



# 2019 Cartouche

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## BOB STEVENSON—2019 CARTOUCHE AWARD RECIPIENT



Bob Stevenson  
SAPFM's 2019  
Cartouche recipient

Faithful readers of *Pins & Tales* will recall that in the Fall edition, our “Chronicles” subject was Bob Stevenson. It was purely coincidental, but soon after that, the Cartouche Award Committee announced his selection as the recipient of the 2019 Cartouche Award.

The award recognizes an individual whose lifetime achievements best reflect the mission of SAPFM.

The “Chronicles” article traced Bob’s path to master furniture maker as well as his notable contributions to period furniture education and appreciation. Bob was an inaugural member of SAPFM in 1999, he helped establish the criteria for the Cartouche Award, and for many years was chairman of what is now called the Cartouche Award Selection Committee. With SAPFM member Brad Ormsby, he

founded the Southern California chapter and has contributed for many years to its success and growth. Following a highly

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successful 30-year health and space science career in the Navy, during which time he vigorously pursued art and woodworking hobbies, he began a second full-time career as a fine woodworking cabinetmaker, including instruction for others.

For nearly two decades Bob was coordinator of the “Design in Wood” show in Del Mar, California—one of the largest international juried woodworking shows in the nation, with over 350 yearly entries and nearly 1 million visitors each year. Throughout these years, he became active in the impressive San Diego Fine Woodworkers Association, all the while continuing his support for SAPFM and pursuing additional teaching and mentoring opportunities with youth in the community and with his woodworking peers.

Bob’s furniture efforts eventually focused on the Federal Period, and he has entertained and educated SAPFM members with his impressive pieces shown in our publications and in our Mid-year meeting furniture displays. Stay tuned for additional presentations in *Pins & Tales* and future *American Period Furniture* annual journals.

The award will be presented to Bob at the annual Cartouche Banquet, to be held in conjunction with the Colonial Williamsburg “Working Wood in the 18th Century” conference. The banquet and reception will be held at the Williamsburg Lodge at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, January 18, 2019. Online registration is now open. You don’t have to be a participant in the “Working Wood” conference to attend our SAPFM banquet.

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*This article based on the Cartouche Award announcement written by Dale Ausherman.*