



When the Wood Speaks to Me....

The P. H. Miller Studio, frame-makers in Berryville, VA has reorganized the showroom to include an exhibit area devoted, in addition to the frames and decor objects made at the studio, to the art of Virginian Woodworkers. The on going exhibit will highlight works in wood for sale by regionally recognized woodworkers including woodturners Don and Harriet Maloney, Bluemont, Michael Fraser, Berryville, Mark Zimmerman, Winchester, Terry Fox, Middletown, furniture maker Ron Light, White Post and wood sculptor Gary Smith, Berryville. Newly completed pieces will be included in the exhibit as they are done and other pieces have sold.

The creation of these works of art are based often times on design and creativity rather than strictly on function. While sometimes that can be a very fine line to define, these wood artists take their time in deciding what a piece of wood can or should be. That process can develop over months and sometimes years before the work begins. Peter Miller recalls a college professor speaking about working with wood: "There are only two things that you can do with a piece of wood. One is to make that wood smaller and the other is to add another piece of wood to make it bigger." While this is true, it is overly simplified. My objective here at the studio is to explore the decisions around design and the variations of the medium itself. I hope to show the work of makers devoted to allowing the wood to speak to them and help guide their decisions in what the outcome will be. Sometimes designs can be completely developed before hand and other times designs emerge through the character provided to us in one of nature's amazing bounty.

Visit http://phmillerstudioinfo.wixsite.com/mysite/showroom-gallery to see examples of each of the artisan's work and visit the Studio. All works of art by these artisans are available for sale.

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