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*Custom Solid Quarter Sawn Oak Gothic Library Table (Desk)
Original Design Available in Custom Sizes, Materials, & Finishes*

“Mini-Portfolio”

Custom Period Reproductions & Original Design Furniture

Hand Carving & Sculpture

Custom Built-In Furniture

Antique Restoration & Furniture Refinishing

Professional On-site Scratch & Dent Removal

Our full portfolio is online at www.artisansofthevalley.com

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Artisans of the Valley

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Introduction - *Artisans of the Valley, based in Pennington, NJ, is an exclusive custom furniture, cabinetry, carving, and restoration shop. Our craftsmen are the last of the traditional apprenticeship method of passing on the skills of furniture design, joinery, carving, and finishing. We offer our custom furniture by commission, hand signing and dating each heirloom upon completion.*

For over 35 years Master Craftsman Stanley D. Saperstein has perfected his skills and in the process passed these skills to his son Eric. Eric has now taken the reins of the business, the studio, and the title of Master Craftsman.

Artisans offers heirloom quality hand rubbed shellac and tung oil finishes as well as hand painted options on any of our pieces. In addition, modern finishes are available through our affiliates including the full spectrum of lacquers, acrylics, and urethanes.

Artisans of the Valley is the last of the true conservation studios in New Jersey, providing museum quality restorations, refinishing, repair, and preservation services. Artisans will evaluate your antiques and collectables to determine the best options for your cherished possessions. Artisans is one of the few remaining restoration studios that can handle restoring a true shellac finish and provide the skills necessary to replace or restore damaged ball and claw feet, detailed carvings, and veneer.

Bent on educating our clients, Artisans offers a tactical theory on restoration entitled "The Philosophy of Restoration." This article outlines the concepts associated with restoration, and helps dispense the myth surrounding antiques and their care. Artisans restoration services are not limited to furniture; we handles military artifacts such as firearms, swords, and leather goods. We are the only conservation studio restoring antique and collectable chess sets; bragging rights include several the famous Jaques of London first 300 Staunton series sets.

Artisans provides services for commissions, restoration, carving, and design to residential & commercial clients, design firms, and architects. Please contact us to discuss the specifics of your project.

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Period Furniture & Original Designs

Artisans' portfolio includes a variety of period reproductions and original design furniture. Our goal is to provide a functional and esthetic piece that meets with the client's specifications.

Our reproductions appear as if they are well maintained antiques and fit seamlessly within a period home or eclectic decorating theme.

Artisans creates an original design line we describe as "New Wave Gothic" furniture; combining the essence of Gothic, Medieval, Renaissance, & Tudor styles with just a touch of Mission & Country this is our flagship furniture line.

Our style of incorporating wildlife carvings, landscape, & seascape carvings into our custom commissions sets us aside from other artists. You'll find our "Safari Series" pieces shown throughout this portfolio.

Our commissions include functional and ornamental religious furniture and accessories, ranging from torah stands to credence tables.

We also provide functional accessories to complete a period décor including bible boxes, jewelry & music boxes, curio units, fireplace bellows, mirror frames, and other small but significant items.

Period Reproductions & Original Designs – Artisans origin is in period furniture reproductions and original designs. This is a small sampling of portfolio that covers over 35 years of the work of Master Craftsmen.



The custom solid cherry pie safe (above left) showcases hand punched copper panels and an heirloom quality tung oil finish.

A solid mahogany Chippendale curio unit (above center), available with fixed or adjustable glass or wood shelves.

A solid mahogany Queen Anne corner cupboard (above right) featuring a hand-carved shell and hand-fluted split turnings.

Artisans can produce exacting reproductions, or originals based upon the themes and proportions of their designers. Below left, a reproduction of the original Duncan Phyfe Roll top desk hand made in solid walnut; below right, a walnut Queen Anne lowboy.



These solid walnut pieces represent examples of our "New Wave Gothic" line. Hand made and hand carved, furniture from our gothic line is the most heavily fortified furniture you may ever come across.

