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AD Show Hosts Furniture Society Auction



[The Furniture Society](#) is hosting its first Fine Art Auction at the [Architectural Digest Home Design Show](#) March 17-20, 2011, at Pier 94 in New York City. The Live Auction features works by recipients of the Society's Award of Distinction, among them: Sam Maloof Studio, Garry Knox Bennett, Wendell Castle, Michael Fortune, Vladimir Kagan, John Makepeace, , Judy McKie & Tommy Simpson.

Shown here is one of the auction items, [Low Back Chair](#) by Sam Maloof Studio. [Sam Maloof](#) was noted for his simple, practical designs of the 1950's. Maloof worked in Southern California for nearly 60 years and was a true artisan that turned out simple, useful designs made one at a time. Always humble, Maloof referred to himself as a woodworker, despite the fact that he was recognized as a pioneer in his field. His work was the subject of a retrospective at the Smithsonian American Art Museum in 2001 and he was the first craftsman to receive a MacArthur Foundation grant. Maloof's pieces were joined without hardware; they were composed entirely of wood. Maloof passed away in 2009, but while he was alive, he generously shared his know-how with others even publishing a "how-to" book in 1983.