

2013 Fresh Wood Judges

Thank you to the following industry professionals for committing their time to the Fresh Wood competition as judges!



Janis Colella has had a lifelong passion for fine arts and sculpture which led her to the Wood Shop at Purchase College, State University of New York where, in 1981, she was one of the first women to graduate with a BFA in Woodworking and Furniture Design. She opened Colella Custom Furniture, creating and making one-of-a-kind high-end pieces for clients, interior designers and architects in the New York metro area. She married Ray Culin in 1987 and they merged their businesses in 1989 to form **Culin and Colella, Inc.** where she now designs kitchens, libraries, and furniture pieces for a variety of customers.



Paul Epp is a Professor of Design and the Chair of the Industrial Design Department at **Ontario College of Art & Design University** in Toronto. Previous teaching experience includes Ryerson University, The Rochester Institute of Technology, Sheridan College and other institutions, as well as many international guest lectures. He graduated with Honours from the Furniture Program at Sheridan College in 1972 and was a private student of Master Cabinetmaker James Krenov, then of Stockholm. In addition to his work at OCAD U, he writes columns for a number of periodicals and engages in applied design research and undertakes various design projects.



Darrell Peart is a fine furniture maker who was dubbed the “Guru of Greene & Greene” by the Robb Report. In 2009 his piece, “Aurora Chest of Drawers” was featured on the cover of Fine Woodworking’s “How to Design Furniture.” In 2010 he was named one of the top eight furniture designers by design-training.com. Darrell is the author of “Greene & Greene: Design Elements for the Workshop” and “In the Greene and Greene Style: Projects and Details for the Woodworker.”



Gene Valcke has with the home furnishings industry for more than 40 years. He was the first Hanes salesperson to cover a territory outside of the Carolinas, calling on manufacturers in the Midwest and expanding business into Canada. He is the Regional Manager for the **Hanes Fabrics Western Division**. Gene serves on the Consumer Advisory Council of the CA Bureau of Electronics and Appliance Repair, Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation and the Public Policy Committee of AWFS. •



Robert Zoehfeld's passion for manufactured furniture started in graduate school after reading the book, *The Design of Herman Miller* by Ralph Caplan. He has over 35 years' experience in the furniture manufacturing industry, primarily in the contract office market. Work has included showroom, factory, graphic, exhibit, and product design. He has held positions in product development, marketing and design, most recently at DatesWeiser Furniture Inc. in Buffalo, NY.