



American Association of Woodturners

Saint Paul, MN

# Gallery of Wood Art

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## 'FAR FROM THE TREE'

### OPENS AT AAW GALLERY OF WOOD ART

"Far From The Tree," presents a visual history of woodturning's emergence as a vibrant artistic form over the past sixty years.

This national touring exhibition originated at the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship will run from January 11 to April 18, 2008 at the AAW Gallery of Wood Art in Landmark Center, Saint Paul.

At the center of the exhibit are pioneering artists Bob Stocksdale, Rude Osolnik, Mel Lindquist, James Prestini, and Ed Moulthrop who focused on the natural beauty of wood by utilizing simple vessel forms. From that core radiates the work of influential contemporary artists who have expanded the language of the medium in new directions. The works on display feature a broad range of sensibilities, yet are related through their use of wood, lathe and a shared history.

The show's curators are Jacques Vesery, from Damariscotta, Maine, and Kevin Wallace, from Los Angeles, California. Vesery is a leading wood artist with an international reputation. Wallace is an independent curator, author, and Director of the Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts in Ojai, California. Together, they provide an "insiders" view of the woodturning field. The exhibition takes a fresh look at the field's roots and the steady expansion of woodturning that has resulted in a bold new approach to contemporary art.

Pieces are available for purchase, with prices ranging from \$600-\$26,500. A list of participating artists is at the bottom of this page.

### **About the AAW Gallery of Wood Art**

Sponsored by the American Association of Woodturners, a 13,000 member international organization headquartered in Saint Paul, the AAW Gallery of Wood Art hosts four to six exhibits each year by nationally and internationally known artists. The gallery also displays antique lathes and has a gift store featuring local turners.

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**Dates:** Friday, January 11, 2007 – Friday April 18, 2008  
**Hours:** 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and  
12 to 3:00 p.m. Sunday.  
**Location:** 222 Landmark Ctr, 75 W 5th St, St. Paul, MN 55102  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Ages:** All ages

High-resolution images are available.

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### **Artists represented in *Far From the Tree***

Artists represented: Michael Brolly, Pennsylvania; Christian Burchard, Oregon; Gorst du Plessis, New Orleans; David Ellsworth, Pennsylvania; Harvey Fein, New York; Ron Fleming, Oklahoma; Giles Gilson, New York; Robyn Horn, Arkansas; William Hunter, California; John Jordan, Tennessee; Stony Lamar, North Carolina; Michael Lee, Hawaii; Mark Lindquist, Florida; Bill Luce, Washington; William Moore, Oregon; Michael Peterson, Washington; Merryll Saylan, California; Betty Scarpino, Indiana; Mark Sfirri, Pennsylvania; and Alan Stirt, Vermont. **International exhibitors** include Alain Mailland from France, Graeme Priddle from New Zealand, Richard Raffan from Australia, and Hans Weissflog from Germany.

*Pictured from top: Ron Fleming, Betty Scarpino, Stony Lamar, Harvey Fein, Merryll Saylan*