

CRAFTY REWARD

Community Contributions Through Woodworking

(NAPSA)—Men and women dedicated to making their community a better place through woodworking or a related craft now have an opportunity to be recognized through an annual awards program.

The Community Craftsman Award is an annual program sponsored by the Minwax Company that rewards individuals or organizations that have used their woodworking skills for a community or philanthropic endeavor.

Entries are now being accepted for the 2001 program. The grand prize award includes a \$5,000 cash grant, a supply of Minwax products and a consultation from Woodworking and Do-It-Yourself expert and author Bruce Johnson. Two runners-up will also receive a supply of Minwax products.

"This program has been a great way for woodworkers to demonstrate their talents and showcase how they've used the woodworking craft to really make a difference in their community," says Harvey Sass, Minwax Senior Vice President.

Qualified candidates must engage in a woodworking or wood finishing activity that promotes pride and satisfaction throughout the community by making it a better place to live.

Last year's nominees were involved in projects ranging from community fund-raising to student education.

The Woodworkers Guild of Georgia was awarded the grand prize for its dedication to the Mountain Top Boys' Home, a housing facility for underprivileged boys, and its contributions to Habitat for Humanity, an organization dedicated to providing families in need with affordable and comfortable housing.

The Eastern Oklahoma Woodcarvers Association (EOWA) was



Woodworkers do a lot for their communities—and a national contest honors those efforts.

awarded a runner-up prize for its contributions to the Tulsa Zoo. The EOWA initiated "Project Penguin" to help raise funds for the building of a habitat for Blackfoot Penguins. The association has donated more than 200 wooden penguins that will be sold as part of a fund-raiser for the zoo.

A runner-up prize was also awarded to Randle Cox and his students at the Tri-County Vocational School in Nelsonville, Ohio. Cox developed a program for students at risk of dropping out of school called Occupational Work Experience (OWE). Through OWE, hundreds of students have graduated and been placed in jobs.

Minwax encourages all eligible woodworkers and craftspeople to enter the 2001 Community Craftsman Award Program. Entrants should provide a summary detailing the woodworking project and indicate how the endeavor was used to benefit the community. Send submissions to Minwax Community Craftsman Award, c/o Brushfire Marketing, 110 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981. Deadline for entries is November 30, 2001.