108 CONTEMPORARY

Art. Craft. Design.

Bob Hawks: Woodworker & Photographer Celebrates 100 Years of Craft at 108 | Contemporary

On View: August 7 – October 18, 2020 Public Opening: First Friday, August 7, 6-9 PM

CONTACT: Jen Boyd Martin, Exhibition Director, 108|Contemporary jen@108contemporary.org

"There is nothing more satisfying than taking a tree trunk and transforming it into a handsome turned vessel." – Bob Hawks

Tulsa, OK – 108|Contemporary is proud to present the work of member artist Bob Hawks, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday. After serving in the Army for five years during World War II, Hawks attended art school in Los Angeles on the GI Bill. Upon graduation, he founded his own commercial photography business which he successfully ran in Tulsa for 40 years. His clients included several well-known national magazines as well as national and local companies. Hawks discovered the craft of woodturning after retiring in 1987. Though he still practices photography, the artist has dedicated more than 30 years to making unique, turned vessels.

Since turning his attention to woodturning, Bob Hawks' work has been widely exhibited across America. Many of his pieces are included in the permanent collections of museums, institutes, schools, and private collections both nationally and internationally. In December 1993 Hawks was one of 15 woodturners in the United States invited to create a turned vessel that became part of the White House Collection of American Crafts.

The exhibition at 108|Contemporary will allow viewers to consider how nature informs Hawks' work in photography and woodturning. "Bob Hawks: Celebrating a Century of Life" will be on display August 8 through October 19, 2020. The gallery is reopening following the COVID-19 closure with new safety protocols to protect the health of visitors and staff. Please visit the website for hours and additional guidelines at https://108contemporary.org/

108|Contemporary is a non-profit community arts organization that supports Oklahoma's contemporary fine craft artists by connecting them to audience and opportunities through education, recognition, and exhibition programs. We envision a community where world-class craft and design exhibition inspire and educate audiences of all ages.

www.108contemporary.org 108 East Reconciliation Way Tulsa, OK 74104

