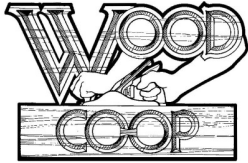


The Wood Co-op – B.C. Associations' Cooperative of Small Wood Businesses



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General Information

The Wood Co-op provides marketing services to woodworking businesses across BC. Its most prominent initiative yet is the operation of a retail establishment on Granville Island in Vancouver that conveys an image of upscale wooden arts and crafts that allowing customers and visitors to appreciate fine woodworking and craftsmanship in BC. Here, we sell fine wood-based home furniture and furnishings as well as home accents, giftware and accessories.

“We provide our customers and clients with a quality retail environment that includes personal service and unique products that are designed, constructed and juried to the highest standards of craftsmanship.”

This includes our ability to design and customize furniture specifically to the individual needs and preferences of our customers. Products are drawn from juried membership of various woodworking associations around B.C. that belong to the B.C. Associations' Cooperative of Small Wood Businesses (The Wood Co-op).

The Co-op is also in the process of creating more marketing tools such as a comprehensive product marketing CD-ROM catalogues and web sites. The CD-ROM will be offering the full range of wood products available through the Co-op's membership in BC. Underlying Co-op business ventures is the recognition of the need of the Co-op's associated membership of woodworking businesses (our clients) to derive financial stability from a sustainable forestry economy, and a dedication to helping these people develop professionally.

The Co-op's membership has been growing dramatically since its inception in mid 1999. Currently, the Co-op has the following member organizations:

Cariboo-Made Value Added Society	South Coast Value Added Co-Operative
Central Interior Wood Processors Association	Southern Interior Value Added Wood Cooperative
Comox Valley Woodworkers Guild	Wells Forest Community Society
Fraser Valley Woodworkers Guild	West Chilcotin Wood Artisans Society
Greater Vancouver Wood Arts Society	West Coast Value Added Wood Industry Association
The Kootenay Woodvine	Vancouver Island Association of Wood Processors
The Miller Goodwood Society	Vancouver Island Woodworkers' Guild
North Thompson Woodworkers Guild	
Richmond Carvers Society	
Robson Wood Processors Association	

More organizations are expected to join with each member organization being unique with its own purpose and activities and with varying degree of involvements in the Wood Co-op activities.

Feel free to contact the Wood Co-op Administration office or any of our members for more information.