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Art Furnishings for Artful Living Newsletter

Progress on the screen, and a nifty little table

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Dear Me,

I hope you are all enjoying winter. Next week I'll be off to Mammoth Mountain, CA skiing.

When not playing in snow I've been busily working on the screen collaboration with [Catherine Green](#), and making a nifty little table with some carvings of local Portsmouth scenes. Here's more:

Progress on the screen

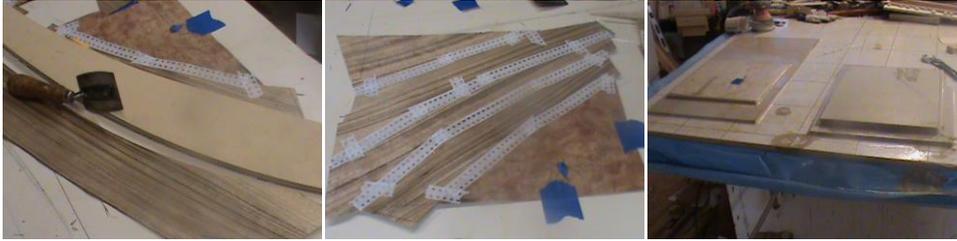
If you can, look back at the drawing from the February newsletter and you'll recognize the woodwork laid out. You'll see in the photo the joints that fold the screen outer frame, and the inner frames that will pivot on ball bearing assemblies. Since Catherine's prints would be on one side we thought to make the reverse just as beautiful by carving an acanthus leaf pattern. This will be on the center of the shoji frame, and on one of the columns, the other column to be fluted. This all reinforces the Greek mythology theme of the prints.



Veneer work on the shoji panels

Catherine's artwork will include some plowed furrows. This is in the Persephone story where in spring there is a harvest and everyone is happy. We thought to continue the design element of the furrows into the veneer work on the panels below. We've selected a stripey Paldao veneer to show the furrows, and a striking roble burl veneer as the background. The Paldao veneer is pieced together in tapered curves to reinforce the perspective and depth of field. These three photos show how it's done - cutting using a

large French curve as a guide for the veneer saw, the panel with the curves taped together with veneer tape, and the panels in veneer press being glued to a core.



If it's not clear, it will be next newsletter.

A nifty little table

This table commission is a birthday present from David to Joann. It's for their apartment on the Portsmouth waterfront, from which they have views of the harbor and the Memorial Bridge, which is now under construction. Thus we have a table with a 13 inch round top and a three winged pedestal making a wine bottle shape. This is similar to the lamps you can see on my website. Each of the three sides has a relief carving of Portsmouth scenery. They are the bridge, the Church in Market Square, and the tugboats at the pier (in progress in these photos..



Upcoming showings

Please mark your calendars now for these opportunities for us to meet.

- I currently have work at the [League of NH Craftsmen](#) "A Child at Heart" through April 13
- I will be doing a carving demo for the [Guild of NH Woodworkers](#) April 20 at the Homestead School in Newfields, NH
- I will be showing the screen at the NH Art Association, Levy Gallery for the month of May, with the opening reception May 3
- The screen will also be at the [Gallery at Frenchman's Bay](#) (soon to be renamed Gallery at Somes Sound) on Mount Desert Island, Maine for the month of July, with reception July 3
- And it will be at Living with Crafts at the [League](#) Annual Craftsman's Fair the first week in August, with the opening reception August 1.
- The [NH Furniture Masters](#) are planning a showing at the NH Historical Society in late August, and a gala event sometime in October, somewhere in Portsmouth.

I hope to see you, and have a great spring. I'll be skiing at Tuckerman's Ravine.

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