



Out and About

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A sampling of happenings in the Greater Southwest

FLOWERING FURNITURE

Crafting furniture often is viewed as an art form, especially when it comes to the work of such high-caliber artisans as Mark Levin. In a sawdust-covered studio near **Santa Fe**, the award-winning woodworker makes one-of-a-kind coffee tables, shelves, seating and more, all showcasing graceful curves and precious woods. Although the pieces are meant to be functional, one would be hesitant to place a drink on a Levin table for fear of causing a spill. The fine furnishings—most of which are custom-made—are available through select galleries around the country; customers also can call or stop by the studio to place orders.

Pictured are Levin's Handel Flower Petal Desk (above) and his Pear Coffee Table (right). Made of walnut and featuring a Danish oil finish, the four-legged piece measures 30" high by 70" wide by 38" deep. The coffee table, which incorporates a drawer, is crafted from Australian lacewood and African bubinga (the stem), and measures 16" high by 43" wide by 29" deep.

See more examples of the craftsman's pieces by logging on to marklevin.com. For information, call (505) 421-3207.



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