

Community Heroes

Do Good With Wood

(NAPSA)—Entries are now being accepted for the 2002 Community Craftsman Award. It's an annual award, sponsored by Minwax, that honors the many people who work with wood and make the community a better place.

Those eligible for the \$5,000 prize include individuals, community groups, schools and associations that engage in an activity that involves, but is not limited to, wood finishing. The project should provide a feeling of pride and satisfaction intrinsic in working with wood and promote a goal of community improvement or self-improvement.

Last year's award-winner was Woodworkers for Children Charity, a Washington, D.C.-based group that crafted more than 6,200 wooden toys over four years and donated them to 45 charities serving at-risk preschool children. The toys included cars, trucks, helicopters, pull string toys, and a large sit-on airplane.

A runner-up award was given to Queen Anne's County High School in Maryland. Students and teacher John Graf restored a 108-year-old African-American schoolhouse on the campus of the high school. They used their woodworking skills and knowledge to restore the historic building, making a valuable contribu-



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

tion to their community.

The \$5,000 award is accompanied by a supply of wood finishing products, and a consultation with author and do-it-yourself expert Bruce Johnson.

Deadline for entries is Dec. 31, 2002. The winner will be announced in the spring of 2003. Applicants should send a written summary discussing how their wood project contributed to the betterment of the community. Photos are optional, but encouraged.

All entries must be addressed to Minwax Community Craftsman Award, c/o Brushfire, Inc., 110 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, N.J. 07981. For more information, visit www.minwax.com.