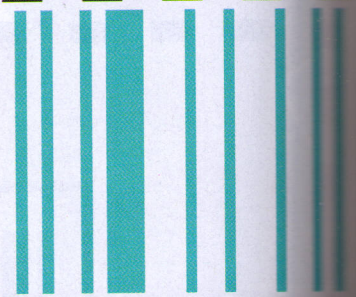




USTAINABLE FURNITURE



Dapwood Furniture

Company (3303 Vassar Drive NE, 294-3322, www.dapwood.com) produces sustainable—and comfortable—hardwood furniture.

“I took over a furniture-making company in 2008, renamed it and reconstructed our market demographics,” says owner Gregg Mich. “We use American hardwoods from the Midwest and do all the processing here. Our hardwood lumber supplier has more than 50,000 acres of timberland, and they’re all Forest Stewardship Council certified. By using wood from FSC forests, we encourage sustainable practices that lead to long-term environmental stability.”

The company is environmentally conscious in other ways, too, which is one of the reasons it was selected as one of the *New Mexico Business Weekly’s* Sustainable Business Summit Awards honorees for 2012: its internet service is completely powered by windpower, it relies on local PNM Blue Skies for electricity, and, despite making 100–120 semi-custom bed frames a month, it only fills up a dumpster once a month with trash. “When I first bought this place, the previous owner was filling a dumpster twice a week,” Mich says. “We recycle our sawdust to a local pig farmer and then compost whatever else we can.”



Dapwood Furniture owner Gregg Mich and customer advocate Sanjiv Doreswamy show off a sustainably made bed frame.