

Community Heroes

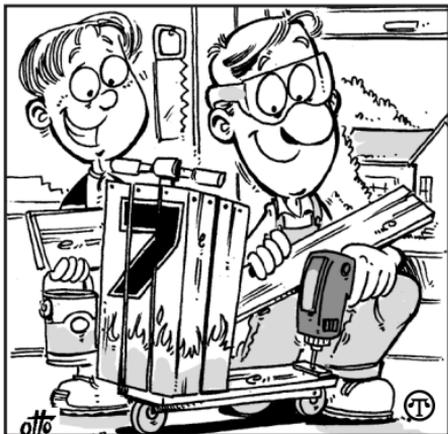
KIDS DO GOOD WITH WOOD

(NAPSA)—Entries are now being accepted for the 2003 Community Craftsman Award. It's an annual award sponsored by the Minwax Company that honors the many people who work with wood and make the community a better place.

Those eligible for the \$5,000 prize include individuals, community groups, schools and associations that engage in an activity that involves, but is not limited to, wood finishing. The project should provide a feeling of pride and satisfaction intrinsic in working with wood and promote a goal of community improvement or self-improvement.

Last year's award winner was the "Kids Making It" Woodworking Program, an after-school and summer camp woodworking experience, teaching basic woodworking skills to youth living in Wilmington, North Carolina Housing Authority neighborhoods. The program offers kids a sense of pride and accomplishment through building wood projects while at the same time being schooled on the dangers of drugs and crime and the value of education and hard work.

The \$5,000 award was accompanied by a supply of Minwax® products and a consultation with Do-It-Yourself expert and author Bruce Johnson.



National program honors people who do good with wood in bettering their communities.

Two runner-up winners were also announced: The Shasta Woodworkers Club of Shasta, CA and The Woodworkers Club of El Paso, Texas.

Deadline for entries is Dec. 31, 2003. The winner will be announced in the spring of 2004. Applicants should send a written summary discussing how their woodworking projects contributed to the betterment of the community. Photos are optional, but encouraged.

All entries must be addressed to Minwax Community Craftsman Award c/o Brushfire, Inc., 110 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, N.J. 07981.

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