



Texas Furniture Makers Show

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Kerr Arts & Cultural Center

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Dear Texas Furniture Maker,

You are invited to apply to exhibit at the 24th Annual Texas Furniture Makers Show® (TFMS) presented by Woodcraft® and hosted by the Kerr Arts & Cultural Center (KACC) in Kerrville, Texas from **November 2 through December 15, 2023**. 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 handmade works of art created by Texas Furniture Makers.

All furniture entered should be one-of-a-kind or limited edition and produced in a small shop or studio located in Texas. Both professionals and hobbyists are welcome to apply. You must be a Texas resident. The TFMS is not limited to woodworking and furniture can be made of wood, metal, ceramic, concrete, glass, plastic, stone, leather, fiber, or any combination. The furniture you submit for consideration should be made within the past two to three years and must not have been previously exhibited at the KACC. In keeping with our mission to encourage new furniture makers to enter the craft, the Apprentice category has been redefined as **Emerging Artist** to include those with less than five years' experience and have not won an award in any competition for their work.

The KACC gallery can artfully exhibit 50 to 60 pieces of furniture so acceptance into the TFMS is determined through a juried selection process. All applications must be submitted with a \$25 non-refundable jury fee. Only one jury fee is due for a maximum of three pieces of furniture. The Application Deadline is **September 15, 2023**. We are now accepting electronic submittal of forms, photos and fees; instructions are included in **Additional Information**.

Notification of acceptance to the TFMS will be announced by email on **September 26th**. Furniture makers may offer their work for sale with a 25% commission (regardless of price) to support the KACC and a \$100 entry fee per piece. Members of the Furniture Show Committee will be available at delivery to help any maker who needs advice on pricing their piece(s). Furniture may also be designated as "Not For Sale" which does not affect eligibility for awards. Because this option offers no financial support for the KACC, pieces that are not for sale will have a \$200 entry fee. Payment of entry fee(s) is due no later than **October 30th**.

We are having another online auction this year benefitting the TFMS and would appreciate your donation of a box or decorative item to be included. The winner will receive a gift card.

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

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

Paul Sauder, Director
Texas Furniture Makers Show

Lanza M. Teague, Executive Director
Kerr Arts & Cultural Center



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

★ Important Dates to Remember ★	
Application Deadline (with \$25 Jury Fee)	September 15, 2023
Acceptance Results Announced (By Email)	September 26, 2023
Entry Fee(s) Due to Confirm Acceptance	October 30, 2023
Delivery of Furniture, Pedestal & Accessories	October 30, 2023 9 AM to 3 PM
Show Opens to Public	November 2, 2023
Educational Seminar (Separate Registration)	November 11, 2023 Time TBD
Awards Ceremony & Reception	November 11, 2023 5:30 PM to 8 PM
Judges' Critique for Accepted Artists	November 12, 2023 9 AM to 12 Noon
Last Day of Furniture Show	December 15, 2023
Pick Up Furniture	December 16, 2023 9 AM to 3 PM

KERR ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER: The KACC is located at 228 Earl Garrett Street in Kerrville, Texas 78028. The TFMS will run for six weeks with the gallery open five days a week. Show hours will be Tuesday through Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM. Admission, as always, is free to the public. The KACC is a non-profit organization. Funding for providing the facility, utilities, and staffing over the six-week run of the TFMS is largely supported by the commissions generated from sales of furniture and accessories. It is requested that if a piece of furniture sells after it leaves the TFMS to a person who first encountered it at the Show, the appropriate commission would be rendered to the KACC.

APPLICATION: Please fill out the enclosed Entry Application describing the furniture you will enter and include two to three high quality photographs representative of your work. First time entrants must provide photos of the actual piece to be exhibited. Your application and photos can be mailed to Kerr Arts & Cultural Center - Furniture Show, P.O. Box 293634, Kerrville, TX 78029. They may also be emailed to arts@kacckerrville.com. Electronic Submittal of your application can be made at <https://tinyurl.com/TFMS2023> with accompanying photos sent to arts@kacckerrville.com. All applications must be received by **September 15, 2023**.

PAYMENT(S): Payment of the jury fee can be made with the online application or by check. Payment of entry fee(s) upon acceptance and the educational seminar fee if attending can be made by check (made out to **KACC** and mailed to Kerr Arts & Cultural Center - Furniture Show, P.O. Box 293634, Kerrville, TX 78029. Payments may also be sent via PayPal to arts@kacckerrville.com.

