

## **Innovative Wood Pepper Mills Fuse Striking Design and Function**

Former automotive engineer, Gregg W. Palm, at the age of 48, has traded in a company car and six-figure salary for a home studio. His signature items are innovative wood pepper mills and salt grinders that are making a huge hit this holiday season.

**Dec. 9, 2009** - <u>PRLog</u> -- WALLED LAKE, Michigan — From the initial inspiration of refinishing a flight of wooden stairs to designing stunningly intricate wooden pepper mills, Gregg Palm is a study in following one's dream.

Palm's eye-popping segmented pepper mills are the culmination of a lifelong interest in objects that are assembled and a love for the natural characteristics of fine hardwoods. They're destined to be the centerpiece of any food lover's kitchen counter or dining-room table.

The meticulously crafted cooking tools are the product of G3 Studios, a woodworking shop in a converted garage space. They are produced in a nearly infinite array of shapes, designs and colors, and are available in 8-, 10- and 12-inch models and 2-foot restaurant-style versions.

Palm, who walked away from a successful career as an automotive engineer to pursue his passion, starts the process by selecting from up to 60 common and exotic hardwoods, cutting them into different shapes and gluing them together by hand into planks. The resulting bold color patterns present the artist with unlimited creative possibilities going forward.

"There's a lot of math that went into figuring out the geometrics. Such as all the pieces fitting together, not only in the body but also the patterns," Palm says. "My creativity is in the assembly, complexity, and the types of woods that I use."

All of Palm's products are finished with a high-quality epoxy resin that preserves the richness of the hardwoods and resists staining. The grinder mechanisms are supplied by a U.S.-based company and are guaranteed for life.

The segmenting process offers virtually unlimited possibilities compared with traditional, lathe-turned mills made from a single block of wood, Palm says.

"Most woodworkers will take a block of wood, drill a hole in it, and turn it on a lathe. Their creativity is in how they turn it", he says.

"You're limited to the designs you can do that way. In my process I am only limited by whether it's the angle of the laminations, the thicknesses or the types of woods that I use."

That sense of unlimited possibility often finds Palm burning the midnight oil inside his studio or searching for new ideas online.

"I'm just constantly dreaming up ideas of how to make something different."

For more information: <a href="http://g3studios.net/">http://g3studios.net/</a>

Or watch G3 Studios Handcrafted Wood Pepper Mill Video at

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvK\_Sp5v9qQ

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G3 Studios handcrafts unique functional wood art for people who love to cook, love their kitchens, or simply enjoy extraordinary things.G3 Studios wood pepper mills and salt grinders are meant to be used, and loved every day.

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