of \$25 must accompany your application.**

Materials: Wood, iron, steel, ceramic, paint, glass, plastic, stone, fiber & combination.

Judges: Three judges will select the winners on Saturday, November 4th, and will be available on Sunday, November 5th from 9 AM to 11 AM for individual critiques. Award criteria will be **60% CRAFTSMANSHIP & FINISH and 40% DESIGN.**

Awards: Each accepted exhibitor will receive a Show Catalog and be eligible for the following sample of cash, gift certificate (GC) or merchandise (M) awards (there are more):

First Place – Best of Show	\$1,000	Best Art Style Furniture	\$ 600
Second Place	\$ 800	S.A.P.F.M. Award	\$ 200
Third Place	\$ 700	Best Apprentice (M)	\$ 350
Best Contemporary Style Furniture	\$ 600	Woodcraft® Peoples' Choice (GC)	\$ 300
Best Traditional Style Furniture	\$ 600	Alamo Hardwoods (2 GC's)	\$ 250
Best Texas Style Furniture	\$ 600	Fine Lumber & Plywood (GC)	\$ 200

See Attachment "A" for category definitions. In addition to the awards listed, the Show Committee and the judges may create additional awards based on sponsors and the judging of accepted pieces.

Entry Fees: (Payable **after** acceptance by the Show Committee).

Furniture offered for Sale
 \$100 per Piece

Furniture not offered for Sale
 \$200 per Piece

Make check out to: KACC

Mail to: Kerr Arts & Cultural Center
 PO Box 293634
 Kerrville, Texas 78029

Note: Furniture makers (including Apprentices) offering their furniture for sale will be allowed to display business cards and/or promotional flyers.

Important Dates to remember:

September 15, 2017 - Application deadline (with \$25 non-refundable jury fee).

September 18, 2017- Acceptance results released by email. **Entry Fee** due to confirm acceptance no later than **September 30, 2017**.

October 23, 2017 – Delivery of Accepted Furniture from 9 AM to 2 PM.

October 26, 2017 – Show opens to the public.

November 4, 2017 – Seminar from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM; Reception & Awards Ceremony from 5:30 PM to 8 PM.

November 5, 2017 – Judges' Critique for Accepted Artists from 9 AM to 11 AM.

December 2, 2017 – Pick-up furniture from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Eighteenth Annual Texas Furniture Makers' Show®

October 26 through December 1, 2017

Entry Application

Please print clearly

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ (You must be a Texas resident to qualify)

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Type of furniture I will show – please describe the furniture you would like to show and include two different glossy photographs representative of your work (First time entrants must provide photos of the actual piece to be entered). Quality images of your work are very important. If you are selected, we may use your piece in preshow advertising. The jury committee base their selections on what they can see. Selection criteria will include design, craftsmanship, selection and use of materials and type of furniture. (Please print legibly and fill out completely).

Description: _____

I have handcrafted the furniture I intend to enter. Check one. _____ Yes, completely _____ Yes, with the following exception (Explain) _____

I will deliver () number of pieces of furniture accessories briefly described below:

Description: _____

I consider myself an **APPRENTICE FURNITURE MAKER**: YES NO (Circle One).

(Definition: An Apprentice Furniture Maker has been making furniture for less than three years, has not made furniture for sale, and has not received awards for furniture making nor entered furniture exhibits or competitions).

The furniture I will enter will be for sale: YES NO (Circle One) Furniture makers entering furniture for sale will be allowed to display business cards and/or advertising flyers.

The furniture I will enter **has not** been shown previously at Kerr Arts & Cultural Center: _____ Yes (please acknowledge).

I will deliver my furniture **on Monday, October 23, 2017 between 9 AM – 2 PM.** _____ Yes (Alternate times may be arranged but may be limited due to storage space. No furniture can be accepted **after** October 25th)

Name and e-mail of my **hometown** newspaper (e-mail is important so we can send them pictures) _____

I have enclosed a **non-refundable** Jury Fee of \$25 _____ Yes (Please acknowledge). Make check out to: **KACC**

Mail to: Kerr Arts & Cultural Center
PO Box 293634
Kerrville, Texas 78029

General Conditions:

1. KACC will use utmost care while handling your work, but will not be responsible for loss or damage.
2. KACC receives the following commissions for sales resulting from the Texas Furniture Makers Show:
\$0 to 1,500 – 30% \$1,501 and up – 20%

KACC requires the furniture maker to notify and pay commissions to KACC when making a sale or receiving an order as a result of exhibiting work in the Texas Furniture Makers' Show®.

3. KACC reserves the right to photograph entries to be used for exhibit promotion and publicity.
4. All accepted entries shall remain as placed by the Show Committee for the entire duration of the show
5. We require the use of standardized exhibit pedestals (See Attachment "A").
6. Entries that are unsuitable, soiled or require excessive display space may be disallowed by the Show Committee.

Entry into this competition constitutes agreement with these conditions.

Signed _____ Date _____

Attachment "A"

Texas Furniture Makers' Show® Furniture Category Definitions

Purpose: The purpose of the show is to present the work of Texas Furniture Makers to the public in a formal gallery atmosphere, to improve the quality and skill of Texas furniture making by formal consultation and by example, and to bring national attention to the fine one-of-a-kind hand-made works of art created by Texas Furniture Makers.

Furniture Categories

- Contemporary Style – Clean, sleek, modern, smooth with very little decoration, functional (Example: Scandinavian style). Material can be wood, glass, plastic, composite – almost anything.
- Traditional Style – Interpreted reproductions, adapted reproductions of historical styles such as Chippendale, Queen Anne, Shaker, Arts & Crafts, and anything identifiable as a past period style.
- Texas Style – May be rustic – may include wood, stone, iron, bone, leather - evokes the "Texas life style".
- Art Style – May be playful, humorous and may or may not be functional.
- Apprentice - An Apprentice Furniture Maker has been making furniture for less than three years, has not made furniture for sale, and has not received awards for furniture making nor entered furniture exhibits or competitions.
- Not for Sale – All furniture entered as **Not for Sale** regardless of the type of furniture

Note: The Texas Furniture Makers' Show® considers all furniture entered to be "Studio" furniture as the furniture is "one of" or limited edition and produced in a small shop.

Display Pedestal Specifications

Furniture displayed on standardized exhibit pedestals greatly enhances the visual impact of the furniture.

Size

- The minimum size of the pedestal is 16 in. long X 16 in. wide X 2 in. high.
- The maximum amount of space a pedestal may occupy is 8 ft. X 8 ft.
- The pedestal should not exceed the size of the furniture by more than 6 in. in any direction.

Construction

- Pedestal top and sides should be constructed of ½ in. – ¾ in. plywood.
- Fastening shall be done with #6 finishing nails or screws and glued with suitable wood glue. Nail holes should be filled and sanded flush.
- An internal support should be provided for spans exceeding 24 in.
- Oversize pedestals may be constructed in several pieces.

Finish

- Pedestals should be sanded with a minimum of 120 grit sandpaper prior to finish.
- One coat of KILZ primer (or equivalent) shall be applied as the first coat.
- Two coats of Sherwin Williams Alabaster (white) #7008 satin latex paint shall be applied.

Note: The Show® Committee reserves the right to substitute pedestals to enhance the appearance of the show. KACC reserves the right to not accept donated pedestals that are too large for storage.