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## Wood Exhibition in Bonita

### **Woodworkers of Bonita and San Diego County**

The Bonita Museum & Cultural Center celebrates local crafts people during the month of March with our first annual exhibition in wood. March 14 through April 3 visitors can find traditional handmade reproduction furniture from the 19th Century as well as 21st Century contemporary sculpture and furniture in the medium of wood. The public reception will take place on Saturday, March 14th from 5:30 – 7:30pm. Musician Jeremy Field ([#shy.grandpa](#)) will be performing his sonic soundings from 6pm to 7pm during the reception.

Artists in the exhibition include Bonita residents Robert G. Stevenson, Jr. and Jim Strawn. Stevenson is known for his reproductions of period masterpieces including Federal “bench made” 1760’s to 1800’s era reproductions using tools that have been passed down several generations. His period pieces are made using hand joinery such as mortise and tenon and

dovetails. Jim Strawn will be also be displaying his inventive small ukuleles and banjos using a variety of local and tropical woods. The museum's woodshop master Steve Stonehouse will show his functional houseware.



Robert Stevenson, Federal Ladies Desk circa 1800



Jim Strawn

The exhibition has a strong showing from Mesa College with artwork from Trevor Amery and student work from the sculpture class of Professor Wendell Kling.

San Diego artist Vincent Robles will show multiple pieces that engages with materials through a

process of deconstructing and reconstructing to create a formal nature. *Through this physical act of tearing, cutting, removing pieces, exposing surfaces and breaking down said material, a new physical and psychological relationship is discovered with the material and process.*



Vincent Robles

Artworks by the Dice family, the late Robert Dice and his son Gabriel from Normal Heights, will bring us into the groovy 1970's era of San Diego woodworking. Also from Normal Heights, artist David Krimmel brings functionality to his multiples. Retired Natural History Museum woodworker Kim Blackford will show us what he has been working on in Borrego Springs since retirement. Woodworkers never retire.

Also in the exhibition find the work of Douglas Parker, Jeff Romek, Junko Glawe, and Richard Howell. The exhibition includes antique planes, tools and hand drills from the Bonita museum collection.



*Sweet tooth* by Junko Glawe

The Bonita Museum and Cultural Center highlights the arts, history and culture of South Bay San Diego. The BMCC is located at 4355 Bonita Road, Bonita CA. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm. Admission is free. Events in the museum during the exhibition include *Art in the Museum Day* which is every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 11am - 3pm with San Diego Art Kids artists Christopher Padilla and Desiree Lawrence.

Website: [www.bonitahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.bonitahistoricalsociety.org).



Antique planes and hand drills from the museum collection

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