

REPORT 2019

FESTIVAL OF WOOD

General:

- 7th Festival of wood
- Honorary Patron of the Festival the Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia, Mr Marjan Šarec
- Duration of the festival: 10 to 15 October 2019 and events related to the Festival
- all events and workshops were free of charge

Participants:

- Festival lesa, zadruga,
- Gimnazija in Srednja šola Kočevje,
- Kočevski les d.o.o.,
- Podjetniški inkubator Kočevje
- Natasa Briski, Ambassador of the Festival of wood 2019
- participants in the design of wooden sculptures: doc. dr. Marko Glavač academic sculptor, architect Zvonka Korošac,
- mentors of festival workshops: Drago Brinšek, Andrej Palman, Katja Hočevnar, Tina Žele, Mojca Zlodej, Roman Zupančič
- Axe Throwing team
- Participants at the professional conference Wood Tech Talks:
 - Luka Piškorec Aalto University, mag. Petra Šink
 - charcoal pile: Kočevski les, SIDG.
- Participants at the expert forum: Forest and wood as a development opportunity for regional development (Possibility of transition to a circular economy); Slovenian state forests SIDG, Slovenian Forest Service, UL Biotechnical Faculty, SRIP Smart Houses, SRIP Circular Economy, GZS Association of Wood and Furniture Industry and general professional public

več dogodkov v okviru festivala na
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KOČEVJE
10.-15.
OKTOBER

Podelitev nagrad (Pra)stol
otvoritev Festivala lesa
in predstavitev prototipov
četrtek, 10. 10. 2019 ob 19h
Kulturni center Kočevje

FESTIVAL LESA

Tišlarska sobota
ustvarjalne delavnice
in sekiromet
sobota, 12. 10. 2019 od 9h dalje
Srednja šola Kočevje, Oaj

Wood Tech Talk
dobre zgodbe o
inovativnih rabah lesa
ponedeljek, 14. 10. 2019 ob 18h
Kulturni center Kočevje

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1. PRIMAL CHAIR CONTEST

May 7 - September 5

This year's competition was the fifth in a row.

The jury members were:

- Honorary member, dr. Janez Suhadolc
- Dr Jasna Hrovatin, Faculty of Design, President of the Jury
- Natalija Lapajne, Museum of Architecture and Design
- Andrej Palman, GSS Kočevje, representative of the organizer
- Rok Kuhar, UL Faculty of Architecture and Design

The expert commission selected the three best design solutions, which were presented as prototypes at the evening event. There arrived 19 proposals from Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Mexico, Sweden, Finland, India and Taiwan. The commission awarded the first prize to Matko Plovanić and Stefan Vidović for the chair Primaire, the second award to Snežana Jeremić from Serbia for the chair Daska and the third award to Luna Apollonio from Koper for the chair Prastol.

The winners of the competition attended the opening of the Festival and the presentation of the winners' chairs. They spent a few days in Kočevje, visited the rainforest, the town, the workshop where a prototype was made and expressed a desire to return to Kočevje because they would like to take advantage of the award, 40 hours of prototyping workshop, where they would like to improve their design idea.



2. OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL

October 10, Kulturni center Kočevje

The opening of the 5th Festival of Wood was marked by the awarding of the "Piece of Wood" prize for the best design proposals of the 5th International Industrial Competition design (Primal) chair.

The festival was opened by Mr Franc Vesel, Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia and Mr Vladimir Prebilič, Mayor of the Municipality of Kočevje. Dr Rok Kuhar, president of the jury of the (Primal) chair 2019 competition, proclaimed the award winners.

As part of the opening ceremony, two wooden sculptures by the students of Gimnazija in srednja šola Kočevje were also presented to the public. Their mentor was doc. Marko Glavač, academic sculptor. Assistance in arranging permits and placing sculptures in the space was provided by architect Zvonka Korošac. Without the help of donors, the sculptures would have been much more modest. The donation was provided by: Obnova Kočevje, Kočevski les.

