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### 2023 Hawaii's Woodshow Award Winners Announced

**HONOLULU, HI – 10-31-2023** – The 2023 Hawaii's Woodshow, Na La'au o Hawai'i, announced its 2023 Award Winners.

This year's show features 91 original pieces crafted by 48 individual artists. The artist categories include Master, Main, and Novice artists.

Hawai'i's Woodshow emphasizes the use of wood from Hawaiian-grown tree species, especially those nurtured and brought to maturity in Hawai'i. This exhibition serves as a vital reference point for the planting of native and non-native high-value hardwoods for future generations, promoting the positive role of forests in our economy and ecology.

Awards were given in multiple categories including sculpture, furniture, turning (form and with embellishment), accessories, and musical instrument.

Awardees Include:

**The Best In Show** Luke Shaffer ... *Spark*



#### Hawaii's Woodshow Masters

**Award of Excellence**

Frank McClure...Tsunami

**Award of Distinction**

Bob Butts...Curly Koa Hope Chest

**Award of Merit**

Mats Fogelvik...It's Curly

#### Main Division: First Place Awards

**Sculpture**

Robert Duffer...Navigator's Mind: Constellation

**Furniture Marian Yasuda Award** John Lund...Trestle Desk KV

**Turning Form Emphasis** Jon Ogata...Hollow Form with Finial

**Turning with Embellishment** John Mydock...Aloha Reef

**Accessories:** Doug Gordon & Leleo Kinimaka...Na Mea Kaua

**Musical Instrument:** David Gomes...Classical Guitar

**Novice:** Beau Nakamori...Lyche Naguri

The show also includes the Imagination + Inspiration Student Challenge (I+I). The I+I Challenge encourages hands-on learning and understanding of our forest resources in high school and university-level students. This year the I+I Challenge showcases 31 entries from 29 students – 20 entering as individuals plus 5 teams in the team category.

#### **I+I: Innovation + Imagination Student Challenge 2023 Awards**

##### Pu'uhonua Awards:

Kate Kaneshiro, Stephanie Lee...*Hokulea Model*

Hunter Wells...*Somnolent*

**High School:**

**First Place Individual** K.B...3-D Star Puzzle  
**First Place Team** Kate Kaneshiro & Stephanie Lee...Hökūle‘a Model  
**Honorable Mention** K.W ... Table Lamp

**College:**

**First Place** Hunter Wells ...Somnolent  
**Second Place** Angelie Mae Mariano ...Becoming  
**Third Place** Michelle Lee ... Ambient Desk Light  
**Fourth Place** Monson Taiapa ...Maori Taiaha #122  
**Honorable Mention:**  
Demitrio Castillo ... *Japanese Lantern Lamp*  
Monson Taiapa ... *Maori Taiaha #121*

Full list of awards and link to downloadable photos please visit: [2023 Woodshow Photos](#)

Sponsored by the Hawaii Forest Industry Association (HFIA), Hawai‘i’s Woodshow marks its 31st anniversary and will present extraordinary heirloom-quality works crafted from Hawai‘i-grown woods. The Woodshow will continue Daily through November 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9 AM to 5 PM. The Woodshow is free and open to the public.

Details:

What: Hawai‘i’s Woodshow  
Where: Hawaii Opera Plaza, 848 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu  
Daily through Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>  
Daily 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Cost: Free and open to the public

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

For more information about the 2023 Hawaii's Woodshow, please visit:  
[woodshow.hawaiiforest.org](http://woodshow.hawaiiforest.org)

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**About Hawaii Forest Industry Association (HFIA):** The Hawaii Forest Industry Association (HFIA) is dedicated to promoting the responsible use of Hawai‘i’s forest resources and provides a platform for the appreciation of local woodworking craftsmanship. HFIA strives to protect and conserve native forests, manage existing planted forests, and create new model forests for future generations.

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