



## WOODSTOCK WOOD SHOW

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Dear Wood Enthusiast,

As has been reported, the Woodstock Agricultural Society, which took over ownership of the Woodstock Wood Show in March 2012, are committed to putting on a successful show October 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013. As the coordinator of the Wood Show, it is my intention to provide a show worthy of the reputation established by the Woodstock Wood Show in years gone by. One way we hope to accomplish this is by ensuring the Upper Canada Woodworking Competition continues to be the great competition and exhibition that it is known for. We are contacting individuals to encourage them to participate by submitting entries in one of the several categories and at one of the several levels (e.g., open, amateur, children) within the competition. We are also contacting the various carving, wood-turning, marquetry and other woodworking groups and inviting them to join us by taking a booth at the Wood Show.

As a club interested in woodworking activities, we are inviting you to join with us at this year's show. We recognize that the distance for some clubs and their members is a deterrent but, at the same time, maybe some folks will take this opportunity to visit with friends or family in this area. To help offset some of the costs involved, we are prepared to waive the rental fee to your club for a 10 X 10 foot space; a larger space may be available if required. The only stipulation is that we would expect some of your members to be working on projects throughout the course of the show.

If any of your members would like to submit an entry in the competition, which we hope they will, the entry fee this year is \$20. This fee entitles the entrant to submit two (2) entries per category but across any number of categories and also gains them admission to the Wood Show over the three days. Children up to, and including, 12 years of age may enter the competition for a fee of \$10.

We already have several companies that have agreed to provide cash and/or product prizes currently ranging from \$25 to \$500. For example, Stockroom Supply is providing \$500 for the best piece of furniture; Armstrong Milling is providing product prizes for the top three bird feeders and are prepared to purchase some of these for their own use in other exhibitions; Lee Valley Tools is providing gift cards totalling \$250; Burrill's Auction Service is providing \$300 cash; and R & D Bandsaws, Royce Sales, and Minwax – Sherwin Williams are providing product

prizes. Be sure to check the Wood Show website for details regarding what prizes may be added and to whom or what these prizes will be awarded. These prizes are in addition to the cash prizes offered by the Wood Show and as listed on the entry forms.

We are currently involved in retaining qualified and knowledgeable individuals to serve as judges across the various categories. As these positions are confirmed, their names and a brief biographical sketch will be posted on the website.

Arrangements have been made at four hotels in the city for a special rate to Wood Show exhibitors/vendors and we are looking to obtain discount coupons from local restaurants. Here again, this information will be updated on the website as it is confirmed.

Security will be provided for the full duration of the Wood Show but it will be each exhibitor's responsibility to provide their own insurance, if that is desired.

We hope you will take the time to review this letter and consider joining us at the Woodstock Wood Show on October 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013. I would also encourage you to monitor the website at ([www.thewoodstockwoodshow.com](http://www.thewoodstockwoodshow.com)) for updates and information about the show. The website will also enable you to complete the forms and submit them electronically or you can also pass on any comments, suggestions or questions you might have. If you would prefer to do that more directly, you can call the coordinator at the Wood Show office at 519-539-7772. Any voice mail messages left will be returned as soon as possible, usually within two working days.

Please pass this letter and website information on to other potential competitors and/or exhibitors you may know. For now, however, let me express my appreciation to you for considering this letter and for any support you may be able to extend to the Woodstock Wood Show by participating in the competition or by simply attending the show. I look forward to you joining us at the Wood Show in October.

Sincerely,

Ron Findlater  
Wood Show Coordinator