"New Wave Gothic" blends the traditional form of heavy gothic, Renaissance, Jacobean, Elizabethan, and even a touch of Mission influence to derive a fully functional modern antique.

This walnut corner unit (shown right) can be configured to suit your requirements for space, storage, display, and ornamentation. Available in an open front, or with a single door, or double doors.

Our walnut server (shown below) illustrates the possibilities for custom hutches, cupboards, breakfronts, side tables, or of course servers.

Configurations can be custom designed to suit storage of silverware, linens, table settings, etc. Complete with options for hidden compartments, these pieces are true centerpieces for your dining experiences.



Tables - Dining, Kitchen, Coffee, etc. - The most basic pieces household furniture are the kitchen and dining room table. These pieces serve as a center for meals, entertainment, and the family's daily activities. A well-made kitchen or dining table provides generations of enjoyment and functional use. Artisans can custom reproduce period, country, mission, even gothic or medieval styles all to your size specifications.

The following photographs illustrate a sample of our custom tables starting with an Artisans of the Valley original "New Wave Gothic" desk, followed by a full size dining table. Artisans offers a full line of custom gothic furniture. Several new gothic designs will be coming in 2008 so please check our website frequently for updates!





Artisans table portfolio includes a variety of unique pieces ranging from gate-legs, trestles, tripods, four leg configurations, butlers tables, gaming tables, farm tables, end tables, tea tables, and coffee tables. Below is a gallery illustrating a small sample of the custom tables Artisans has produced.



Entertainment Centers, Bookcases, & Display Units



In solid quarter sawn oak, this new wave gothic entertainment center (above left) has custom iron work, specialized wiring channels, and industrial casters for easy access to electronics. A modern rendition of a mission shelf (above right) in solid maple.

The jet-black entertainment center is a great modern unit, while solid cherry/walnut case is a mission adaptation blends form and function. Standard bookcase and corner units with a basic open back bookcase shown in line below finish the gallery.



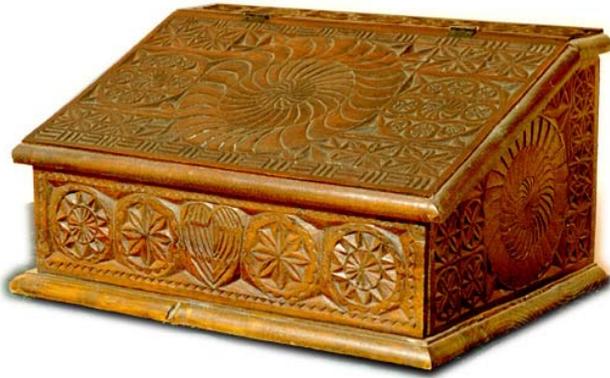
Custom Hand-Carved Safari Chests - Artisans custom designs, builds, and carves chests as exact period reproductions, or unique original designs. Chests can be carved with wildlife scenes, such as this solid cherry "Safari Chest" (below top left) or with traditional floral & leaf carvings, chip carvings, crests, or insignias. The solid oak bathroom hamper (below top right) is an example of a creative implementation of form and function.

A tinted blanket or "hope" chest (below middle) shows a fine example of how muted colors can enhance a carving while the reproduction Winslow chest (below bottom right) is a traditional design in exact form.

