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**The New Hampshire Furniture Masters Association to
Hold Annual Fundraiser at the Currier Museum of Art**
Saturday, September 22nd, 2018 5:30 – 9pm



*(L) Powers of Nine by Owain Harris (R) Northern Confluence by Greg Brown
Photos by Bill Truslow*

CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Furniture Masters return to the Currier Museum of Art for *Masters' Pieces – The Main Event* on Saturday, September 22nd from 5:30 – 9pm. This is an evening dedicated to showcasing the exceptional talent of the Furniture Masters and the work that the organization does to educate and preserve the tradition of fine furniture making. The Currier Museum of Art is located at 150 Ash Street in Manchester, NH.

At the *Main Event*, meet and mingle with the Masters, view their remarkable fine furniture and bid on select work during a silent auction. Each participating Master donates a handcrafted item to be bid on during the event. This year's silent auction includes a contemporary end table that was made by Furniture Masters Tom McLaughlin and David Lamb during the latest season of *Rough Cut with Fine Woodworking*. Donations from Rare Woods USA and Lie-Nielsen Toolworks will also be available to bid on.



*Contemporary End Table
by Tom McLaughlin and David Lamb
Photo by Mike Pekovich of Fine Woodworking*

In addition to seeing fine furniture made by members of the Furniture Masters, attendees will also see select work by participants in the Furniture Masters' Prison Outreach Programs in both Maine and New Hampshire and a table made by Dean Babin, the 2018 recipient of the Alden Artisan Advancement, a scholarship offered by the Furniture Masters for emerging young makers.

A People's Choice Award will be awarded to one of six New Hampshire Institute of Art students who will have their own work on display as a result of a summer mentorship program with a

Furniture Master. The students spent the summer visiting a Master's workshop and learning about fine furniture making. They have since reflected and created a response piece in their own medium which will be unveiled on the night of the *Main Event*. Participating NHIA students include: Abba Cudney, Kendal Ames, Jesus Carmona, Daniel Espinoza, Jason Correia and Derek Taylor.

A ticket to *Masters' Pieces – The Main Event* allows you to receive free admission to the Currier Museum of Art on September 22nd, 2018. With your admission, you can attend a Pecha-Kucha style presentation led by members of the Furniture Masters. The presentations take place at 11am and 2pm. Register to attend one of these presentations at www.currier.org.

Visit masterspieces.eventbrite.com to purchase tickets to *Masters' Pieces – The Main Event*. To learn more about the Furniture Masters, visit furnituremasters.org.

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About the New Hampshire Furniture Masters Association

The New Hampshire Furniture Masters Association (NHFMA) was formed in 1993 by a core group of furniture makers and several Concord-area business men and women. The founders had one goal in mind: to build awareness of New Hampshire's fine furniture makers and to cultivate an audience for their goods closer to home. The Furniture Masters continue to spread awareness of their craft into the present, working collaboratively and leveraging their potent body of collective knowledge and experience to stimulate one another's creative output.

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