

NATURE INSPIRED

New Collections by Country Casual Teak and Thos. Moser Released Just in Time for Spring

Two pillars in the custom wood furniture industry - Country Casual Teak, www.countrycasualteak.com, and Thos. Moser, Handmade American Furniture, www.thosmoser.com - released new collections just in time for spring enjoyment for both outside and inside the home or commercial space. The family-run businesses have been operating for decades; Country Casual Teak is celebrating its 40th anniversary while Thos. Moser is in its 45th year.

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Photos courtesy of Country Casual Teak and Thos. Moser



Thos. Moser Hancock Chair

OUTSIDE – COUNTRY CASUAL TEAK

Country Casual Teak began in 1977 by a husband-wife team inspired by the stately teak benches adorning London's Hyde Park and the art of crafting benches from salvaged teak sailing decks. With a focus on improving the ergonomics for today's more casual lifestyles and strengthening the construction of outdoor furniture, these unique designs became the cornerstone of a new business: crafting outdoor furniture that outperforms the classics in both comfort and durability.

Innovation

As a leader in innovation, Country Casual Teak is introducing an online virtual reality experience with the ability to view its showroom, products and installed projects via Google Cardboard, 360°, Samsung Gear or Oculus Rift. Tour its outdoor terrace at the 2016 DC Design House, a nonprofit that Country Casual Teak has participated in and supported for the last three years, as well as installations at select residential and commercial locations. Country Casual Teak provides outdoor furniture for homes, gardens, museums, businesses, parks, schools, churches, and recreation areas across the country.



Top Left: Country Casual Teak Brittany Bench
Top Right: Country Casual Teak Fiori Square Table
Below: Country Casual Teak Casita Sectional
Right: Country Casual Teak Salon Loveseat





NEW DESIGNS

The Brittany Bench

In celebration of 40 years in business, Country Casual Teak is introducing a reinvented classic, the Brittany Bench, as well as numerous new designs. The Brittany Bench, inspired by classic hoopback benches popular in France and England, is available in three sizes and features an ergonomic curved seat and sculpted armrest that follow the body's natural contours. The large sturdy back is fitted with an iconic hoop top rail and wide slats, providing a sturdy backrest, while the slight angle of the back gives a comfortable recline.

The Salon Collection

Country Casual Teak has also rolled out the new Salon Collection, which offers four pieces - the lounge chair, loveseat, sofa and ottoman. It features a midcentury, Danish modern-inspired design with solid teak frame and customizable upholstered panels on the back and side of the seats along with a plush seat and back cushions for exceptional comfort. There are more than 50 water, fade and mildew-resistant solution-dyed acrylic fabrics available to choose from or clients can customize with material of their choice.

The Casita Sectional

Also brand new for 2017, the contemporary Casita sectional provides a new option for flexible seating with low, deep-set seats and cushion backs allowing one to completely relax with full support. Sections are easily secured together with stainless steel brackets that can be taken out and put back on when arranging a new configuration. The side and coffee tables both double as seats or extensions of the sectional with the simple addition of a cushion.

Additional new products this year include the Summit Stacking Lounge Chair, Square Umbrellas, Aspen Rocking Chair and Side Table, Windermere Armless Curved and Double Curved Benches, Eclipse Oval Table, Fiori Square, High-Side and Square Coffee Tables, and the Harborside Round Folding Table.

