

Salamat Designs: The Bronze-wood Collection is a modular storage cabinet and etagere constructed of teak on a bronze-colored aluminum frame. The furniture is suitable for outdoor kitchens as well as a base for entertainment equipment.



This model may sound like a novelty business, but Fishtales is a sizeable, 14-year-old operation. Shiver is majority owner in a 500-employee Indonesian factory that makes his designs from plantation-grown mahogany. All the products are painted with marine-grade, two-part epoxy. "You're paying as much for the paint as you are for the wood in my product," Shiver says. The epoxy finish is alcohol-resistant, he points out, an important factor for fishermen and those who entertain.

Fishtales' best seller, Shiver says,

is a 60-in. bar-height table with a 30-in. basin insert of food-safe aluminum. Shiver calls the insert a beer bucket, but people have been known to load it with ice for shrimp and oysters. With eight stools, the table sells for \$2,499.

Fishtales also makes an item for those who think a 1955 Chris-Craft is the most beautiful powerboat ever made. The Bow Table, modeled on Chris-Craft plans, looks like the bow of a '55 mahogany Chris-Craft from the windshield forward. With 12 stools, it sells for \$5,599 (no berthing fees required).

Some wood designs look only slightly removed from the forest. Bradford Lifestyles'

Root bar tables and stools are, as the name implies, made from the massive roots of teak trees. "People want individuality, and these are phenomenal pieces," says Susan Heer, an owner of the British Columbian company.

Seats for the stools are crafted of teak and fixed to the substantial bases, she says. "They're heavy, very dense," she says, "not easy to move." A table and four chairs retails from \$2,500 to \$3,000. "They look wonderful in a wooded setting or a backyard full of flowers," Heer says.

There's always been a core group of customers for wooden casual furniture, often at the upper end of the



Three Birds: Traditional design is always in style with teak and with these three new Newport tables. They are available as a side table (\$510), coffee table (\$830) and dining table (\$980).



Oxford Garden: Dartmoor bar-height tables are available in 28-in. square configurations as well as a 79-in. length able to seat 12. Matching bar stools and chairs are available. The species is shorea. Prices for the long table run from \$790 to \$870 depending on finish.



Bradford Lifestyles: The Glider Bench, in teak, is available in 48-in. and 60-in. versions, executed in Bradford's Hampton style. Seating surfaces are rounded for comfort, while the furniture retains traditional squarish teak lines. Prices begin at \$1,499.