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Craftsmen & Artisan Bios for  
Hickory Furniture Mart's Furniture Festival & Clearance Sale  
July 26th - 28th, 2013

**FURNITURE CRAFTSMEN & DEMONSTRATIONS**

**Amish Oak & Cherry**

All furniture made in the USA. Stop by and watch an Amish craftsman build a nightstand from the ground up. The finished product will be given away to one lucky customer with their Amish Oak & Cherry purchase. All items available at Amish Oak & Cherry, located on Level 2, South Entrance.

*www.amishoakandcherry.com*

**Carolina Cover Girls**

Carolina Cover Girls is made up of Emily Pettit, Linda Meeks & Kristi Maxwell who each create custom slipcovers for a variety of furniture. On Friday, July 26th and Saturday, July 27th, they will be demonstrating how to make and fit slipcovers on furniture.

***Emily Jane Creations – Emily Pettit***

Emily Pettit, a former nurse of 30 years, developed a love for sewing clothes in her childhood and transitioned into a second career making custom home furnishings. Encouraged by her family, especially her daughter who named the business Emily Jane Creations, she loves creating beautiful things for her customers' homes.

Emily Jane Creations services the upstate of South Carolina.

*www.emilyjanecreations.net*

***Pencil Me In...Slipcovers for You. – Linda Meeks***

Growing up in Eastern North Carolina, Linda Meeks spent many hot summer afternoons in the back of mama's Ford Fairlane traveling from one fabric store to another, searching for special silver linings.

Today she carries on the tradition, traveling across North Carolina, fashioning classic cotton and linen slipcovers for fine furniture. Pencil Me In is based in Raleigh, North Carolina.

*www.pencil-me-in.com*

***Pink and Polka Dot – Kristi Maxwell***

Everything Kristi Maxwell learned about making slipcovers she learned from her Great Aunt Myrtle.

She started making slipcovers for herself out of necessity, then for friends, and now she does it as a full-time business in the Triangle area of North Carolina. She loves working with her clients to create new clothes for their old, tired furniture!

*www.pinkandpolkadot.net*

**CR Laine Furniture**

CR Laine masterfully fuses traditional and transitional elements in its silhouettes, patterns, and palettes. For more than a half-century, each piece has been bench-crafted in North Carolina using time-tested premium construction techniques. As part of a collective world-friendly effort, all CR Laine upholstery comes standard with sustainable eco-friendly components, such as responsibly harvested hardwood frames and high-resiliency foam-cushion cores made from at least 10% natural corn, soy, or other plant-based ingredients. Join us on

Saturday, July 27th as one of our skilled craftsmen demonstrates the art of upholstery. Be sure to stop by Hickory Park Furniture Galleries, located on Level 3, to experience the Style, Comfort, and Color of CR Laine.

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*www.crlaine.com & www.hickorypark.com*



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**FURNITURE CRAFTSMEN & DEMONSTRATIONS** *(continued)*

**The Light Place**

The Light Place offers unique signature style lighting, featuring brands such as: Authenticity Lighting, Elegant Lighting, Elk, Eurofase, Hubbardton Forge, Kichler, Laura Ashley, Murray Feiss, Preciosa Crystal, Quoizel, Seagull Lighting, Toltec, WAC Lighting and many others. In addition, they offer a variety of stylish lamps, shades and home décor items. Stop by The Light Place, located on Level 2, North Entrance, to watch lamp repair demonstrations and receive lighting advice throughout the weekend.

*www.thelightplacenc.com*

**Southern Furniture Co.**

Southern Furniture Co. is located in the charming and historic town of Conover, North Carolina. It houses the world's finest artisans, master craftsman, master cutters and sewers, all combining their talents to bring customers the finest quality bench crafted furniture made in America today. On Friday, July 26th from 1pm-5pm an upholsterer from Southern Furniture Co. will be demonstrating their craft in front of Southern Style Fine Furniture, located on Level 4, South Entrance.

