



## **AWFS Hosts its 10<sup>th</sup> Fresh Wood Student Competition; KCD Software and Wagner Meters Continue to Support Fresh Wood Students**

The Association of Woodworking & Furnishings Suppliers® (AWFS®) will host its 10<sup>th</sup> biennial Fresh Wood student furniture competition. The competition, which will be showcased at the 2019 AWFS® Fair, July 17-20, in Las Vegas, is open to high school and post-secondary students in accredited woodworking or related programs. Entry applications will be accepted until May 1, 2019.

The 2019 Special Theme category topic is “Sports and Games”. Projects in this category must be at least 50% wood or wood composite and need to relate to either a sport or a game. Students can enter a tennis racket, hockey stick, fishing equipment, hunting equipment, canoe, dart board, card table, pool table, ping pong table, chess set, and more! “We are really excited to see the entries for this category. We’ve had several ping pong tables and game tables entered into previous Fresh Wood contests and they always attract a crowd,” says AWFS Education Director Adria Salvatore.

Five other entry categories make up the Fresh Wood competition: Case Goods, Seating, Tables, Design for Production, and an Open category, in which projects can be made of any material. Entries will be rated by a panel of judges that represent different aspects of the industry. Judges’ scores will determine the finalist pieces that will be on display at the AWFS® Fair. AWFS® covers project shipping and the majority of travel costs to bring students and their teachers to the AWFS® Fair.

The Fresh Wood display will be located in the Supply Hall. It will be adjacent to **Turning to the Future**, a competition by the American Association of Woodturners which will showcase turned student work. There will also be a lounge attached to the Fresh Wood Booth giving attendees and exhibitors a place to relax and network with student finalists and their instructors.

### **KCD Software and Wagner Meters Continue Support of Fresh Wood**

AWFS® Fair 2019 exhibitors KCD Software and Wagner Meters have both signed on to sponsor the Fresh Wood student furniture competition. KCD Software, the makers of 3D cabinet and closet design software, is the “Best in Show” award sponsor for the second time. Wagner Meters, the makers of moisture measurement products, has been the “People’s Choice” award sponsor since 2013. The AWFS® Fresh Wood Committee would like to thank both companies for their generous support of student woodworkers through the Fresh Wood competition.

The Fresh Wood entry deadline is **May 1, 2019**. Finalists will be on display throughout the AWFS® Fair July 17-20, 2019. Winners will be identified and announced at an Awards Ceremony on Friday, July 19, which is open to all attendees and exhibitors. First place, second place and honorable mention awards may be given out in each category and at each school level. A “Best of Show” award will also be selected from all first place winners. A People’s Choice award, for which all AWFS® Fair attendees and exhibitors have the opportunity to vote, will also be given.

For more information and entry instructions, visit [AWFSFair.org](http://AWFSFair.org) or call: AWFS Education Manager **Adam Kessler**, (323) 215-0312.

**About AWFS**

The full-scale international AWFS® Fair, scheduled for Wednesday - Saturday, July 19-22, 2017 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](http://AWFSFair.org)

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