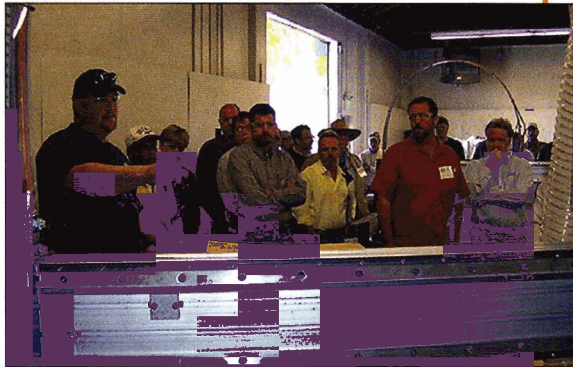


ShopBotters converge on California

The sixth annual ShopBot Jamboree took place May 16-18 in San Mateo and Foster City, California where cabinetmakers, designers, CNC craftsmen and manufacturers gathered to learn about ShopBot Tools' new line of Personal Robotic Systems.



During the event, seminars and discussions were held with topics such as proper cutting bit selection, vacuum hold-down methods, prototyping, indexing and marketing a business. Jamboree attendees also participated in a condensed version of ShopBot Basic Training, ShopBotting for Women and the Box Design Contest.

CEO and founder Ted Hall unveiled a prototype of the company's new PRS BenchTop CNC during the event, and ShopBot's PRSalpha and PRSstandard Personal Robotic Systems were also highlighted. The new PRS line of CNC systems will also be shown at this year's AWFS in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Insect-infested firewood causes billions in forest damage

The U.S. Forest Service and state forestry agencies are warning summertime campers that transporting firewood lets tree-killing insects travel quickly and safely into the woods, contributing to \$120 billion in damage, prevention measures and labor each year.

The insects spread with the movement of nursery stock and green lumber, such as ash logs with bark, and are most often being transported by traveling campers. Officials advise travelers



to get their firewood at or near their destination.

"While some insect species might spread forty miles in a year by natural migration, a person hauling infested firewood from home to camp could move a species hundreds of miles in a single day," said Bernie Raimo, a representative of the Northwest Forest Service.

Most invasive insect species are introduced to North America from Asia and Europe through international trade.

Fresh Wood Student Competition draws 20 new schools

The 2007 Fresh Wood Student Competition received 210 entries this year from 41 different schools in the United States and Canada, half of which are entering pieces into the competition for the first time. Fifty eight pieces have been selected as finalists and will be on display at the AWFS Fair in Las Vegas. Final judging will take place on July 17th and winners will be announced at the AWFS GALA Awards Dinner on July 19th.

Entries are placed in categories, according to school level, including: casegoods, chairs, tables, class project, open, production and reproduction. Finalist pieces vary from a pool table to a guitar, as well as reproductions of Morris chairs, Maloof rockers, a MacIntosh desk and a Frank Lloyd Wright lamp.

New WoodLINKS USA National Director named

Mark Smith is the new National Director of WoodLINKS USA. With a background in education as an industrial technology/ WoodLINKS USA instructor, Mark Smith ran a computer integrated manufacturing facility teaching design, manufacturing and production using the wood medium.

