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### **Local Woodworkers Ross and Goldberg Win Awards**

Sarasota, Florida (February 4, 2010) - The local Sarasota/Bradenton woodworking club, West Coast Woodworkers would like to announce awards received in the Fine Handcrafted Furniture competition at this years Florida State Fair. Myakka City resident Adam Ross, owner of Ross Woodworking received Best Of Show honors in the Fine Handcrafted Furniture - Basic Exhibitor division. Ross also received a first and second place ribbon respectively for his cherry and slate topped dressers. Ed Goldberg, from Sarasota, was honored with a second place ribbon, in the Advanced Exhibitor division in the Accessories category for his carpathian elm burl jewelry box.

The Florida State Fair runs from February 4-15, 2010 at the Tampa Fairgrounds. Local clubs are asked to enter handcrafted items they have made during the past year. President of the Florida West Coast Woodworkers Club, Brian Timmons, said, "This is a great chance for our members to show their competitive spirit and show off their exceptional woodworking skills. Our club is fortunate to have such talented woodworker and members like Adam and Ed who are willing to share their knowledge with other club members as well as represent the general membership with their woodworking.

This years Fine Handcrafted Furniture judge was Venice resident David Hannah from Hannah Furniture and Woodworking. David is a master furniture builder who not only builds furniture for discerning individuals but also teaches the art of fine furniture construction and design. "Design is very important to me. You have to start with a well thought out design, then select wonderful woods, and finally demonstrate your overall woodworking skills. It all has to work together. This years entries were a real pleasure to judge and I was honored to be asked to judge the event."

The Florida State Fair in combination with the Wood Crafters Club of Tampa has hosted and organized the Fine Furniture Competition for the past 25 years. The prizes range from \$25-\$200 but more importantly you receive bragging rights. Tampa coordinator Tom Syoke says he has been participating in the event for 5 years and has seen a wide range of woodworking items that ranged from hobby level woodworking to museum quality woodworking. He finds it most rewarding to see the quality increase from year to year as the woodworkers hone their skills and become better artist.

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