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Native Trails Announces Expansion of Finishes in Maestro Collection of Lavatory Basins

Artisan Made, Sustainable Brand Showcases Recycled Copper's Beautiful and Lustrous Transformation as Created by Strokes of the Hammer

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. - Native Trails, the leading brand offering sustainable, artisancrafted furnishings for kitchen and bath, is providing more finish options in select 100% recycled, handmade copper pieces, giving end-users more selections than ever before. Continuing to expand its product offerings, Native Trails is making its **Antique** finish available for the first time in the complete **Maestro Collection** of lavatory basins. Since its establishment some 15 years ago, Native Trails has earned a strong reputation for bringing eclectic sophistication to high-end kitchen and bath furnishings with evocative, authentic, artisancrafted designs that incorporate recycled, reclaimed or green-certified materials.

Artisans in Central Mexico handcraft each Native Trails basin by using techniques and tools handed down through generations. Starting with sheets of heavy gauge copper made from salvaged electrical wire and copper tubing, the metal is handworked into a unique and lasting functional work of art. Naomi Neilson Howard, founder and CEO of Native Trails, remarks: "Our recycled copper basins and accessories showcase our unique ability to transform post-consumer waste into one-of-kind pieces with the help of skilled artisans. With the Maestro Collection available in three distinctive finishes, we are expanding the depth of our offerings once again, giving designers and consumers a substantial range of choice."



Maestro Lotus in Antique finish

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Copper — Nature's Artistic Statement:

One of nature's most anti-bacterial metals, copper is optimal for the bathroom. Not only does it resist bacteria, it is durable, performs well and its beauty is only enhanced over time. A living, breathing material, heat-based copper patinas continue to change and darken with use. Native Trails does not apply a lacquer or seal to its copper surfaces, which allows the product to respond and react naturally to its environment.

Easy to maintain, copper can be kept clean with soap and water; harsh abrasives and cleansers are not necessary or recommended. Plus, unlike stainless steel or polished copper, Native Trails' hand-hammered copper surfaces do not show finger prints. All Native Trails' sinks are made by skilled artisans and feature 100% recycled copper content in their design and composition.

Native Trails' Specialty Finishes Highlight Copper's Artistry:

- **Antique**—celebrating copper in its most pure form, Native Trails' Antique finish can best be described as hearty and robust. The rich, dark surface provides a handsome option for the bath, complementing a range of woods as well as other metals.
- **Tempered**—this surface integrates a complex heating and cooling process that shows the remarkable mottling effect on the surface with unique coloration "splashes" punctuating each piece. Overall, the Tempered finish is lighter in color and feeling; a great finish to pair with light and dark woods as well as classic and antique-style furnishings.
- **Brushed Nickel**—achieved by plating nickel over copper followed by careful handbrushing. With its silver tone, Brushed Nickel is among Native Trails' most popular finishes. Sure to brighten any room, this versatile finish can be paired with ultracontemporary fixtures and furnishings as well as old-world and turn-of-the-century pieces.



From left to right: Maestro Ananda in Tempered finish; Maestro Sonata Petit Vessel in Brushed Nickel finish; Maestro Round Vessel in Tempered finish

Maestro Collection:

Made from a heavy 15-gauge copper, Native Trails' Maestro Lavatory sinks are revered for their exquisite texture and lustrous shine. Using recycled copper that is melted down and then rolled into sheets, the material then endures some 30,000 strikes of the hammer over several days before a finished basin is made, with no two alike. This process is carried out by the hands of skilled artisans who rely on methods and tools from centuries ago. Each Maestro Collection sink is signed by the artisan.

Maestro basins are designed for the bath with nine unique vessel and drop-in styles available. As with all Native Trails' sinks, the Maestro Collection perfectly complements the brand's extensive range of sustainable bathroom vanities – made from re-purposed barn wood and fencing, salvaged materials from nearby wineries, or 100% Moso Bamboo, in the recently unveiled **Renewal Series**. Designers and consumers can also opt to feature a Native Trails' basin with another vanity of their choice.

The newest addition to the Maestro Collection is **Maestro Lotus**, noted for its sumptuous rounded lip and oval shape. A drop-in style basin, the undulating shape of Lotus inimitably highlights the thousands of hammer strikes required to make it.

About Native Trails

Native Trails, a privately owned business based in San Luis Obispo, Calif., has been offering high-quality, artisan-crafted kitchen and bath fixtures and home décor for 16 years. Naomi Neilson Howard, founder and CEO of Native Trails, started the company to pair the stunning copper craftsmanship she discovered in her travels through Mexico with contemporary design and sustainable business practices. The company's creations are showcased in more than 1,300 showrooms throughout the U.S. and Canada. Native Trails is a favorite destination for consumers, but also for designers and architects based on several points of differentiation: category-defining designs, high product quality, use of recycled and sustainable materials and excellent customer service with 98% of orders shipping within 24-48 hours.

For more information, contact Native Trails at 800-786-0862 or visit www.nativetrails.net

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