*www.southernstylefinefurniture.com*

**Vanguard Furniture**

Vanguard celebrated its 40th year in business in 2009. Lead by designers Michael Weiss, Thom Filicia and Blake Tovin, Vanguard prides itself on being a fashion leader in the industry. Based in Hickory, North Carolina, its 500 associates manufacture furniture in the tradition that has made North Carolina famous for quality furniture. Whether you're updating the dining room or looking for new upholstery, Vanguard offers a choice of styles from classical to modern, traditional to eclectic, all built for the life you live today. On Saturday, July 27th, a skilled craftsman will be demonstrating how an eight-way hand tied sofa springing system is created. See Vanguard's full product line on display inside the Vanguard Furniture Factory Outlet, located on Level 4, North Entrance and also inside Good's Home Furnishings, located on Levels 2 and 3, South Entrance.

*www.goodshomefurnishings.com*

**MANUFACTURER DISPLAYS**

**Ekornes Furniture**

If you love contemporary and European style furniture, visit the Ekornes display and learn about the famous Ekornes (Stressless) chairs that are ergonomically designed for comfort and support. Melt into one of these chairs and watch the informative video in style. Visit Reflections Home Furnishings, located on Level 3, North Entrance, to see more Ekornes product selections. Special one of kind Ekornes floor samples will be available this weekend along with an in-store promotion on their new office chairs.

See a sales associate for complete details.

*www.reflectionsfurniture.com*

**Old Hickory Tannery**

Local manufacturer of diverse leather products. Stop by and watch their video detailing their complete process and view samples of several different hides and products available for custom orders. All items available at the new Old Hickory Tannery Gallery by Hickory Park, located on Level 3, North Entrance.

*www.hickorypark.com*



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## ARTISTS

### **Arsenio Sánchez**

Arsenio Sánchez is a local painter residing in Hickory, North Carolina. His work has been displayed at several local shows, including last year's Furniture Festival at Hickory Furniture Mart. His oil paintings will be on display and available for purchase throughout the weekend.

### **Chuck Hofferber**

Chuck is the local artist behind WoodCHUCKS Creations. He makes handmade, wood turned items such as bowls, crochet needles, letter openers, necklaces, clocks, lamps, signs, pens and stylus'. All of his items can be made specific to order and personalized as needed.

### **Janet Burgess**

Janet loves being an artist. She received her B.A. at Western Carolina University and her M.A. at Columbia University in painting and drawing. She relishes living a creative life and being able to share that with others through her artwork. Her credentials include being an artist-in-residence, gallery director, art teacher, juror & panelist. She has shown her work in the US, Canada & Hungary. Her studio is in Statesville, North Carolina. Janet will be showcasing her enamels, paintings and drawings this weekend.

### **John & Camille Inman**

John creates wooden bowls of unique distinction. As a local wood worker and member of NC Woodturners, John is inspired by nature and begins each piece as a respectful steward of our Earth.  
*[www.etsy.com/shop/stiickaround](http://www.etsy.com/shop/stiickaround)*

### **Kate Tinnan**

Kate Tinnan is a largely self-taught local silversmith with a passion for intricate designs and fine detail. Her perfectly crafted hand woven silver rope bracelets and necklaces - always meticulously knit by hand from a single, long strand of argentium or fine silver wire, are a delight to behold. Her wholesale portfolio is an eclectic mix of silver bezels, semi-precious gemstone clusters on woven silver rope, wire-wrapped earrings, brooches and pins and many one-of-a-kind cabochons and large gemstone pendants. WovenStones jewelry may be purchased (or requested) through fine art studios, galleries, gift shops and jewelers nationwide.  
*[www.wovenstones.com](http://www.wovenstones.com)*

## POTTERY

### **Rodney Smith**

Rodney Smith is the creator of RS Pottery. He owns Mud Shack Studio in Bethlehem, North Carolina where he and his niece, Virginia Hurley, teach local pottery classes to students. Come by during the weekend to see live wheel-thrown pottery demonstrations. To view and purchase Rodney's work or to learn more information about the classes he offers, visit him at his booth or contact him at 828-308-3111.

