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David is recognized internationally as a master craftsman of fine furniture, turner, sculptor, and host of the television show "WoodWorks," hosting 91 episodes, debuting on HGTV and the DIY Networks in 2002. The show won critical acclaim and aired on the DIY network for 6 years. It was soon syndicated to the "How To" channel in Australia, where it aired for several years. Featuring step-by-step instructions for building contemporary studio furniture that David designed specifically for the show, everything was videotaped on location in David's woodworking studio in Santa Rosa CA.

In 1981, he opened his own shop/studio and built one-of-a-kind furniture. In the late 1980s, he shifted his focus to woodturning and sculpture, experimenting with gilding and patinas. His patina finish, a hybrid of multiple finishes that he has developed, combines painting, gilding (metal leafing), chemical patinas, and lacquering techniques. The complex layers result in a finish that may look ancient, metallic, or even stone like of an ancient, petrified stone quality.

This process has become the trademark of many turned vessels and wall sculptures, one of which won a Niche award in 2001. He has won numerous awards for his woodworking and woodturning,



including two Niche Awards in 2001, and is a 3-time winner of Best of Show in Artistry in Wood in Sonoma County CA, Best Piece Turning in Artistry in Wood for 2009 and 2015, an Award of Excellence for his Japanese Maple Leaf Long Neck Vessel in 2012, and an Award of Excellence for his hexagonal sculptures in 2013.

Examples of his work appear in numerous publications such as *Fine Woodworking Design Books #3, #6, #7*, the *Guild Source Book #7*, *Furniture Studio: The Heart of Functional Arts*, and many others. His work was profiled in the October 2008 issue of *Woodwork* magazine. In May 2011, he appeared on the cover issue of the prestigious British publication *Woodturning* magazine, was accompanied by an in-depth article on his career. In May 2015, David taped an episode for the PBS member television station, WGBH's "Rough Cut: Woodworking with Tommy Mac," in which he turned a hollow vessel, followed with his signature gilding and chemical patination finish.



David is a member of the AAW, Wine Country Woodturners, Baulines Crafts Guild, and the Sonoma County Woodworkers Association. He teaches in his workshop/studio in addition to working on his own projects. He has traveled and taught extensively at symposiums and woodworking schools throughout the United States. He has released numerous educational DVDs, including "Gilding & Chemical Patination," "Jigs & Fixtures for Curvilinear Woodworking," (2007 bronze Telly Award), "Scrapers," "Bandsawn Veneers," "Double Bevel Marquetry," and the WoodWorks DVDs.

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