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## Teapots and Spoons Transformed into Art and Humor at the Gallery of Wood Art

(St Paul) The American Association of Woodturners Gallery of Wood Art is proud to present *The Teapot* and *A Gathering of Spoons* from March 2 – May 23, 2010. The invitational exhibits include over forty artist-created teapots and more than fifty hand-carved wooden spoons.

Forget the wooden spoon you probably stir your soup with and that tin or cracked china teapot full of bitter brew. Every object in this exhibit is made of wood, but the similarity ends there. Each piece has an individual personality: and whether elegant, meditative, whimsical or comical, each is unique in concept and appearance.

### About *The Teapot*

- The teapots were created by professional studio woodturning artists from the United States, Canada, Japan, France and England
- There are more than twenty-five different wood species represented
- All the teapots have been formed, at least partly, on a wood lathe – a machine that spins wood at high speed on a central axis while it is carved by an artist. The process is called *woodturning*, and is more commonly used for creating items like table legs, baseball bats and spindles
- Unusual materials used in this exhibit include corrugated cardboard and laminated pages from a vintage atlas

### About *A Gathering of Spoons*

- Features beautifully hand-carved spoons from over fifty artists, from the United States, Australia, Canada, Japan, Romania, and Sweden
- There are more than forty wood species represented
- Minnesota artists represented include: Amy Sabrina, Dennis Chilcote, Fred Livesay, Jim Sannerud, Del Stubbs, Paschal, Judy Ritger, Jim Anderson and the late Frank Foltz
- Pieces are selections from the Norman D. Stevens collection of over 200 spoons. Stevens, a Connecticut native, is a lifelong collector of folk and fine crafts

### About the Gallery

Located in historic Landmark Center, the AAW Gallery of Wood Art offers an often surprising and always engaging view of contemporary works created in wood. The gallery is sponsored by the **American Association of Woodturners** ([www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)), an over 13,500 member international non-profit dedicated to the promotion of woodturning through support, education and exhibitions. The AAW Gallery of Wood Art also features educational exhibits, a display of vintage lathes, and a gallery gift store offering turned items by national and local artists, books, exhibit catalogs and DVDs.

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**Dates:** March 2 – May 23, 2010

**Location:** AAW Gallery of Wood Art

Landmark Center, 75 5th St W, St Paul, MN 55102

**Hours:** Tuesday – Thursday, 11-4, Sundays 12-3 and by appointment

**Cost:** Admission is free

**Website:** [www.galleryofwoodart.org](http://www.galleryofwoodart.org)

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High-resolution images available on request



Images, top to bottom: Jason Schneider, Amy Sabrina, Michael Hosaluk, Doug Finkel, John Goodyear, Ainslie Pyne, Dixie Biggs.

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