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MASTER WOODWORKERS TO EXHIBIT IN PASO ROBLES

"Wood Transformations" offers two different approaches to one medium

Paso Robles, California – Wood is the focus of the November exhibition at STUDIOS ON THE PARK. Personal friends and longtime woodworkers Roger Combs and Barry Lundgren will showcase their two takes on one medium in "Wood Transformations."

Opening November 3, the exhibition was born out of Roger and Barry's friendship and mutual respect and interest in each other's work and craft. With "Wood Transformations" they intend to both show the spectrum of creativity possible with wood and their shared commitment to design, shape, and fine finishing.

Roger Combs is an original designer and accomplished woodworker. A native of Central California, Combs has had a lifelong passion for furniture design and construction. Since receiving a BA degree in Industrial Arts from Cal Poly, he has worked fulltime as a professional artist, creating limited production pieces such as stools, benches, tables, and accessories. Of his philosophy, Combs says, "I believe in creating functional art that combines good design with hand selected domestic and exotic hardwoods." He compares his creative process to putting together a puzzle. He explains, "Lumber is my palette – a variety of colors, textures, and grains reveal themselves to me." With this sensibility and a signature style combining Asian aesthetic and Danish design, Combs furniture has become well known for its beauty and sophistication.

Barry Lundgren's work reflects a more free form approach. Native green (or wet) woods harvested by him or his friends are the source for many of his pieces with olive, black acacia, oak, walnut, and locust among his favorites. The unique scent, texture, and beauty of each wood inspire him. However, Lundgren gets even greater satisfaction by making pleasing shapes and forms. His 20-year passion for woodturning stems from the spontaneous, metamorphic nature of the process. Whether he is turning a one-of-a-kind natural-edge piece or a more traditional form that emulates shapes from the past, he enjoys the shavings-flying, constantly changing nature of all the art he creates

The "Wood Transformations" reception on November 5 at STUDIOS ON THE PARK will be held as part of First Saturday: Wine & the Arts, a downtown Paso Robles tradition of art, wine, and live music-filled evenings at the start of every month! From 6 pm to 9 pm, there will be fine wines by Castoro Cellars and refreshments as well as a live performance by the Vanishing Mountain Boys. This talented local group combines string instruments and drumming to create their unique sound.

STUDIOS ON THE PARK was founded in December of 2007 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a creative, educational, and transformational experience to enhance understanding and appreciation of the visual arts. STUDIOS ON THE PARK realizes its commitment by making the creative process available to the public. STUDIOS engages and inspires the San Luis Obispo County community and its visitors with a unique open studio environment. STUDIOS features artists working in a variety of media, educational programs for children and adults, and quality exhibitions by regional, national and international artists.

STUDIOS ON THE PARK is located at 1130 Pine Street in historic downtown Paso Robles. For more information, visit www.studiosonthepark.org or call 805-238-9800.