Number of visitors: 150

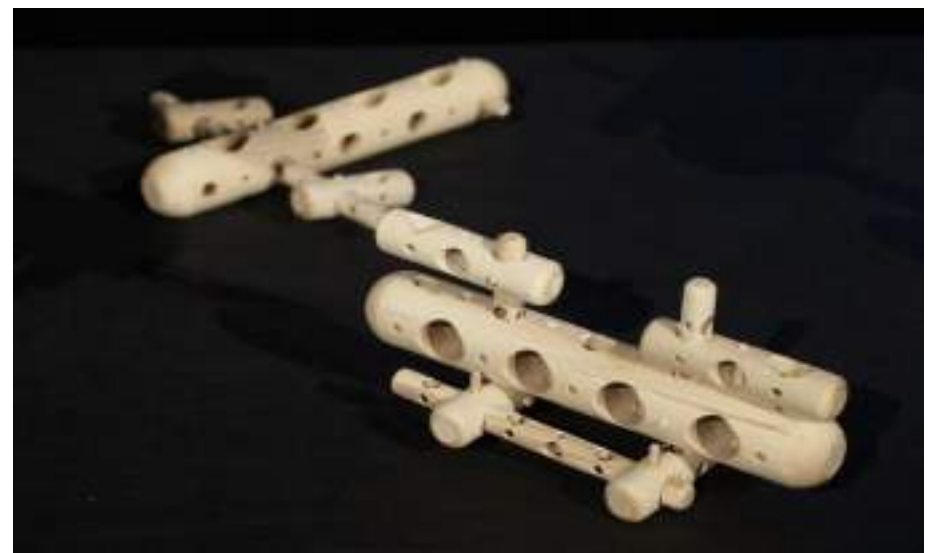
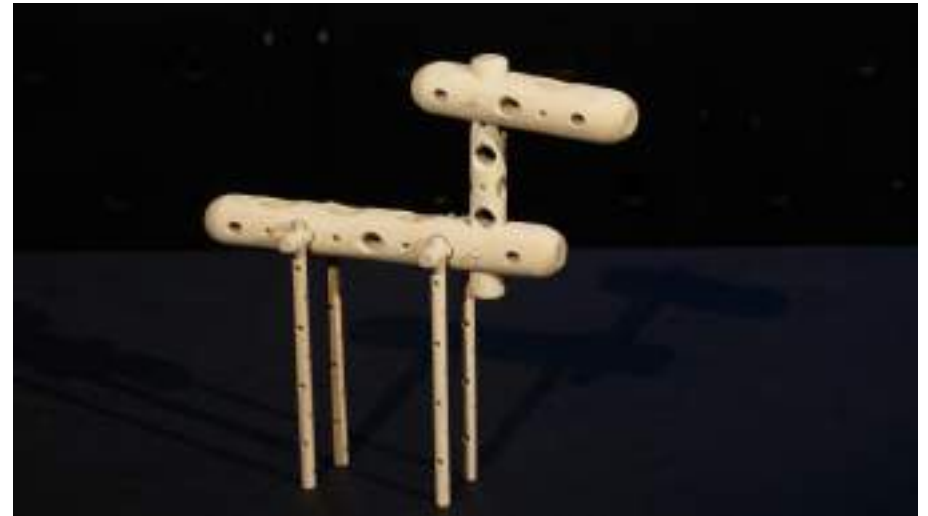


3. PLAYFUL EXPLORATION WITH REPLICAS OF TOYS BY DESIGNER NIKO KRALJ

October 11, Kočevje Kindergarten

In collaboration with the Museum of Architecture and Design (MAO) and Mrs Veronika Igljč Kralj, prototypes of toys of Slovenian design legend Niko Kralj were presented. We tested the prototypes for the first time together with the children from the Vrtec Kočevje.

Number of children: 160



5. VIRTUAL MAZE

October 11, Kočevje Town Square

The man enters in his civilized position into the spaces of mixed reality. On this path, he must use both physical and cognitive capacity. Besides, he has to solve the myriad of problems he faces in his daily life and at the same time, he has to address his basic fears such as fear of the unknown and nowadays current fear of strangers. Man's previous involvement in the real environment/is no longer enough for him today. People and objects are already integrated into augmented reality AR, extended augmented reality (AV) and the virtual world in real-time....

Number of participants: 20



4. TISLARSKA SOBOTA

October 12, GŠŠ Kočevje, Basketball court in Gaj

Tislar Saturday was divided into two parts. In the morning we prepared three practical workshops for families.

The workshops were conducted by Katja Hočevar, Drago Brinšek and Janez Ilc

Number of participants: 30

Saturday afternoon was dedicated to "Axe throwing". We organized the first open Kočevje championship. Competitors had to compete in the tournament system and finally, the champion of Kočevje in the axe throwing for 2019 was proclaimed.

Number of participants: 70



5. CREATIVE WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES

October 13, Koča pri Črnem vrhu

The Sunday family workshop was dedicated to visiting the charcoal pile and to take part in drawing with charcoal and the presentation of the forest to children.

The workshop was conducted by Tina Žele

Number of participants: 30



6. Expert Conference "WOOD TECH TALKS"

Good stories about innovative uses of wood.

October 14, Kulturni center Kočevje

Robots that build buildings out of wood in a way that humans are incapable of. Fungi create a disposable material that replaces Styrofoam from wood residues.

Luka Piškorec from the University of Aalto (Finland) presented the robotics of construction, how robots can build large buildings using wood.

Petra Šink is a big admirer of nature, award-winning designer, curious researcher and athlete. Med studies of Textile and Clothing Design, she devoted herself in-depth to the production or finding new materials, as well as various manipulations with the textile itself and textiles in combination with other materials. In doing so, she encountered fantastic biomaterial. Imagine that the fungus outgrows the sawdust and is formed biologically into a material that can be put into any shape - at the same time, it is solid, light, insulating, non-flammable, water-repellent and biodegradable. It could be used as a replacement for Styrofoam and many other artificial materials that we have so many problems with, once they become waste.

Number of participants: 40



7. AWARDING THE STUDENTS

GŠŠK Prestolnica, Gimnazija in Srednja šola Kočevje

This year, the Festival of Wood once again announced a competition for high school students and high school Kočevje. The subject of the competition is the choice of the best wooden toy. The winners were announced and the awards presented by Mr Tomaž Markovič, the principle of GŠŠ Kočevje and Mr Gregor Košir, Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of Kočevje.

Number of participants: 50



8. MONTHLY WORKSHOPS OF THE FESTIVAL OF WOOD

This year, we organized monthly thematic workshops for different groups.

- March 8, Creativity for Women. The number of participants 8.
- April 12, Easter workshop for families. The number of participants 28.
- May 18, Workshop for Fathers and Sons. The number of participants 10.
- June 1, Restoration introductory course. The number of participants 17.
- June 22, Advanced Restoration Course. The number of participants 11.
- September 21, Bees and Honey and Hufnagel Day for Families. Number participants.
- November 30, New Year's spruce. The number of participants 10.
- December 14, Christmas decoration. The number of participants 10.

The workshops were well attended, and there was a lot of interest in both a restoration workshop with Roman Zupančič, which was attended by listeners from all over Slovenia. It makes sense to upgrade the workshops and start marketing them.

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