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**SHOPBOT EARNS TWO EDITOR'S CHOICE AWARDS AT MAKER FAIRE**

**Austin, TX (Oct 23, 2008)** - ShopBot Tools, a world leader in the design, manufacture and sale of affordable CNC systems, earned two *Make:* magazine Editor's Choice awards at Maker Faire, held Oct 18 and 19 in Austin, Texas. The first award was given for the ShopBot Buddy 48 CNC system with PowerStick, and the second award was given for the ShopBot Shed. The Buddy 48 is a compact, mobile CNC router with a 48 inch Y axis and a Z axis that - with the addition of the PowerStick attachment - is extendable to 12 feet long. The ShopBot Shed is a digitally fabricated structure based on the MIT-designed and ShopBot-built New Orleans House, currently on exhibit at New York's Museum of Modern Art. The shed - like the New Orleans house - is a permanent structure, constructed entirely of ShopBot-cut plywood parts and assembled without the use of nails, screws or other metal hardware. Editors of *Make:* and *Craft:* magazines awarded blue ribbons to Maker Faire sponsors and exhibitors who best exemplified the DIY (do it yourself) philosophy.

2008 marks ShopBot's third year as a Maker Faire sponsor and exhibitor. This year, for the first time, ShopBot brought its annual Jamboree to Austin for the three days leading up to the Maker Faire. The ShopBot Jamboree is an annual gathering of ShopBot owners and CNC enthusiasts from around the world, coming together for three days of instruction, demonstrations and show-and-tell.

**Links:**

ShopBot Tools: [www.shopbottools.com](http://www.shopbottools.com) and [www.shopbotbuddy.com](http://www.shopbotbuddy.com)

The New Orleans House Project: [www.shopbottools.com/files/The%20Printed%20House.pdf](http://www.shopbottools.com/files/The%20Printed%20House.pdf)

MIT's Digital Design Fabrication Group: [ddf.mit.edu](http://ddf.mit.edu)

Museum of Modern Art Exhibition: [www.momahomedelivery.org](http://www.momahomedelivery.org)

Maker Faire: [www.makerfaire.com](http://www.makerfaire.com)

**About Maker Faire:** Maker Faire is the premier event for grassroots American innovation. The event started in San Mateo, California in 2006 and expanded to Austin, Texas in 2007. Held annually in each of these locations, the event may expand elsewhere in the future. Maker Faire is supported by Make Magazine and Craft Magazine and O'Reilly Media the premier information source for leading-edge computer technologies. The company's books, conferences, and web sites bring to light the knowledge of technology innovators.

**About ShopBot Tools Inc:**

ShopBot Tools, based in Durham, N.C., designs and manufactures low-cost, high-value computer numerically controlled (CNC) cutting machines. ShopBot was founded by CEO Ted Hall, Ph.D., a Duke University professor of neuroscience, who developed the tool while building plywood boats as a hobby. After several years of development, the company began shipping tools in 1996. With 5,000 ShopBots in 54 countries, ShopBot is one of the largest producers of CNC routers for woodworking and plastics in North America. The company employs 25 people in the Durham, N.C. area. For more information, visit [www.shopbottools.com](http://www.shopbottools.com).

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