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**Arkansas Arts Center to Host a “Conversation” with  
Todd Hoyer and Hayley Smith**

**(LITTLE ROCK, AR)** – The Arkansas Arts Center will present a “conversation” with Todd Hoyer and Hayley Smith as part of the Friends of Contemporary Craft annual lecture series on Sunday, April 18, 2010 at 6 p.m. in the Arkansas Arts Center Lower Lobby.

Hoyer and Smith create lathe turned objects that are, in a sense, a reaction to the wood itself. They create collaborative works and each artist is represented in the Arkansas Arts Center’s permanent collection.

Smith, a self-declared Dremel® Queen, creates detailed embellishments on her works that function as a dialogue between the natural formations of the wood and her design. She has exhibited throughout Europe, North America and Australia and her work can be seen in numerous museums and private collections and has been widely featured in books and magazines.

Hoyer describes his work as a reflection of the changes in his life; each piece being a visual representation of his life's narrative. He has taught many workshops over the last twenty years in the US, Canada, Ireland and Australia. His work is included in many museums including the National Museum of American Art, the Smithsonian Institute and the Detroit Institute of Art, along with many private collections.

Tickets to attend the "conversation" are \$15 for FOCC members and \$20 for non-members. A light dinner will be served. Reservations are required and should be made no later than April 9, 2010. Call 501-396-0357 to make reservations.

Friends of Contemporary Craft are Arkansas Arts Center Members who share an interest in contemporary craft media. To become an Arkansas Arts Center member and to join the FOCC, contact 501-372-4000 or visit [www.arkarts.com](http://www.arkarts.com).

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Contact:** 501-372-4000

**Location:** Arkansas Arts Center – 9<sup>th</sup> and Commerce, Little Rock, AR 72202

Free Admission.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday – Friday

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

Closed Monday & Major Holidays

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