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**“Spirit of the Southwest”  
Woodturning exhibition at Visual Arts Gallery  
The School of Arts & Design  
Santa Fe Community College  
February 4 to March 9, 2010**

View images [here](#).

**Santa Fe, NM, Jan. 25, 2010** — Santa Fe Community College’s Visual Arts Gallery presents selections from “The Spirit of the Southwest,” an exhibition of fine woodturning by members of the [American Association of Woodturners](#). The juried exhibition features beautifully crafted and conceived sculptural pieces inspired by the cultures and landscapes of the American Southwest. The exhibit opens on Thursday, Feb. 4, 5 to 7 p.m., and runs through March 9.

The juried exhibit showcases the work of 29 U.S. artists, each offering a unique interpretation of the Southwest through the artistic medium of woodturning, a form of woodworking that employs a spinning lathe. The technique enables the artist to create intricate and highly dimensional shapes and designs (see included images). The range of interpretations and techniques on display at the SFCC Visual Arts Gallery offer viewers a varied and masterful display of American contemporary woodturning.

In addition, examples of work by students and faculty from the Fine Woodworking program will be on display in the area surrounding the gallery.

The community college’s Fine Woodworking program offers more than 20 courses in fine woodworking skills, ranging from an introduction to hand tools and traditional joinery techniques to advanced woodturning and furniture making. Faculty members are successful local woodworkers and designers with years of experience in the custom woodworking field. College facilities boast state-of-the-art machinery and European-style workbenches. SFCC offers degrees and certificates in fine woodworking.

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Headquartered in St. Paul, Minnesota, The American Association of Woodturners is an international, nonprofit organization dedicated to the appreciation and advancement of woodturning at all levels. The AAW consists of more than 300 local chapters in the United States, and upwards of 13,000 members worldwide. AAW publishes the “American Woodturner” journal, which is published six times a year. For more information, visit [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org) and [www.galleryofwoodart.org](http://www.galleryofwoodart.org)

*High resolution images available.*

**The Visual Arts Gallery** is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. SFCC is located at 6401 Richards Ave., approximately 2.5 miles south of Rodeo Road. For more information, call (505) 428-1501. More information, visit [www.sfcc.edu/gallery](http://www.sfcc.edu/gallery)

### **About The School of Arts & Design**

The SFCC School of Arts and Design offers degrees, certificates and courses in music, dance, theater, painting and drawing, photography, printmaking, book arts, jewelry, sculpture, fine woodworking, ceramics, art history, fashion design, interior design, gallery management, and architectural design. The School also coordinates with the University of New Mexico to offer a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, which students can complete entirely on the SFCC campus. More information at [www.sfcc.edu/school\\_of\\_arts\\_and\\_design](http://www.sfcc.edu/school_of_arts_and_design).

### **About Santa Fe Community College**

For more than 25 years, Santa Fe Community College has been the gateway to success for individuals and the community by providing affordable, high quality educational programs that serve the social, cultural, technological and economic needs of a diverse community. The college serves more than 14,500 students per year in its credit, noncredit and adult basic education programs. For further information, visit [www.sfccnm.edu](http://www.sfccnm.edu) or call (505) 428-1000.

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