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Art Furnishings for Artful Living Newsletter

Ant totem done, door done and new projects
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Dear Friend,

I'll be in Nashua on Sunday May 4 in a one day show of sculpture and craft. "Art and Artists on Review" It's at RJ Finlay Co at 30 Temple Street, noon to 5 PM. It's outdoor weather permitting, indoor if there is rain. I'll be bringing the Ant Totem and the Garden Seat shown in this newsletter. I hope you can come.

Don't forget June 10 we are planning an open house at my studio building, with several other artists included. Details next month.

If you are an architect or designer, I'd like to call your particular attention to the article Door Collaboration in this newsletter. This is a concept you may be interested in using in your designs.

Ant Totem

Here is the Ant Totem I have been showing as "work in progress" in past newsletters. For those newly subscribed to my newsletter, this was made from a cut-off from the butt of a walnut tree I had opportunity to mill into lumber. The butt had significant damage caused by an ant colony, which we had to destroy in milling up the log. This table is a tribute to that ant colony.





Door collaboration with Vigilant Woodworks

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You may remember last fall I was working on a collaboration on a door with Vigilant Woodworks, a company in Dover that specializes in wine cellars and humidors. My part is a carved door panel. The result is a prototype door, and here it is. I will let you know when it is posted on Vigilant's website. **For you designers and architects reading this, I hope you will take notice of this one, because we are very excited to introduce this concept.** We can use this prototype for any doors in a house or office space, interior or exterior. And we can customize the carving to the client and site where the door will be placed.



A growing gift

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If you have been following my newsletter for awhile, you will remember the bears bench I made for Wendy and Mike. When I delivered it they gave me a nice gift of a plant. They will have to refresh me on what it is, but in any case, it has grown and is in bloom. It's not necessary to give a gift of a plant when I deliver a commission, but I thought a nice touch, and interesting to share.

The Garden Bench

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I am continuing work on the garden seat. I simplified the design from the model to a 5 legged arrangement. Here it is in clamps almost done. The assembly has gone in several stages to make sure each joint is tight, and often needed jiggling to accommodate the compound angled joints. I expect to have the finished piece for a May newsletter, withme in Nashua, and at the Furniture Masters photo date is May 12

Next Project- a mirror

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When I finish the bench I'll be starting on an art nouveau mirror for a front entryway for a house in Florida. Actually it's for my brother and sister in law. The mirror will have iris and butterfly designs carved into it, and a shelf. The upper part will be pear wood which has a nice pinkish color, and the shelf will be walnut to pick up in the color of the floor tiles. The carvings will be highlighted with violet and green dyes.

I hope you all enjoy the warm Spring weather, which I trust is coming. I'm heading to Mount Desert Island this weekend to deliver to my gallery there and do some hiking. Speaking of which, Tyra, the Gallery owner is planning events the week of July 7, and I will be there on July 9 for the furniture event. For more on that, her website is

Gallery at Somes Sound.

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