

American Friends of Coubertin sends the first young American craftsman for a year's study and intensive training in France

In September, American Friends of Coubertin is sending its first American fellow to Coubertin, the highly-regarded French center of intensive training in stone, wood, and metal crafts that executes work for the Palace at Versailles and for major corporate and private connoisseurs throughout the world.

The recently organized association, based in Chicago, raises funds to send promising young American craftsmen to train with European masters in in these ancient arts and crafts at the Coubertin Foundation, near Paris. The fellowships provide an expense paid year to qualified workers where they will rigorously train in their crafts and alternate with extensive classroom work.

The Coubertin Foundation has been operating for 50 years, but heretofore all the fellows were from France and other European countries. American Friends of Coubertin seeks to provide American craftsmen with this unique opportunity. For the first time this year, applications were solicited, received and from young American craftsmen and women. The first fellow is Nick Esposito, a woodworker from California. Esposito will spend the 2010-11 academic year in Paris. Prior to his arrival at Coubertin he has taken a French language immersion course.

The fellowship covers all expenses and provides a stipend.

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