Other North Carolina potters showcasing their works this weekend include Cindy Roberts of CC Roberts Pottery in Claremont, Carla Brandel of Carla B Pottery in Conover, and Virginia Hurley of Mud Shack Studio in Bethlehem.



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## COMMUNITY

### **Catawba Valley Orchid Society**

The purpose of the Catawba Valley Orchid Society is to provide a support group to those interested in orchid culture, whether beginner or experienced. The mission of the Society is to promote and support the passion for orchids through education and conservation. Members consist of a broad array of people from many backgrounds who have a love of orchids in common. Visit their table throughout the weekend for more information.

Local orchids will also be available for purchase.

*www.cvos.org*

## ENTERTAINMENT

### **Chris W. Campbell**

Chris William Campbell grew up within the beautiful Rocky Mountains from where he drew the inspiration to write and sing heart felt true to life songs of love and life, which nearly everyone can relate to. After singing harmony at age 5 and following his father's guitar playing footsteps at 14, Chris has developed into a veteran singer, songwriter and one of the best guitar players around. Hear Chris perform on Saturday,

July 27th from 1pm-4pm in the Courtyard at the North Entrance.

### **Thomas Aaron Garlow**

With decades of experience playing in groups, performing solo, backup and lead for many other performers and also doing session work, Tom still prefers to play solo. While he plays several instruments, he enjoys the acoustic guitar most. He sings and plays a large repertoire of songs, both original and by other artists. His style has been described as smooth and powerful. He plays many styles of music and loves the diversity of them all. Hear Tom perform in person on Friday, July 26th from 1pm-4pm in the South Atrium. For future bookings and more information about upcoming projects, contact Tom at 828-612-5413 or at *StudioG@charter.net*.

### **Jamie Kay**

From an early age, Jamie Kay knew he was a performer. He began singing in elementary school and performing in school theater productions. At age 12, he picked up the guitar and soon began writing songs. While performing at a party in Westport, Connecticut in 1979, he was introduced to Darius Brubek, son of Dave, the great jazz pianist. From the recording sessions in Brubek's studio and the shows in Greenwich Village that followed, Kay has since traveled and performed from New Orleans to Portland, Maine. His music and voice appeal to those of any age and heritage, and captures the "heroic commonality" of our lives.

Kay's style is hard to categorize as it crosses many musical genres. He has shared the stage with musical icons, Pete Seeger and Bo Diddley, crossing folk and rock boundaries. And has recorded with a host of other musical greats, such as Larry Hoppen of New Orleans and Curt Smith of Tears for Fears.

Moving from New York to Charlotte, Kay now proudly calls North Carolina home.

Visit *www.reverbnation.com/jamiekay* to hear his unique vocal styling and see him perform Saturday, July 27th from 1pm-4pm in the Atrium at the South Entrance.



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**FOOD & BEVERAGE**

**Craft Beer & Wine Tasting**

Best of Beers in Hickory will offer a sampling of local North Carolina craft beers on Saturday, July 27th from 1pm-4pm in the Courtyard at the North Entrance. Woodmill Winery will also offer a regional wine tasting on Friday, July 26th from 1pm-5pm and Saturday, July 27th from 1pm-4pm. Food will be available in the Courtyard from our on-site local gourmet café, The Wooden Spool Café.

**Coffee Giveaway**

Make a purchase from Taste Full Beans Coffeehouse, located on Level 1, South Entrance on Saturday, July 27th from 1pm-5pm and be entered into a drawing for your choice of a Taste Full Beans gift certificate or a 1lb bag of local special Mart Blend coffee. There will be a new winner selected each hour between 1pm-5pm. Stop by and watch their highlighted local artist paint throughout the weekend.

*Continue to check back for new participants as they will be added until the Furniture Festival & Clearance Sale begins on July 26th, 2013!*