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#### Curiel-Reynolds School of Visual Arts Featured at the Iowa Sculpture Festival

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Iowa Sculpture Festival drew artists from across the country to Newton's Maytag Park this week-end, June 12-13, 2010, making it the center for sculpture in the Midwest. Jon and Tony Curiel represented the Curiel-Reynolds School of Visual Arts (CRVA) at the festival which featured both Jon Curiel's glass art along with the wood sculpture work of John Feldhacker, one of Spencer's most outstanding artists. The festival boasted 38 artists from 10 different states, as well as several sculptors demonstrating their work. "Best of Show" Artists Awards went to Sam Spicska, Sauk Rapids, Minn., first place; Ken and Pat Larson, Sturgeon Lake, Minn., second place; and Raj S. Paul, Houston, Texas, third place. Honorable mentions went to Ron Dinsdale, Huxley; Jason Dreweck, Loveland, Colo.; Jerry Halsor, Lakewood, Colo.; Steve Maeck, Floral City, Fla.; John Schwartzkopf, Cedar Rapids; Leon Van Weelden, Springfield, Mo.; Russel Christensen, Neola; and Mike Bose, Bedford.

According to reports from both Curiels, the wood sculpture work of Feldhacker drew a great deal of attention from the crowds." Feldhacker is an accomplished Spencer artist that is has created work in a variety of artistic venues, but his true love appears to be turning ordinary chunks of wood into beautiful masterpieces.

"It was really nice to see the crowds appreciating Feldhacker's work," said the elder Curiel. "We are hoping to create a space at the school in the near future that will be suitable for master wood artists like Feldhacker to give classes and workshops in. Right now our main focus at the school is jewelry and glass art, but we hope to soon be able to offer wood related instructional programs."

To learn more about classes and upcoming events at the CRVA go to [www.curielarts.org](http://www.curielarts.org). To see photographs of John Feldhacker's work visit <http://sites.google.com/site/masterwoodsculptor/john-c-feldhacker>.



John C. Feldhacker