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*Event Dates - Feb. 25-26, 2012*

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**Eagle Creek Park hosts  
21<sup>st</sup> annual Woodworking Exhibit, Sale**

**INDIANAPOLIS** - Over a dozen woodworkers will showcase their artwork at the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Woodcarver, Woodturner and Woodburner exhibition and sale Feb. 25-26 at Eagle Creek Park's Earth Discovery Center, 5901 Delong Rd., overlooking the reservoir.

Worksmiths from across the state will display artwork, both artistic and functional, depicting wildlife, flora and fauna and/or traditional Native Americans. Artists will talk with visitors about their unique craft and demonstrate how they create their various works, some on woodturning lathes.

Jim Dupler, a professional woodworker and part owner of CCA Gallery in Zionsville, first attended Eagle Creek's show in 2003, and has been a participant ever since 2004. After his first lathe at 10 years old, he discovered his passion and has now embraced it for over 50 years.

"What I enjoy most is creating one-of-a-kind objects, especially fine lidded boxes," Dupler said. "The best part is watching the object take shape from a rough piece of lumber into a unique piece of art."

While art enthusiasts enjoy watching demonstrations, children are welcome to try their hand at carving bars of soap with various kid-friendly tools.

Many of the carvings, sculptures and other items will be available for purchase. A percentage of proceeds will benefit the Eagle Creek Park Foundation, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the protection and preservation of Eagle Creek Park.

Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Admission is free with \$5 per vehicle park admission.

In addition to the ongoing monthly artist series, this exhibition is the first of three nature-themed art shows scheduled at Eagle Creek Park for 2012. For additional information regarding any of the 2012 shows, or for entry forms, call Eagle Creek Park's Earth Discovery Center at 317.327.7148 or log on [www.eaglecreekpark.org](http://www.eaglecreekpark.org).

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*The Eagle Creek Park Foundation (ECPF) was formed in 1978, to protect, promote, enhance and support Eagle Creek Park, an island of nature surrounded by an urban landscape. ECPF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization consisting of more than 1,300 members who help support Eagle Creek Park.*

*At approximately 5,200 acres of land and water, Eagle Creek Park represents almost half of the acreage under the stewardship of Indy Parks. It is one of the largest city-owned parks in the nation and one of the largest parks devoted entirely to nature. For more information on the Foundation, call the Park office at 317.327.7116 or log on at [www.eaglecreekpark.org](http://www.eaglecreekpark.org).*

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**Cutline:** Last year, a chainsaw woodcarver showcased his unique craft outside of Eagle Creek Park's Earth Discovery Center on the city's northwest side.