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Work on display in Virginia's restaurants and hotels

It was an idea that got its start during the last session of the Virginia General Assembly. Barry Hawkins, the executive director of the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, (VHTA) saw some of the woodwork on display made by juveniles at Natural Bridge Juvenile Correctional Center, (JCC) under the direction of instructor Kevin Fauber.



Woodwork built for displays in Virginia restaurants and hotels

Hawkins liked the work so much he asked his Brochure Advertising and Distribution Manager Dave Parker to see if he could secure an arrangement to get the juveniles to produce wooden display racks to house brochures and other promotional materials at VHTA properties. VHTA is the unified voice for restaurants, lodging, travel and hospitality suppliers associations in Virginia.

A partnership was born and the results are pleasing to both sides. Witness this quote from Dave Parker. "The recent decision to have the kids at the Natural Bridge Juvenile Correctional Center's woodworking program construct new brochure displays for the VHTA has been one of the best partnerships we have achieved. The quality of the craftsmanship in the construction of these displays under the direction of Kevin Fauber has been amazing."

Kevin Fauber has been teaching the work program at Natural Bridge JCC since 2005. Residents work on numerous small woodworking projects such as cutting boards, quilt racks, wine racks, and taxidermist panels for the area. According to Fauber, the display racks for the VHTA will become an annual project.

The first displays produced-about 35 or so- will be located at prominent locations along Interstate 64 in the New Kent County and Williamsburg area. These displays will have VHTA identification and a mention that they were constructed by the Natural Bridge Juvenile Correctional Center.