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# Into the Wood



*Santa Barbara is home to a solid  
community of creative wood craftsmen.*

*Waiter, there's a lizard on my table!*  
Living in the Santa Barbara foothills  
inspired Paul Schürch's table, *The  
Whiptail*, playfully blending inlays of  
rare woods, stones and metal.

**S**anta Barbara's beautiful scenery, gentle climate and relaxed seaside atmosphere have been attracting members of the West Coast's creative elite for years. Innovative painters, sculptors, photographers and designers have all come to work in the sunshine and creative freedom of the small coastal community.

In the last decade the Santa Barbara area has also become home to a surprising number of highly talented woodworkers. From diverse locales and