DELIVERY: Furniture should be delivered at the rear loading dock of the KACC (on Main Street across from the courthouse) on Monday, **October 30th**, from 9 AM to 3 PM. Helpers will be onsite on this date only to assist with unloading. Each piece will be professionally photographed on the official delivery day for marketing purposes. Delivery can be made on another day by special arrangement. Furniture will **NOT** be accepted after Wednesday, **November 2nd**.



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ACCESSORIES: All accepted furniture makers are encouraged to submit small handcrafted decorative accessories (i.e. boxes, woodturnings, clocks, children’s toys, wall art, shelves, display cabinets, lamps, etc.) for 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.

DISPLAY: All furniture must be displayed on a standardized pedestal (See Attachment “A”). Furniture makers (including Emerging Artists) will be allowed to display business cards and/or promotional flyers. Accepted furniture makers should provide a description of their piece to be displayed with it including the selected category and price if applicable.

CATEGORIES: Each piece of furniture must be designated to compete in a specific category.

- **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.
- **Emerging Artist** – Made by someone who has been making furniture for less than five years and has not received any award for furniture making. May be any style.

AWARDS: A panel of three well qualified Judges will evaluate each furniture piece in a blind competition to determine recipients of prizes and ribbons. Pieces will be judged on quality of craftsmanship & finish (60%) as well as elements of design (40%). The awards ceremony will be held from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM on Saturday, **November 11th**. Prizes include cash, gift certificates, and merchandise. In addition to the awards listed below, the judges and sponsors will recognize other worthy entries.

Jim Derby Best of Show	\$1,000	Best Art Style Furniture	\$ 600
Second Place (Overall)	\$ 800	Johnny Jones Best Craftsmanship (Thru 2026)	\$1,000
Third Place (Overall)	\$ 700	Emerging Artist (Merchandise)	\$ 350
Best Contemporary Style Furniture	\$ 600	Woodcraft® Peoples’ Choice (Gift Cert)	\$ 300
Best Traditional Style Furniture	\$ 600	Society of American Period Furn. Makers	\$ 200
Best Texas Style Furniture	\$ 600	Multiple Sponsored Special Judges Awards	\$ Varies



SEMINAR: An educational seminar (generally taught by one or more of the Judges) will be held Saturday afternoon, **November 11th**, at a time to be announced for Makers and the interested public. Pre-registration is required. A nominal fee will be charged for the seminar.

JUDGES CRITIQUE: The Judges will provide feedback to Makers who wish to attend a critique from 9 AM to 12 Noon on Sunday, **November 12th**. This is a unique opportunity to get expert analysis of your work to aid your growth as an artist.

PICK UP: Furniture must remain on exhibit for the entire duration of the TFMS and cannot be picked up early. The last day of the Show is Friday, **December 15th**. Furniture that has not sold may be picked up on Saturday, **December 16th** between 9 AM and 3 PM.

MARKETING: The TFMS will be promoted in Woodcraft® monthly flyers and the Fine Woodworking Magazine. We will promote the show in selected print media, online on www.TexasFurnitureMakersShow.org, and through our social media accounts including Facebook/Texas.Furniture.Makers.Show and Instagram/TexasFurnitureMakersShow. Furniture makers are strongly encouraged to use hashtags #texasfurnituremakersshow and #KACCKerrville when posting about the Show on their own social media accounts. Also, please provide contact information for your hometown newspaper so that they can be notified. The TFMS reserves the right to use photographs of entries provided by makers as well as those taken at the KACC for promotion and publicity.

ATTACHMENT "A"
Display Pedestal Specifications

Standardized exhibit pedestals greatly enhance the visual impact of the furniture on display in the gallery.

SIZE:

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

CONSTRUCTION:

- Pedestal top and sides should be constructed of 1/2 inch or 3/4 inch smooth plywood. Sides may also be constructed from paint grade solid wood.
- Fastening shall be done with #6 finishing nails or trim screws and glued with suitable wood glue. Fastener holes should be filled and sanded flush.
- An internal support should be provided for spans exceeding 24 inches.
- 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 at the end of the Show that are too large for storage.

