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Art Furnishings For Artful Living

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**May 19 at Pease Tradeport
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Dear Jeffrey,

For those of you close to the Seacoast area, the Furniture Masters is having **Furniture After Hours event Thursday May 19 after work from 4:30 to 7 PM in the lobby and hallway at 1 New Hampshire Ave at the Pease Tradeport**. Nine of us will be showing and it's your first chance to see my piece and others for this year's catalog and shows. Mine is glass topped side table with male and female figures as the table base. It's very cool. I only have some not so good snapshots and it is to be photographed professionally tomorrow. Do swing by and see it.

In other news, I have had two pieces selected for the **National Park Service Centennial exhibitions**. and here are the opening reception dates:

- Fragrant Flow at Marsh-Billings in Woodstock, VT: Sat., June 4, in conjunction with Trek to Taste, 2 pm
- Ants Totem at Springfield Armory: Sat., June 18, in conjunction with Armory Day, 2-4 pm

Both shows close August 21.

Looking ahead, the **Furniture Masters schedule highlights**

- at the NH Historical Society in Concord July 11 to 25, with the reception on Thursday July 21
- at 3S Artspace in Portsmouth September 11 to 25, our Gala with the open house, silent auction, live auction and dinner on the 25th.

Do Mark your calendars.

What am I working on just now?

I am making a cabinet with mirror and drawers for a new home for my niece and nephew, Aaron and Emily. The photo at right is the base portion upside down on my workbench. It nestles into a nook by the kitchen, has a shelf, a drawer below it, and a narrow stack of five drawers below that. It is trapezoidal shaped so the two pieces you see are to square up the inside of the cabinet for the drawers.



This is the cabinet upside down showing the joinery.

The sides are joined with a row of mortise and tenons, and the bottom of the middle level cabinet is dovetailed, even though it can only be seen from underneath. It's a strong joint and allows for proper wood movement. The angles of the trapezoid shape did make the joinery a bit tricky.



Relief carvings on the side panels

As on several of my other pieces I am decorating the side panels with relief carvings; this time It is a scene of a piping plover, eel grass, a girl with a sand pail, and a lighthouse on an island on the horizon. The other side will have a boy because those are their two kids. The home is at Goose Rocks Beach in Kennebunkport, which is spectacularly beautiful; thus the design specific to a beach house



Next time I write I'll have photos showing how the mirror goes above the drawer cabinet. Plus, I am just starting on a lamp for delivery to the Gallery at Somes Sound on Mount Desert Island. I was about to do another giraffe lamp, but then thought, "Done that already." This lamp will have a black bear, a pileated woodpecker and a kingfisher. I'll have photos of that in progress next time.

I hope to see you at one of our events.

Best
Jeffrey

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