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[Pagoda Cabinet](#) -James Krenov

Photo: Laura Mays

Dear Friends and Fellow Woodworkers:

The Foundation has recently introduced a new student support fund called "For Art's Sake." Set up by an anonymous donor for the purpose of assisting those in need "where their ability to continue their learning in The Krenov School at Mendocino College is threatened, and monetary support can help them finish." This generous donation was made in memory of Art Semkoff in recognition of Art's support of the donor and many others in times of need. The funds are available to students in the program who face unforeseen financial difficulties that make their full participation in the school problematic, and are awarded at the discretion of the School Staff.

I am grateful both for the fund and for the creative thinking that led to its establishment. We on the Board are working to support current and prospective students at the School and are always open to new ways to accomplishing this.

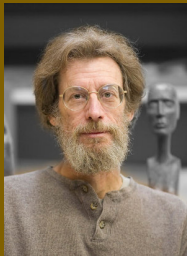
Our mission however goes beyond just supporting students and directs us to provide support for the art and craft of fine woodworking by providing material, financial and other support to individuals and institutions in that field. This should include assistance in transitioning from student to professional, both in the form of grants, loans and facilitating a supportive community culture as well as our on-going work on the Krenov Archive and providing support for exhibitions and publications.

I welcome suggestions from all of you on how to establish programs that will further these goals and from our generous donors with an interest in helping to establish these funds.

As always I am grateful to our many donors, the Staff at The Krenov School and my fellow Board members for making all of our work possible,

I, and the entire Krenov Foundation Board, mourn the passing of Michelle Frederick. Her time serving on the Board was brief but she is remembered as a cheerful, energetic contributor to our work. She will be missed and remembered.

<https://www.thekrenovfoundation.org>



Sincerely,
Paul Reiber
TKF Board President

A handwritten signature of Paul Reiber in black ink on a white background.



Krenov School Class of 2022
Photo: Becky Bowen

Class of 2022

Friday May 20th saw the graduation of 13 students from The Krenov

School, though the learning never ends, and we hope they continue their woodworking journey with the same energy and curiosity they put in at the School. It was another nonstandard year, with fewer students, lots of ventilation and masking for most of the year, but the work rate was prodigious. Collectively they produced work for two well-received shows: the Midwinter Show at the Barn on Cypress Street, and the Graduation Show at Highlight Gallery in Mendocino in May.

We look forward to welcoming a group to the Summer classes in June and July, and the next nine-month cohort in August.



Class of 2022
Photo: Jeff Noblet

Pagoda Cabinet Visits Fort Bragg

On May 19th, the class was fortunate to see - and touch and pore over - the Pagoda Cabinet, made by James Krenov in 1971. It was recently brought from Sweden by a US purchaser, and on its travels it is passing through Fort Bragg for a spot of TLC. It's made from European cherry, cedar of Lebanon drawers, handles of hornbeam. In remarkably good condition for its age. It is the last project featured in Krenov's first book, *A Cabinetmaker's Notebook*, published in 1976.

So good to engage haptically, physically, tactile, kinesthetically, with something known from pictures.



From the Krenov Archives
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Photo: Laura Mays

The cabinet is being conserved under the direction of Joe Amaral, a professionally trained finisher. Though in generally good condition, the cabinet needs cleaning. The covered apron has suffered the most damage. Damaged areas will be filled with hard wax and matched to the wood as closely as possible. The intent of repairs is more minor than a matter of removing damages but rather minimizing the prominence of the damage and inhibiting further degradation due to the collection of dirt. The patina of the surfaces will be maintained as much as possible. All repairs are designed to be readily reversible.



Photo: Laura Mays



Photo: David Welter

Elephants Never Forget the Herd

By Erin Irber (2018, 2019)

One of the best gifts that The Krenov School bestows upon its 9-month graduates is the elephant community. It is large and supportive. This goes beyond the initial 23 people you matriculate through with. If you reach out and connect with alums you'll find a vast amount of kinship and knowledge. I feel lucky to have found this tribe, even when relationships are complicated, and the path of woodworking is challenging.

I know that Michelle gained so much from this community. She had no problem reaching out with alums about cool joinery techniques, recruiting people

Send Love, It Matters

Carrie Newcomer

Somewhere someone needs help.
Send love.
It matters.

to volunteer for the Foundation, and for friendships. She had a gift for being involved and sharing her go-getter spirit with all around her. It was contagious.

We will miss you terribly Michelle. May you Rest in Peace. We love you.



Michelle Frederick, Class of 2019

If you can't get there yourself,
then take a deep breath.
Breathe in the weight of their troubles.
Breathe out and send all those burdens
into the Light
where sorrows can be held
with the most tender and infinite grace.

Breathe in what you can do.
Breathe out what you can't change.
Spool out a thread of connection,
send courage and calm.
For the nights can be long
and filled with shadows,
and sometimes terrible
unexpected waters will rise.

Somewhere someone needs help.
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It matters

Scholarships and Awards

The Matt Mecaro Award

With the generous help of the Mecaro family, the Foundation has established the Matt Mecaro Award in his honor. The awardee is selected annually by the School's faculty; it goes to the student who best exemplifies Matt's generosity and unselfish willingness to do his best to foster a spirit of community.

Hayden Castagno, winner of this year's Mecaro Award, sitting on the bench made in honor of Matt Mecaro by his classmates in 2017.

The Elephant Award

Austin Schuler is the 2022 recipient of The Elephant Award. If you want the full story of the Elephant award, contact Ejler! Austin will be coming back next year as a second year.





Woodcraft Scholarships

Hayden Castagno of Rexburg, Idaho, and Miles Gracey of Los Angeles, California, received scholarships in the fall of 2021 for the first semester. Chris Secret of La Crescenta, California, was presented his scholarship for the second semester. [Visit the Woodcraft.com blog for more details](#)



Hayden Castagno



Miles Gracey



Chris Secret

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Your donation makes it possible for the Foundation to provide scholarships and awards to emerging woodworkers, to maintain and build the Krenov Archive, and to support fine woodworking exhibitions.

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