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Furniture by Jerry Whittington

West Palm Beach, FL

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Category: Residential Furniture, Freestanding

Project: "Antiquity" Grande Sideboard

Materials: This piece is constructed with cherry, poplar, custom finished "croc" leather and granite. It features decorative antique brass hardware and functional hardware from Häfele and Accuride.

Construction: The drawers and the doors are 1-3/4-inch thick. The raised panels are removable. Equipment used included: a Rob land Z380 sliding table saw; a Rob land TSS saw; a Nash Wolfhead sander; Vega belt sander and drill press; Powermatic belt sander; Nash profile sander; DeWalt mitre saw, Mattison lathe; 18-inch Delta radial arm saw; Hutchins DA sander and more.

Project Notes: Whittington incorporated Italian fine leather to help create a piece with a "warm spirit."



Andrew Pitts Furnituremaker

Heathsville, VA

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Category: Residential Furniture, Freestanding

Project: Custom Cabinet

Materials: This cabinet was fabricated from solid wood milled by Pitts, with a cherry carcase, a red oak top, ambrosia maple handles, walnut for the showcase back, sycamore veneer and glass shelves.

Construction: All woods were milled on a Wood-Mizer LT15 portable sawmill and dried in a solar kiln. The curved laminated legs were bandsawn from built-up sections of red oak on a Delta 14-inch band saw with height block and were laminated with two layers of cherry front and back. A DeWalt 12-inch sliding compound miter saw was used to rough-cut planks, which were smoothed on a Powermatic 8-inch joiner, Grizzly 20-inch planer and Makita 15-inch planer. A spoke shave and Delta Boss oscillating spindle sander were used to smooth the concave leg parts.

Project Notes: This cabinet houses a retractable flat-screen television, showcases a snuff bottle collection and holds jewelry (earrings and necklaces) in hidden compartments.



The Torode Co.

Vienna, VA

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Category: Residential Furniture, Freestanding

Project: Cherry and Maple Burl Entertainment Center

Materials: Solid cherry lumber was purchased in 5/4-inch and 8/4-inch lengths from North Land Forest Products. The maple burl was purchased as raw veneer from Certainly Wood.

Construction: All of the flat panels are maple burl on MDF, which was veneered in a 5-foot by 10-foot vacuum bag. Edges were built up with solid cherry and lock mitered to the face frame. The face frame and doors are solid cherry, veneered front and back with maple burl. The egg-and-dart moulding was purchased, but had to be recarved before use. The majority of the work was done on an Italian combination machine and a square mortising machine.

Project Notes: The project consists of seven individual sections serving to house stereo equipment, speakers, CDs and a record collection, as well as the television.