

Profile

Anton Gerner Furniture

Anton Gerner is a self-employed furniture designer and maker, working out of East Hawthorn in Melbourne.

Most of Anton's work is a mixture of private, one-off commissions, architectural fit-outs, batch production and exhibition work. Over the past two years a number of batch production items have also been designed and developed to be wholesaled directly to architects, interior designers and retail shops.

Although often using highly figured veneers, Anton prefers to work in solid timber, both Australian and imported. Uncompromising, high-quality construction and attention to detail is achieved using traditional hand tools, techniques of construction and finish.

Anton has exhibited in over 25 exhibitions between 1988 and 1996 and in 1992 had a jewellery box acquired by the Alice Craft Acquisition Awards in Alice Springs.

In 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1995 Anton was awarded the prize for best cabinet work at the Victorian Woodworkers Association Annual Exhibition. He has also won First prize in the contemporary furniture section at the Working With Wood Show in Melbourne (1992, 93, 94). One-off exhibition pieces have been purchased and are held in many private collections throughout Australia.

Although often using highly figured veneers, Anton prefers to work in solid Australian timber. His design philosophy is contemporary with inspiration drawn from American Shaker furniture and the Biedermeier and Art Deco periods. Clean lines and strong shapes are emphasised and fine details featured. Contrasting timbers and

inlay details are a strong design feature.

Anton Gerner is also a regular contributor to *Australian Wood Review* and has been a committee member of the Victorian Woodworkers Association. He has also just had work accepted for a new design book to be published by *Fine Woodworking* magazine.

Anton Gerner Furniture Pty Ltd are situated at 24 Victoria Road, East Hawthorn, tel: (03) 9813 2422.



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