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**CLEARLAKE FURNITURE'S "MAURICE" CHAIR PRESENTS UPDATED VERSION
OF MISSION/ARTS & CRAFTS FAVORED DESIGN.**

LUDLOW, VT — A Vermont furniture designer has created a unique rendition of the popular Arts & Crafts/Mission style Morris Chair. ClearLake Furniture, of Ludlow, VT, introduces its "Maurice Chair", with the added benefit of reclining. The chair is also crafted with a magazine rack that attaches to either side and has the option of a matching ottoman.

This latest addition to the ClearLake Furniture collection blends the beauty of the company's trademark fine hardwood furniture and environmentally friendly fabrics. Brent Karner, master craftsman and ClearLake's proprietor, says The Maurice Chair is reminiscent of the comfortable style in the homes he knew while growing up. Based on the design of William Morris which blends design with utility, the ClearLake version can recline by simply sliding the arms forward or backward.

"This is an elegant rendition of something we're already comfortable with," says Karner, a graduate of the prestigious North Bennet Street School in Boston where he learned the art of fine woodworking. "The Maurice Chair is a statement pieces that's ideal for the urban lifestyle anywhere in the country. Our clients have told us that the three-position reclining is a great addition to the design."

ClearLake Furniture uses only woods that have been harvested from sustainable forests. Certified by the Forest Stewardship Council, Karner and his team of fine woodworkers trace the chain of custody of the wood from the forest to the workshop. Each piece is then hand-crafted, customized to every detail chosen by the customer. The Maurice Chair can be individualized with the choice of hardwoods and upholstery fabric.

ClearLake Furniture was founded in 1992 with the mission of creating fine hardwood furniture one piece at a time. Customers choose every detail for their customized pieces and are even invited to select the wood from the raw lumber. Visitors can tour the workshop daily and chat with the woodworkers. The company also has a showroom in the historic village of Woodstock, VT. For more information, visit www.clearlakefurniture.com or call 800-758-8767.

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