



ALA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

John and Anni Speaking Event

Saturday June 29, 9:00 to 10:00am, Main Stage

John and Anni Book Signing with Baker and Taylor

Saturday June 29, 11:15am to 12:00pm, Booth 1129,1130,1132

John and Anni Book Signing with Fox Chapel Publishing

Sunday June 30, 11am, Booth 1531

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Blind Woodworker's Memoir Chronicles Inspiring Journey of Resilience & Triumph Over Adversity



Lancaster, PA — John Furniss, also known as "The Blind Woodsman," has captured the hearts of millions with his masterful woodworking skills. Now, readers are invited to learn the remarkable story behind the man. Fox Chapel Publishing is proud to announce the upcoming release of his memoir, co-written with his wife Anni Furniss, which chronicles the inspiring story of how he overcame blindness and addiction to become a master woodworker.

The memoir chronicles John's life story, from his heartwarming courtship with Anni to his rise to prominence in the world of woodworking. However, John's journey was far from easy. At the age of 16, he attempted suicide and lost his vision as a result. He struggled with drug addiction and faced numerous obstacles on his path. But through it all, John never gave up on himself or his dreams. Through sheer determination and hard work, he learned to use his other senses to compensate for his lack of sight, and developed a unique approach to woodworking that has earned him worldwide acclaim. His memoir is a testament to the power of resilience and the human spirit.

This is not just a story about an amazing woodworker, but about John's life as a whole. It is an inspirational self-help title that speaks to anyone who has faced adversity and come out stronger on the other side. John's story is a reminder that no matter what challenges we may face, we have the power within ourselves to overcome them and achieve our goals.

"We take great pride of partnerships with amazing authors, artists, craftsmen and women who are passionate about inspiring others to learn a new craft and find a new passion in life," said David Miller, president of Fox Chapel Publishing. "We are dedicated to helping John share his story and support his mission to help people of all ages who struggle with depression, anxiety and finding his or her place in the world."

The Blind Woodsman: One Man's Journey to Find His Purpose on the Other Side of Darkness launched March 2024.

