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Fresh Wood Student Competition Judging Panel Taps Experts in Production, Fine Furniture and Design

CITY OF COMMERCE – Jan. 29, 2013 -- Five distinguished woodworking and furniture industry professionals have been selected as judges for the AWFS 2013 [Fresh Wood](#) student woodworking competition.

The judging panel consists of:

- Janis Colella, owner at [Culin & Colella](#) high-end custom architectural woodwork and furniture
- Paul Epp, Industrial Design Department Chair at [Ontario College of Art & Design](#) and contributor to [Wood Industry](#) magazine
- Darrell Peart, of [Darrell Peart Furniture Maker](#) and specialist in Greene & Greene style furniture
- Gene Valcke, Regional Manager at [Hanes Fabrics Co.](#) and AWFS Board Director
- Rob Zoehfeld, Product Line Manager at [Datesweiser](#) custom office and corporate furniture

Fresh Wood judges begin their work in May, with a round of preliminary judging and then come together at the AWFS®Fair in Las Vegas, July 24-27, 2013 to select the winners.

[Fresh Wood](#) is a student woodworking competition open to full-time students in an accredited high school or post-secondary woodworking or related program and part-time students in an accredited post-secondary woodworking or related program who are transitioning into a career in woodworking or design within North America. The competition has six categories at both school levels: case goods, chairs, open, production/contract, reproduction and tables.

All competition forms and guidelines can be found on the [Fresh Wood page](#) of the AWFS Fair website.

About AWFS

The full-scale international [AWFS®Fair](#), scheduled for Wednesday - Saturday, July 24 – 27, 2013 in Las Vegas, has become a critical hub for international commerce in the woodworking industry. The AWFS®Fair brings together the entire home and commercial furnishings industry, including manufacturers and distributors of machinery, hardware, lumber, construction materials and other suppliers to the furniture, cabinet manufacturers and custom woodworkers.

For more information on the AWFS®Fair, please visit: [AWFSFair.org](#).