

# Unsung Heroes

## Good News For Those Who “Do Good With Wood”

(NAPSA)—Reality TV shows and DIY programs featuring home makeovers and doing good in the community have never been more popular, but one contest has encouraged and rewarded that kind of volunteerism since 1992. It honors people who “do good with wood,” improving their neighborhoods by donating their wood-finishing and woodworking skills to a worthy cause.

Winning entries through the years have been inspiring. A formerly homeless man now mentors at-risk youths in his furniture refinishing and repair business; a guild of woodworkers uses their wide range of woodworking skills to improve the lives of special-needs children by building wooden holiday toys; and a group of high school students designed and built a fanciful wooden boat in a classroom to improve literacy among grade-schoolers.

These are but a few examples of woodworkers and do-it-yourselfers of all skill levels who have been recognized by the Minwax Community Craftsman Award for improving the lives of others.

Once again, handy people who help build a better community through wood finishing and woodworking could soon see additional rewards beyond the gratification that comes from helping others. Entries are now being accepted for 2009’s Award, with top honors going to one grand-prize winner and two runners-up. The grand prize is a cash grant of \$5,000, a supply of Minwax wood-finishing products and a working consultation with author, television personality and wood-finishing expert Bruce Johnson.



**NOMINATIONS WANTED—You or your organization may be awarded a \$5,000 cash grant.**

Runners-up receive a supply of Minwax products. Additionally, a special recognition award and cash grant of \$2,000 will be presented to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to his or her community by working with wood.

### Who Can Enter

Eligible participants include individuals, community groups, schools and associations that engage in an activity that involves, but is not limited to, wood finishing and woodworking.

The deadline for submission is Dec. 31, 2009 and winners will be announced in the spring of 2010. All eligible applicants are encouraged to enter by writing a summary of recent woodworking projects that have been completed for the purpose of enhancing their community and helping others. Photos are optional but encouraged.

Contest entries can be submitted at [minwax.com](http://minwax.com), e-mailed to [minwaxcca@brushfireinc.com](mailto:minwaxcca@brushfireinc.com), or sent by mail to Minwax Community Craftsman Award, c/o Brushfire Inc., 2 Wing Drive, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927. For more information, visit [minwax.com](http://minwax.com).