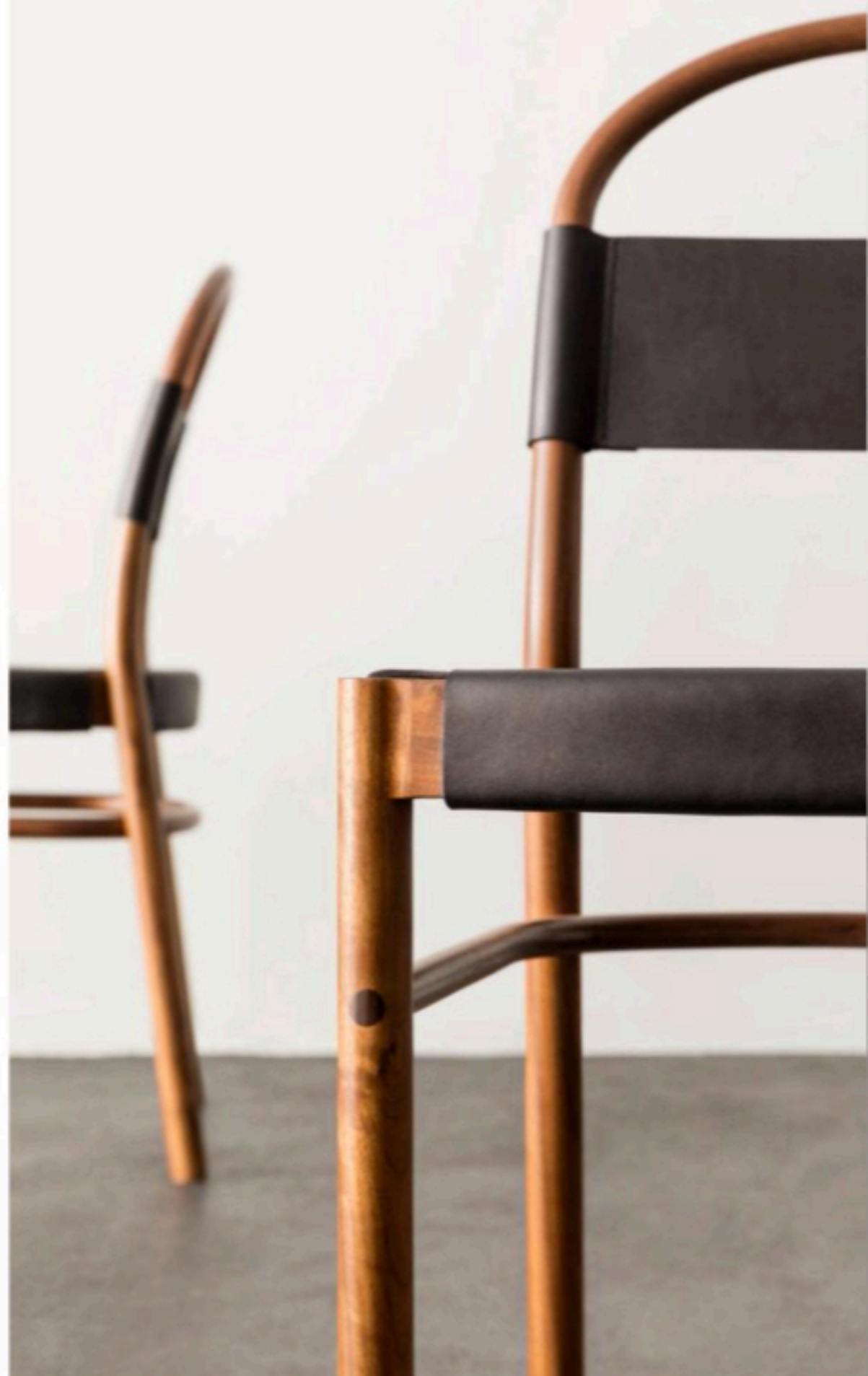
The Country Casual Teak Design Showroom at 7601 Rickenbacker Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from March through August. In April, May and June, the showroom is also open on Sunday from 12 noon to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.countrycasualteak.com. To view its virtual reality component, go to www.countrycasualteak.com/vr.

INSIDE – THOS. MOSER, HANDMADE AMERICAN FURNITURE

In 1972, Tom Moser committed his life to craft. His mission was to establish a community that would allow craftsmen to make a living doing the work they loved. Today that community comprises some 70 fine craftsmen and women who are designers and makers of functionally-driven, hand-made furniture of the highest quality in both materials and woodworking expertise. Each Thos. Moser piece reveals not only how it was created, but also why it will last a lifetime, and in testament to its quality, each bears the signature of its maker.

Innovation

Thos. Moser is guided by its mission to build furniture that celebrates the natural beauty of wood, is of simple, unadorned and graceful lines, and is crafted for a long, useful life. Technology's role via Computer Numeric Control (CNC) machines is now a daily part of the craft dialogue and the maker movement embraced by millennials who are returning to nature and a slower pace. It's one of many lifestyle choices; it's not always about how you get there but the end result. Thos. Moser's Spring 2017 Collections offer all that and more, not only for its faithful followers and collectors, but also for the next generations who are appreciating the enduring and evolving craft of Handmade American Furniture, made with sustainably harvested American hardwoods and guaranteed for life.



*Top Left: Thos. Moser Atlantic Chair
Bottom Left: Thos. Moser Hancock Chair
and Hancock Trestle Table
Below: Thos. Moser Hartford Dresser*



NEW DESIGNS

The Atlantic Collection

The new Atlantic Chair and Atlantic Extension Table were designed with a classic, yet contemporary context in mind and are intended for a range of environments. Formally influenced by the architecture of classic café chairs, the result is the product of several steam bent components crafted and assembled with a combination of machine and hand work. Both the chair and table showcase Thos. Moser's quality through detail and precision craft, such as the hand-stitching at the backrest of the chair and the exposed joinery throughout each piece. Atlantic is deceptively strong and durable, despite occupying a small footprint and presenting a visual lightness.

The Hancock Collection

Originally launched in Fall 2015 as a single arm chair with a cotton shaker tape seat, Hancock now includes a side chair with the option of a vegetable-tanned leather strap seat and accompanying Hancock Trestle Table. Reference to traditional furniture form has long been a practice of Thos. Moser and with the Hancock Side Chair's ladder back, the chair offers a contemporary take on a historic furniture form. Like the Hancock Arm Chair, which is a winner of a 2016 Good Design Award given by the Chicago Athenaeum Museum of Architecture and Design, the Hancock Side Chair and Hancock Trestle Table are available in white oak, among other woods.

The Hartford Collection

The Hartford Collection now includes the new for 2017 Hartford Dresser, in both vertical and horizontal designs. With the addition of the dresser, the Hartford Collection carries on the use of advanced technology and machining capabilities to elevate what is possible in craft, embracing visible joinery in a new way. The original living collection, consisting of a sofa, lounge chair, media case, side table and coffee table, is the winner of both a 2016 Good Design Award and a 2016 Architizer A+ Award.

To learn more about the Thos. Moser Spring 2017 Collections, visit one of its six showrooms across the US in Washington, DC, Freeport, Maine, Boston, NYC, Philadelphia, and San Francisco. To view its video stories: Our Founder, Tom Moser and The Holy Grail of Wood and all Thos. Moser furniture, go to www.thosmoser.com.