



FESTIVAL LESA

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SUBSTANTIVE REPORT OF THE FESTIVAL OF WOOD 2018

1. COMPETITION PRIMAL CHAIR 2018 June 13 - September 8

This year, the 4th international (Primal) chair competition for the design of a wooden chair took place as a tribute to the Kočevje rainforest. The composition of the expert jury was also changed this year.

The jury consisted of:

- dr. Janez Suhadolc, president of the jury
- dr. Jasna Hrovatin, Faculty of Design
- Nataša Lapajne, Museum of Architecture and Design
- Rok Kuhar, Academy of Fine Arts and Design
- Andrej Palman, Gimnazija in srednja šola Kočevje

The jury was already involved in the preparation of the text of the competition. With new proposals, we updated the call for tenders, which consequently led to a larger number of applications. 17 authors with 21 design proposals applied for the competition. We received most of the applications from Slovenia, some from Croatia and Serbia, and from India and Sweden.

The jury chose the EKGREN chair by Katarzyna Waśniowska from Sweden for the first prize. The second prize went to the CHAIRMOCK chair by Anže Erklavec from Slovenia. The third prize went to the PETLYA chair designed by Shaurya Volvotkar and Gopalkrishna Pai Kane, who was the winner of last year's competition. All three selected chairs were made in the form of a prototype.

The winner of the competition from Sweden took part in the award ceremony at the opening of the Wood Festival 2018. During her stay in Kočevje, she participated in various festival events and visited the rainforest Krokar.



2. FESTIVAL OPENING

October 11, Kulturni center Kočevje

The opening of the 6th Festival of wood was marked by the awarding of the "Piece of Wood" prize for the best design proposals of the 4th International Industrial Design Competition (Primal) chair.

The festival was opened by Mag. Meta Kamšek, event manager of the Festival of Wood and Vladimir Prebilič, Mayor of the Municipality of Kočevje. The keynote speaker was dr. Janez Suhadolc, President of the Jury of the (Primal) chair 2018 competition.

As part of the opening of the festival, a wooden sculpture entitled Memory of Youth in Predgrad by Croatian artist Denis Krašković was presented. Due to complications in the installation of the sculpture, we presented it only with its image in the photograph. The mentor in making the sculpture was doc. Marko Glavač, academic sculptor. Architect Zvonka Korošac provided assistance in arranging the permit and placing the sculpture in the space. The author's arrangement for this year's sculpture was prepared by: Roman Zupančič, Sebastjan Vukan and Zoran Bitorajc.

A special feature of this year's opening of the Festival of Wood was related to the famous architect Niko Kralj. Dr. Veronika Kralj Iglič announced the mutual cooperation between the Festival of Wood, MAO and the high school by symbolically handing over her father's plans for wooden toys to the principal of Srednja šola Kočevje.

Number of visitors: 100



3. GUIDED VISION OF FOREST REHABILITATION AFTER VETROLOM

October 12, intersection area in Polom

The expert guided tour in cooperation with the Forest Service of the Kočevje regional unit was carried out by Alan Obranovič, Kočevski les d.o.o.

Number of participants: 10

4. CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

October 12, Vrtec Kočevje in Srednja šola Kočevje

We prepared and conducted two workshops for the target audience and the general public.

- Creative workshops for kindergartens

We have prepared wooden carousels for all pre-school groups of children from the Kočevje Kindergarten (Ostržek, Čebelica, Kekec, Narcisa and Mojca units). The children had fun assembling a wooden carousel. The wooden tile of the carousel was sanded and decorated with different color shades. Workshops were conducted by: Mojca Zlodej (Festival of Wood), Katja Hočevar (GSŠK) and Nataša Gašparac (GSŠK).

Number of children: 150

- Creative workshop "Wood and Art"

In cooperation with the academic painter Nataša Gašparac, we conducted a workshop on decorating wood with decoupage and craquelure techniques for all art lovers.

Number of participants: 8



5. TOMAŽ HARTMAN EXHIBITION "APSYRTIDES-THREE STORIES"

October 12 - 16, Embroidery Creative Center

On Friday, October 12, Tomaž Hartman opened his exhibition of mosaics and sculptures at the Vezena Creative Center, which could be viewed during the festival. The event itself was conducted in the form of a conversation evening, which was also supplemented by projection of Apsyrtides. Afterwards, a pleasant get-together followed drinks and snacks.

Number of visitors: 25



6. HUFNAGL DAY FOR FAMILIES

October 13, Kočevski gozd

At the Hufnagl Day workshop she organized as part of the festival Tina Žele Kovačič (RTM Kočevska), participants can be through the game and various activities in the forest got to know the ideas of Leopold Hufnagl. In the future, we want to conduct more workshops on the topic of forest pedagogy.

