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ShopBot Will Demonstrate New CNC Tools & Innovative Motion Control System at Bay Area Maker Faire

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ShopBot Tools, a leading manufacturer of CNC tools (digital fabrication tools) will provide a sneak preview of their newest digital fabrication tool, the Desktop Max, and demonstrate FabMo, their new universal, wireless motion control for the Handibot Smart Power Tool at the 10th Annual Bay Area Maker Faire May 15-17.

Jeanne Taylor, ShopBot's Director of Marketing, says, "Our current Desktop CNC tool is hugely popular due not only to its power and precision, but also because it fits easily in a small space and a small budget. We've developed the Desktop Max in response to people wanting to have a larger cutting area. Desktop Max will have a 24" x 36" cutting area, double the area of the current ShopBot Desktop. The tool, slated to be available later this summer, will have a live demonstration at the ShopBot Booth.

ShopBot will also be doing live demos of Handibot 2.0, the newest version of their uniquely "carry-anywhere" CNC. The Handibot enables cutting wood, plastics, soft metals, and other materials anywhere you need to do your work. New developments include an open front, allowing easier visibility of your work and quick tool changes.

Handibot's new controls, called FabMo, are a new way to run digital fabrication tools. ShopBot's president Ted Hall says, "We're most excited to share FabMo with the world. It's our new motion control system that allows users to run the Handibot from any device wirelessly." FabMo is an open source project that will eventually change the way all ShopBots and hopefully other digital fabrication tools work. Ted Hall summed it up as "a new 'Smart Digital Fab Controller' for today's and tomorrow's smart tools."

Visitors will also have the opportunity to see Bay Area entrepreneurs displaying their work in the ShopBot Booth, including Oru Kayak (the world's first real kayak that folds and is easy to carry), and Autistry Studios, a local non-profit that uses making workshops to help prepare autistic teens for independence in adulthood.

ABOUT SHOPBOT

Founded in 1996 and based in Durham, North Carolina, the unique mission of ShopBot Tools is to make the empowering technology of digital fabrication widely accessible and usable. ShopBot's subtractive digital fabrication tools (also known as CNC routers), working across a range of sizes, deliver the power, precision, and reliability of digital tools traditionally costing thousands of dollars more.

With over 8000 tools at work around the world, ShopBot Tools, Inc., is one of the largest producers of digital fabrication equipment for small-to-mid sized manufacturing, DIY, and education markets. All ShopBots are designed and built in ShopBot's Durham headquarters.