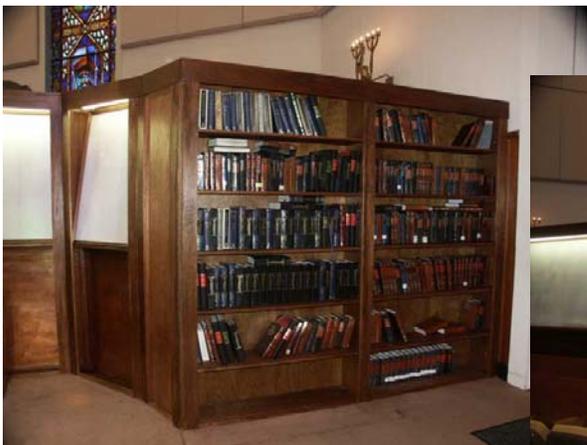


Custom Hand-Carved Boxes - Artisans of the Valley produces some of the most unique custom boxes available today. Our reproductions and original designs feature hand-carving of scenes, lettering, floral designs, all to inspire a new, customized, heirloom piece for your family's collection. Available as desk, jewelry, bible, stamp, and music boxes.





Religious Furniture - Artisans offers a formal line of custom Arks, Torah Stands, Communion Tables, Lecterns, Carvings, and Sculptures to complete the furnishings of any traditional or modern church or synagogue. Artisans' religious portfolio even includes custom Mechtiza, offered as built-in units or mobile configurations.



Accessories and Accents – Completing a décor often falls to the smaller details. Artisans is one of the last studios offering traditional hand made fireplace bellows. Hand is carved offering options for initials, traditional patterns, or custom carving designs.



Custom Framing & Display

Artisans offers an alternative to the standard array of stock frames and shadow boxes. Frames, custom display cases, and shadow boxes can be designed specifically around the requirements of a given item or a group of objects, a painting, a mirror, a rifle, sword, or really just about anything.

Frame styles can vary from simplistic to ornate, including hand carving and tinting. We offer custom frames in any domestic or exotic hardwood, with carving options depending upon the characteristics of the materials requested.

Frame & Display Gallery – This custom solid quarter sawn oak New Wave Gothic frame fronts a four inch deep shadow box which contains a manuscript hand scribed and illuminated by Master Penman Rosemary Buczek, proprietor of The Gilded Quill, on a hand crafted goat skin parchment by Jesse Meyer of Pergamena.

The depth of the display allows the parchment a natural flow and appearance within a protected space. Options for lighting and other internal details are available. Standard flat picture frames are also available.



Accessories and Accents – Curio “display” units are custom-made as freestanding, or wall mounted. Artisans can fashion open or glass enclosed cabinets including racks for canes, golf clubs, firearms, trophies, awards, mirrors, or anything else you may wish to display.



Custom Built-In's

Our built-ins extend our line from basic free standing bookcases through single wall configurations to complete English Libraries featuring hand-planed raised panels and carvings.

Artisans offers hand crafted custom built-in furniture unlike that you may know from any modern furniture shop. Our work rivals the antique woodworking featured in many historic homes and buildings.

We can design and fabricate libraries, mantles, cupboards, and other unique woodworking including moldings, hand carving, panels, and heirloom finishes.

Please contact us to discuss the details of your custom built-in project. We accept a limited number of commissions for built-in projects each year, all within our niche specialties.

That said, please keep in mind, we have several affiliates that specialize in a wide variety of highly detailed modern woodworking and large scale installations. We're happy to share the project with other qualified craftsman or refer you to the best artist for your project.

Custom Built-In Furniture - Our built-in portfolio includes this stunning solid mahogany English library. The 16' by 20' room includes wet bar, granite countertop, hidden audio center, and fireplace. Ten individual bookcase units were custom built and fitted within the room, accented by hand-carved moldings. Hand-planed raised paneling surround the doors and fireplace. The library, residing in an 11,000 square foot reproduction French Château, a crown jewel in our portfolio.



Woodcarving, Sculpture & Folk Art

Artisans provides hand-carving as an option for all our commissions. Carvings run the gamut from period reproduction leaf work, shells, scrolls, and vines to elaborate panoramic wildlife scenes.

