

## AWI MISSION

THE AUTHORITATIVE  
RESOURCE  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN  
ARCHITECTURAL  
WOODWORK.

## AWI GOALS

- Promote the architectural woodwork industry and disseminate information on issues affecting the architectural woodwork industry.
- Promote, improve and support the *Quality Standards Illustrated*.
- Provide professional development and networking opportunities.
- Manage the organization effectively and efficiently.



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

AWI's key mission is to serve as a resource for industry education. We are committed to providing information for locating the most knowledgeable sources about sustainable forestry, certification and related issues. Consult our web site, [www.awinet.org](http://www.awinet.org), for the latest information and additional resources on "green" issues. Links are provided.



The Architectural Woodwork Institute (AWI) is a nonprofit trade association founded in 1953. AWI represents over 3,100 architectural woodworkers, suppliers, and design professionals. AWI is author of *Quality Standards Illustrated*, the authoritative source of guidance on fine architectural woodwork, and is administrator of the Quality Certification Program (QCP), the industry reference for the highest level of woodworking professionalism. The QCP is endorsed by the U.S. General Services Administration and the American Subcontractors Association.

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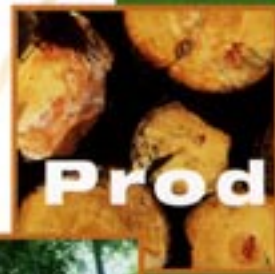
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# Forest

Architectural  
Woodwork  
Institute

Supporting Stewardship  
of the Most Renewable  
Resource in the  
Construction Industry -  
Wood!



# Products



# Sustainability



**ARCHITECTURAL WOODWORK MANUFACTURERS ARE PRIVILEGED TO PROVIDE PRODUCTS FABRICATED FROM THE MOST RENEWABLE RESOURCE USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY – WOOD.\* AS AN ASSOCIATION OF SUPPLIERS, MANUFACTURERS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS, THE ARCHITECTURAL WOODWORK INSTITUTE (AWI) RECOGNIZES THE UNIQUE VALUE OF WOOD.**

**AWI'S INTEREST** Pressure on the world's resources has caused concern to protect and renew global forests. AWI believes that the use of wood, the basic material used by the architectural woodworking industry, is in harmony with these goals. As such, woodworkers need a lasting source of high quality, mature timber.

**SUSTAINABILITY** Members of AWI are committed to the sustainable management of the world's forests. Stewardship of the standing timber can prevent catastrophic results occurring from fuel build-up. While conditions in temperate and tropical forests vary, AWI supports active forest management

practices that are appropriate for each. Prudent management of forests worldwide helps to assure an ample supply of this renewable resource for fine architectural woodwork as well as other uses.

**RENEWABILITY** Unlike most other building materials, wood is renewable, growing back quickly after supervised tree harvesting and reforestation. This is compared to recycling that provides benefits but requires collecting, sorting and processing which use energy and chemicals. Also, trees absorb air pollution, reduce global warming, stabilize the soil, contribute to biodiversity, and provide numerous by-products.

Of all the measures comparing the environmental effects of common building materials, wood has the least impact on total energy use, greenhouse gases, air and water pollution, solid waste and ecological resource use. Seventy percent (70%) less energy is required in the use of wood compared with any other building materials.\*

**UTILIZATION** We encourage the use of a variety of timber species for architectural woodwork products, including those that are underutilized. Use of these species is a means of protecting forests and adding economic value. AWI members are available to work with design professionals, contractors, suppliers and building

## *Sustainability • Renewability*

owners early in the project cycle to recommend appropriate wood species. As woodworking professionals, we also are committed to conserving resources using technology and materials that improve yield.

**CERTIFICATION** Many evolving certification programs are seeking to verify sustainable forestry, and all have forest stewardship as a primary objective. Each takes a different approach and covers different forest types. We support the intent of environmental stewardship embodied in these certification programs and encourage their development.

**SUMMARY** While the earth's resources are under increasing pressure, the economics of the architectural woodwork industry support and augment global resource protection goals. AWI is committed to ensuring the perpetuation of our world's forests for future generations who will benefit from a natural resource that flourishes from sound stewardship practices.

Source: \* Dr. Patrick Moore

