

NELSON WOODWORKING SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTED AT ROYAL SHOW

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In a first for Nelson's Centre for Fine Woodworking (CFW), contemporary furniture designed and constructed by its woodworking students is being shown at Christchurch's Royal Show from Nov 11-13th in the Trades and Features Pavilion.

The Royal Show is New Zealand's largest A&P Show and attracts 120,000 visitors each year. The event is part of the ten-day New Zealand Cup & Show week - a festival of the best in agriculture, racing and fashion that contributes over \$27 million to the Canterbury economy.

CFW tutor John Shaw, Centre manager Larry Spitz and CFW Trustee Chris Feltham will be based at Stall 81 in the Trade & Feature Pavilion. The stall features a workbench where John Shaw will be demonstrating dovetailing, planing and other woodworking skills and will answer any woodworking problems. There is also a draw for visitors to enter and win a Krenov-style plane made by John Shaw.

CFW's Christchurch appearance is the start of an exhibition season, which includes the school's end of year show at the Refinery Artspace in Nelson (10th Dec – 24th Jan) and an exhibition at COCA (Centre Of Contemporary Art) in Christchurch (9th Feb – 6th March)

Furniture on show at all three events will feature pieces by students currently on courses at CFW including Adam Webb and Tony Clark who between them won the top three prizes in the Furniture and Cabinetmaking section of the 2009 Kawerau WoodFest, a competition widely regarded as one of New Zealand's top three wood crafting events.

Items being displayed at the Royal Show will include Adam Webb's award-winning side table, a jewellery box by Tony Clark, a steam-bent stool, a cheery and maple chair by Sjoerd Van Waart and various other pieces of contemporary furniture design.

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BACKGROUND INFO

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For more information about The Centre for Fine Woodworking see www.cfw.co.nz or contact John Shaw on 03 545 2674 (email info@cfw.co.nz)

The Centre for Fine Woodworking was established in 2006 as a charitable educational trust with the principal aim of offering high quality tuition in fine woodworking. The Centre offers courses with small class sizes and a low student to instructor ratio. Fundamental to the centre's philosophy is accessibility for all students.

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