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Anaheim, CA - One of the most popular AWFS Fair program topics, finishing will play a prominent role in this year's College of Woodworking Knowledge education program. Finishing can be intimidating even to the most advanced woodworker. The variety of courses offered at the show are intended not only to increase attendee skills but to also inform them of the importance of taking product finishing into consideration well before the actual finishing begins.

On Wednesday, July 24, a three-hour intensive seminar on "Simplifying Color Matching with an Emphasis on Dyes" will be given by David Smith, President of Fresh Air Finishers in South St. Paul Minnesota. The session explores how to match colors rather than be limited by what is available commercially and how to manipulate color by using dyes to produce long-lasting results. David is a 20-year finishing veteran and affiliate of the National Institute of Wood Finishing.

On Thursday, Smith leads a second session entitled, "Tackling Touch Up, Spot Repair & Other Finishing Problems." This seminar details how to avoid finishing problems and costly rework as well as how to approach the various surface repairs that do occur. Also running on Thursday is a two-hour class on "Integrating Finishing Processes & Product Knowledge." The content speaks to the importance of integrating proper product finishing information into every phase of the manufacturing process, beginning with the architect.

On Friday, a panel of three including AWFI, M.L. Campbell and Renner USA, delivers "Compliant Finishes for Small Shops". In order for small shops to meet regulatory compliance, their finisher needs to know and understand what products to use, how to build a finishing system and the associated application parameters required to become successful in compliant finishing. This seminar provides valuable information on both solvent base compliant materials as well as compliant water base coatings.

On Saturday, the "Advanced Sanding Methods" technical session is a great compliment to the finishing seminars. Tim Middleton of Stiles Machinery discusses advanced sanding techniques for a variety of applications and includes dealing with sealer sanding defects, scratch patterns and proper use of brushes.

To view the full [2013 CWWK schedule](#) and to register, go to www.AWFSfair.org. For information, contact AWFS at 800-946-2937 or e-mail nancy@awfs.org.

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.