



## VERMONT FINE FURNITURE AND WOODWORKING FESTIVAL

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***Some of the World's Finest Hand-Crafted Furniture  
Displayed Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 in Woodstock, VT  
At 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Vermont Fine Furniture & Woodworking Festival  
Union Arena, Rt. 4, Woodstock VT.***

**WOODSTOCK, VT** April 2006 -- Getting up close and personal with Vermonters has a lot to do with their wood.

In the spring they tap it (for maple syrup), in the summer they hack it (for winter wood) and year-round they saw, chisel, plane and sand it into the finest hand-crafted furniture in the world.

Then, with true Yankee pride, they love to show it off.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Vermont Fine Furniture & Woodworking Festival Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 in Woodstock, VT, will showcase over 30 exhibits of fine furniture for home and office. The Festival that coincides with the crescendo called leaf-peeping season in the Green Mountains expects to draw hundreds of visitors who are shopping for Christmas, enjoying a family outing or simply admiring the artistry on display.

### **“From Forest to Furniture”**

#### **Partnership with Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park**

In addition to exhibits and displays at Woodstock's Union Arena, there will be an opportunity to visit Vermont's first National Park. The 550 acre park demonstrates a model of land stewardship continuing a tradition of sustainable forestry. Here you will be able to participate in programs that highlight connections between sustaining a healthy forest and wood products that promote conservation. Take a walk with an ecologist, see a portable sawmill in action, watch woodcrafters do their work, ride a horse drawn wagon through the forest and more!

Admission is free for both days at the park. A free shuttle will take people to and from the Union Arena to the National Park.

Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park is the only national park to focus on conservation history and the evolving nature of land stewardship in the United States. It is also the only National Park to be certified by Smart wood. The park's forest management practices adhere to strict environmental and socioeconomic standards in accordance with the principles and criteria of the Forest Stewardship Council.

The Festival is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1. Admission is \$5 per individual and \$10 per family (two or more). There

will be activities for children, live music and a food court. The park is open from 10am until 5pm. All park programs are free.

Festival sponsors are the Vermont Wood Manufacturers Assn. (VWMA) and the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park

VWMA president Mike Rainville, notes that the furniture makers represent traditional skill sets and values.

“In a time when assembly line factories in Asia are churning out furniture by the container load, Vermonters have chosen a different path: to stick with the woodworking traditions of fine craftsmanship, respect for the environment, and a commitment to excellence,” says Mr. Rainville.

For more information and a schedule of events please see [www.vermontwood.org](http://www.vermontwood.org) and [www.nps.gov/mabi](http://www.nps.gov/mabi)

EDITOR’S NOTE: High resolution photos of the kinds of furniture to be displayed are available.

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