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**NEW HAMPSHIRE FURNITURE MASTERS  
REVEAL LATEST CREATIONS IN HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXHIBITION**  
*Master furniture makers showcase creativity;  
fine furniture lovers enjoy advance showing of annual fall auction offerings*

**Manchester, NH** – From August 18<sup>th</sup> through September 16<sup>th</sup>, members of the New Hampshire Furniture Masters Association will place their newest creations on display in *Unsurpassed Artistry: New Hampshire Furniture Masters*, an exhibition at the New Hampshire Historical Society's library, 30 Park Street, Concord, NH. The library is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; admission is free. This exhibition showcases extraordinary new creations by the Furniture Masters in an intimate setting and offers visitors a chance to familiarize themselves with the pieces that will be available for purchase at the Masters' annual auction on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Unsurpassed Artistry* will feature works by eighteen select members of the New Hampshire Furniture Masters, two guest artists and two participants in the Association's Prison Outreach Program.

The New Hampshire Furniture Masters are very grateful to our **2009 Lead Sponsor: Persian Rug Galleries of Nashua, New Hampshire**. We would also like to express our deep appreciation for our additional 2009 sponsors: Arthur D. Clarke & Co.; *Business NH Magazine*; Christopher P. Williams Architects; The Clark & Reid Companies; The Courville Communities; Hilda W. Fleisher; Guild of N.H. Woodworkers; J.S. McCarthy Printers; Kirk Leoni; *New Hampshire Home Magazine*; New Hampshire Institute of Furniture Making; Ocean Bank; Rowley & Associates, P.C.; The Scott Lawson Group, Ltd.; The Sununu Family; and TD Bank, N.A., Trustee, Benjamin Cohen Trust.

**Exhibition Special Events**

On **Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.**, the New Hampshire Furniture Masters will participate in “Art Concord.” A celebration of the arts throughout Concord, this event offers participants a wonderful opportunity to view the Furniture Masters’ new pieces and chat with the Masters about their work.

On **Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**, the Furniture Masters officially open *Unsurpassed Artistry* with a **Reception and Silent Auction**. An evening highlight, the Silent Auction provides attendees with the opportunity to bid on smaller, more modestly priced handmade and special interest items by the Furniture Masters. The reception also offers attendees the opportunity to speak with the Masters one-on-one and discover the intricacies of their unique pieces while standing before the works. All monies raised during the Silent Auction will provide support for the Furniture Masters’ educational initiatives.

**2009 New Hampshire Furniture Masters Auction**

The **2009 New Hampshire Furniture Masters Auction** will take place on Sunday, September 20 at the renowned Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, NH, ([www.currier.org](http://www.currier.org)) with auctioneer Stephen Schofield of Scofield Auctions, Inc. (License #2272) presiding.

This year’s participating Masters are: *Ted Blachly, Aurelio Bolognesi, Jon Brooks, John Cameron, Tim Coleman, Jeffrey Cooper, Garrett Hack, Howard Hatch, David Lamb, Wayne Marcoux, Tom McLaughlin, Martin Milkovits, Terry Moore, Sam Norris, Brian Reid, Brian Sargent, William Thomas, and A. Thomas Walsh*. This year’s guest artists are *Richard Oedel* and *Peter Turner*. The two Prison Outreach Program participants are *Al Eason* and *Eric Grant*.

Tickets to the event are \$75 per person and entitle the holder to attend the gala reception and auction and receive a 2009, four-color auction catalogue. To purchase tickets or obtain additional information, visit the Association’s website at [www.furnituremasters.org](http://www.furnituremasters.org) or telephone (603) 898-0242. Images of the Furniture Masters works are available upon request; contact Lori Mirazita at (603) 566-6368 or [lmirazita@comcast.net](mailto:lmirazita@comcast.net).

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*Founded over a decade ago, the **New Hampshire Furniture Masters Association** today enjoys a membership of nearly two dozen craftsmen who create studio furniture in an array of styles including Period, Early American, Shaker, Neo-Classical, Traditional, Contemporary and Art Furniture. For additional information on NHFMA or individual masters, please visit [www.furnituremasters.org](http://www.furnituremasters.org).*