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Hawai'i Forest Institute Receives Hawai'i Tourism Authority CEP Award for 2023 Hawaii's Woodshow™, Na Lā'au o Hawai'i

August 24, 2023: Hawaii's Woodshow™, Na Lā'au o Hawai'i is the Hawai'i Forest Industry Association's (HFIA) annual statewide, juried woodworking exhibition. This year HFIA is celebrating its 31st Anniversary Woodshow, which is being held at the Hawaii Opera Plaza in Honolulu from October 29th through November 8th, open daily from 9 am to 5 pm. Admission is free and there will be limited on-site parking.

HFIA's affiliate, the Hawai'i Forest Institute (HFI), was awarded \$8,500 through the Hawai'i Tourism Authority's 2023 Community Enrichment Program for this year's Woodshow. Other event sponsors so far are: Ron & Myra Kent Fund of the Hawai'i Community Foundation, Tusher Architectural Group, University of Hawai'i Mānoa School of Architecture, C. Barton Potter, Hawai'i Wood Utilization Team, Scheurenbrand Guitars, and Peter Simmons-In the Woods.

Attendees will be treated to extraordinary heirloom-quality works made from beautiful Hawaii-grown woods. The event encourages an appreciation for the participating artists and the materials they use and promotes the positive role forests play in our economy and ecology.

A portion of sales from this year's Hawaii's Woodshow will be donated to the Hawai'i Community Foundation's Maui Strong Fund.

Three jurors will select awards with a balanced knowledge of contemporary woodworking and Hawai'i forestry. Awards are based on 'Inspiration of Design' and 'Excellence of Implementation'.

Typically, awards categories include: Best of Show; Masters Awards, First Place awards in various categories, Honorable Mentions, Lā'au Pono Spirit of the Show Award, Ron & Myra Kent Fund Awards, Puuhonua Society Ano of Excellence Award, Artist's Choice Award and People's Choice Award.

An exciting component of Hawaii's Woodshow is the Innovation + Imagination (I+I) Student Challenge, coordinated by and initiated in 2017 by Steven Hill, IDSA, 3D Lab Director at University of Hawai'i (UH)-Mānoa School of Architecture. The Student Challenge introduces students to the



"Drift" by Luke Shaffer, Best of Show
2022 Woodshow. Photo: Brad Goda 2022.

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diverse world of Hawai'i woods. Students are challenged to construct artwork using a mix of donated Hawai'i-grown woods and other materials of their choice. Schools that have participated in the past are UH-Mānoa School of Architecture, Brigham Young University–Hawaii, Maui and Kalani High Schools, Mid-Pacific Owl Robotics, Olomana School, and Punahou School.

HFIA is excited to welcome back former Woodshow Coordinator Marian Yasuda this year. Mahalo to Diana Ching for coordinating Hawaii's Woodshow the past three years.

