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**FOUR NEW ORAL HISTORIES OF INDUSTRY LEADERS
NOW ON SALE FROM THE AMERICAN FURNITURE HALL OF FAME**

HIGH POINT, N.C., March 22, 2011 — The American Furniture Hall of Fame Foundation is now selling four additional published oral histories of furniture industry leaders: J. Wade Kincaid, Steven M. Kincaid, Joanna C. Maitland, and Edwin J. Shoemaker. The hard cover books include family and company photos.

Twelve of the 40-book set have now been published. Those released last Fall include John C. Bernhardt; Alvin E. Bland; Rose G. Blumkin; Bob Bush, Sr.; O. William Fenn; Rawson Haverty, Sr.; Clyde Hooker, Jr.; and Don A. Hunziker.

“Our oral history program is one of the most important services that the Foundation provides. There is nothing more important to our future generations that capturing the stories and history through the eyes of our leaders through oral interviews and photography,” says Jeff Cook, Foundation president. “These published works permanently record their memories forever and through the website will be accessible for generations to come.”

In 2008, the Hall of Fame Foundation received a grant from the Furniture Foundation to digitize the transcripts and tapes of 33 previously recorded oral interviews that were in danger of being lost. These interviews, along with seven additional new oral histories, are available for purchase through the Bernice Bienenstock Furniture Library or online at www.furniturehalloffame.com. Individual copies cost \$25 each or a complete set of 40 can be purchased for \$1,000 (not including shipping and handling). Twelve histories are currently available, while the others are advance purchase orders.

The 28 additional oral histories that will soon be available include: Nathan S. Ancell; Doug Brackett; E. L. Briggs; Paul H. Broyhill; David J. Brunn; Dan Edmonson; Bert Roy Fenn; John R. Gerken; Charles O. Gordon; Mary McKenzie Henkel; W.G. Holliman, Jr.; Leo Jiranek; William P. Kemp, Sr.; Bernard B. Lane; Hyman Meyers; Steve Millender; Patrick H. Norton; Steve Pond; Joe Richardson II; Lawrence K. Schnadig; Irving Sherman; Harley Ferguson Shuford, Jr.; Charles R. Sligh, Jr.; Robert H. Spilman; John B. Vaughan; Howard O. Walker; Ronald G. Wanek; and Elliott S. Wood.

The Foundation continues to grow its oral history program and is accepting recommendations for other industry leaders whose stories need to be captured. To send suggestions or receive more information, please contact lestep@furniturehalloffame.com.

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The American Furniture Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc. is an international, industry-wide organization founded to honor those individuals whose outstanding achievements have contributed to the continued growth and development of the U.S. furniture industry, as well as to research, collect and preserve our cultural, economic and artistic history. Membership includes eligibility to vote for inductees into the American Furniture Hall of Fame, and the opportunity to help preserve the history and heritage of the industry. The organization is based in High Point, North Carolina at 202 Neal Place, and can be reached at 336.882.5900.

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