Number of participants: 8



7. TISLARSKA SOBOTA, October 13, GSŠK

As part of Tišlarska Saturday, we conducted 5 workshops where they could participants made a wooden product themselves.

- Wooden necklace making workshop

Performed by: Andrejka Orsag

Number of participants: 7

- "Šindra" - a story about a wooden roof

Performed by: Marko Vovk

The workshop on the old craft of shingles is due to illness the contractor has dropped out.

- Wooden stick making workshop

Contractor: Drago Brinšek (GSŠK)

Number of participants: 7

- Workshop for making a small shelf

Contractor: Drago Brinšek (GSŠK)

Number of participants: 8

- Workshop for making a unique vase

Contractor: Drago Brinšek (GSŠK)

Number of participants: 10

All workshops were well attended, some participants were even from other places, especially Ljubljana



8. EVENING ASSOCIATION WITH AUTUMN GOODS

October 13, Kulturni center Kočevje

The social event was intended for relaxed socializing of all participants in the preparation, implementation of the festival and external visitors. On this occasion, the Kočevje Musicians' Association released the CD Stories of Wood, which combines the songs they have Kočevje musicians performed at the opening of the Festival in 2016 and 2017

Number of participants: 30

9. CREATIVE WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES

October 14, GSŠK

Sunday's family workshop was dedicated to the group one creating toys from wooden scraps. They are made of branches and rings made forest animals such as snake, deer, hedgehog and butterfly. The workshop was conducted by: Mojca Zlodej (Festival of Wood) and Drago Brinšek (GSŠK)

Number of participants: 35

Due to greater interest, we conducted the workshop in additional date outside the festival, namely 27.11. The workshop was fully occupied.

Number of participants: 30



10. WATER TRIAL OF WOOD DRYING

October 15, LIK Industrial Zone

Expertly guided inspection of the wood drying process in the production
-Aleš Marolt performed the storage space of the Kočevski les company.

Number of participants: 10

11. AWARDING OF PRIZES IN THE COMPETITION FOR GSŠK STUDENTS

October 15, GSŠK

The Wood Festival has announced a competition for students for the first time this year Gymnasiums and secondary schools Kočevje. The subject of the competition is the choice should wooden accessory for the kitchen counter. They were at the event the best design proposals are presented and will be announced winners.

Number of visitors: 40

12. PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE "WOOD-TECH-TALKS"

October 16, Kulturni center Kočevje

The expert conference was composed of three different thematic assemblies. We focused on the active ingredient abigenol and nanocellulose. An application for measuring logs was presented.

The guests of the conference were:

- Predrag Baković, Member of Parliament / welcome address
- Ante Zaloker, mag.farm., ARS PHARMAE d.o.o., general manager/ How to properly prepare white fir bark for abigenol extraction?



- Marko Domazet, ARS PHARMAE d.o.o., director / Extraction Abigenol as a business opportunity?
- Jošt Kromar, FOVEA d.o.o. and SOFIDO d.o.o./FOTO-OPTIČNE measurements of logs
- dr. David Ravnjak, Papirnica Vevče d.o.o./Industrial use nanocellulose - are we there yet?
- prof. dr. Primož Oven, UL - Biotechnical Faculty, Department of woodworking / Startup workshop: finding new ideas for use nanocellulose.

Number of visitors: 50

13. (PRIMAL) CHAIR - EXHIBITION OF AWARDED CHAIRS

October 11-16

During the festival, they were in the Mestni kavarni and Kulturni center selected award-winning chairs of past internationals were placed in Kočevje competitions (Primal) chair. The chairs were put to use by the wider home the public.

The exhibition of award-winning chairs is with his students of the College of design of materials also visited by prof. dr. Živa Deu.

14. OTHER EVENTS RELATED TO THE FESTIVAL

During the year we organized the following thematic workshops:

- Easter workshops for different age groups of children, 3/25/2018
- There is a workshop for making Easter bunnies and chickens was intended for the youngest. At the workshop Easter eggs in wood they children were introduced to two techniques of decorating wood, pyrography and laser engraving.



- In cooperation with the Tourist Association, we joined the Experience Kočevsko with three handicraft workshops at the topic of making personal jewelry from wood, 9/29/2018.

- Festive creative workshop for making New Year's decorations, implementation in two terms, 2.12. in 9.12.2018.

In the future, we plan a monthly implementation of similar thematic workshops to bring citizens closer to creating with wood and acquaint them with different woodworking techniques.

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