

San Diego Fine Woodworkers Association to Co-Sponsor 36th annual Design in Wood Exhibition during San Diego County Fair June 2ND to July 4th 2017. With over 350 entries this is the largest woodworking competition and exhibit of its kind in the country and is co-sponsored by the largest woodworking association in North America. The San Diego fine Woodworkers Association (SDFWA) is pleased to again co-sponsor the Annual Design in Wood Exhibition during the San Diego County Fair, Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar, California, from Friday June 2nd through Tuesday July 4th, 2017.

The 2017 exhibition promises to be an extraordinary event and as introduced in 2006 will offer a theme based award. The theme for 2017 event is: **"When the West was Fun!"** As always, this competition is open to all woodworkers. Over 350 entries are expected in twenty-four categories of woodworking with awards totaling more than \$20,000.00. A "Best in Show" award of \$1,000 will be sponsored by Fine Wood working Magazine.

There are 25 entry classes, each awarding 1st through 4th place plus Honorable Mention. Entry classes include: Traditional Furniture, Traditional Accessories, Contemporary Furniture, Contemporary Accessories, Art furniture, Made for Children, Model Building (Scale and not to scale), Musical Instruments, Clocks, Wood Turning (Four classes including Face Work - perpendicular to ways of the lathe; Center work - parallel to ways of the lathe; Embellished/Mixed Media; Laminated/Segmented), Wood Carving (Animals, Birds, Marine Animals, Human Form, Open Class), Scroll Saw (Intarsia and Fretwork), Veneering/Marquetry, (Furniture and Art) plus two classes for work designed and executed by computer, both laser and/or CNC. Entries can be made on line starting in mid-February 2017. Go to www.sdfair.com, click on Competitive Exhibits and then click on Design in Wood.

For those needing it, help is available to get their entries submitted. Instructions are on the information pamphlet which may be downloaded beginning January 2017 at the fair web site or at www.SDFWA.org, click on Design in Wood. **The deadline for entries is Friday, April; 28th, 2017.** All entries must contain the appropriate entry fees and photographs in order to be eligible. Please refer to the on-line official entry form for complete rules, entry requirements and schedules. Ed Gladney, Exhibition Coordinator, says, "Design in Wood has become the most prestigious competitive woodworking exhibition in the country. Touted as being the largest and finest exhibit of its kind, it runs for over three (3) weeks and attracts over a million and a half viewers and prospective clients during its run. The exhibition is co-sponsored by the San Diego Fine Woodworkers Association and the San Diego County Fair. Over the years there has been improved presentation of the pieces in a gallery atmosphere and, of course, the ever-increasing prize money."

SDFWA is one of the largest woodworking association in the country with a membership in excess of 1,000. The annual Design in Wood Exhibition at The San Diego County Fair, Del Mar Fairgrounds, is one of many activities of the association. Members work in shifts to man the show and also demonstrate woodworking skills in a 19th Century Cabinet Shop producing 50 high-end reproductions of a 100-year-old oak chair for young schoolchildren. The chairs are donated to deserving nonprofit agencies in the San Diego area. In addition, throughout each year, the members create and donate over 3,000 toys to needy children, and community childcare facilities.

In addition to the 19th Century Cabinet woodworking booth there are live demonstrations of Scroll Sawing, Woodturning, model ship building and Carving by members of their guilds. All open to the public. Further information is available from Ed Gladney, Design in Wood Coordinator, at (858) 484-4366 home or (619) 241-251-4410 Cell or edgladney@san.rr.com