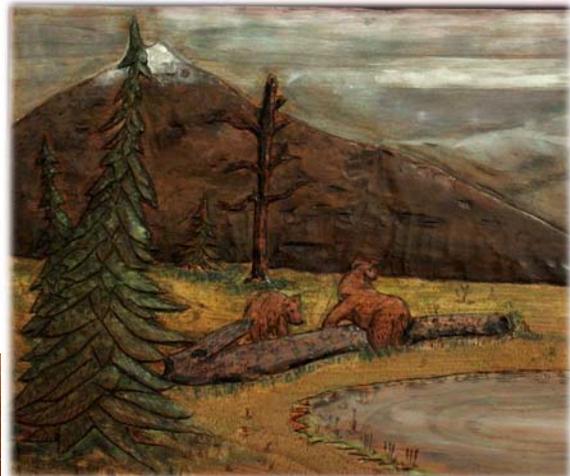
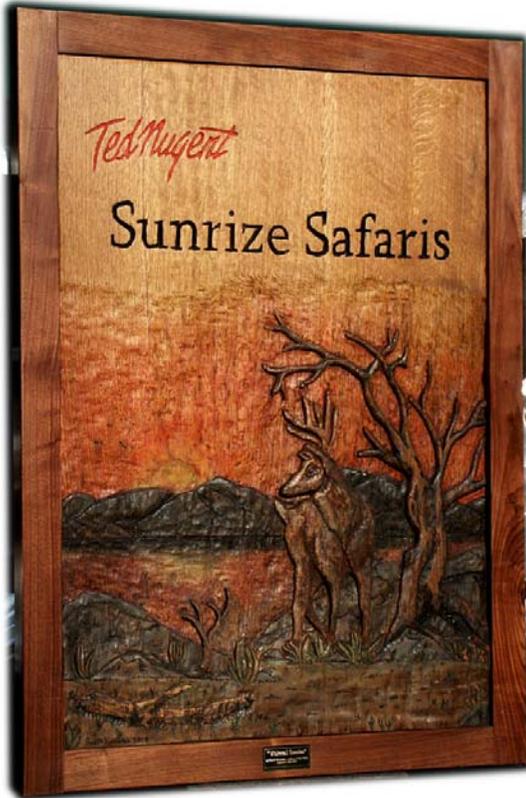
We also accept commissions for architectural ornaments, stair posts, corbels, mantles, and other unique projects.

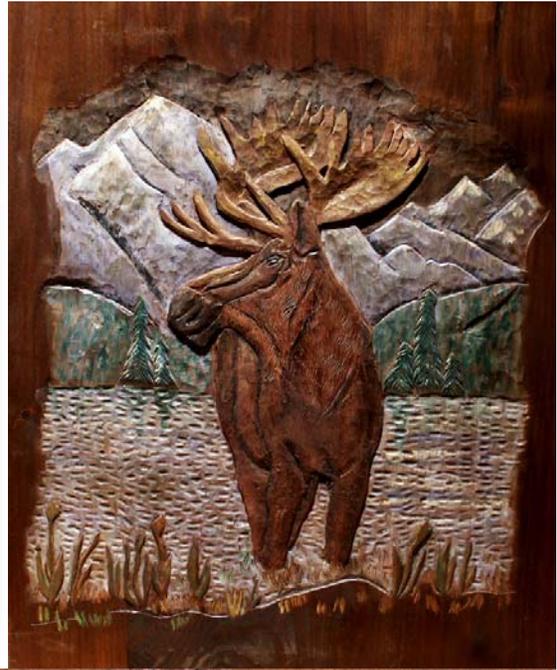
Our sculpture lines range from small scale figures, caricatures, and unique gift items to life size creatures and figures in realistic, cartoon, or fantasy forms.

Artisans Folk Art explores the tradition of walking stick and cane carvings, providing some of the most unique staffs available today.

A Full Range of Artistic Relief Carvings - Wildlife, floral, and leaf work, scrolls, & ropes – Artisans offers traditional patterns, original designs, and truly artistic carvings. All carvings are completed entirely by hand using 18th century methods and tools with the exception of a new line of chainsaw carvings offered by special commission.

Artisans combines multiple techniques to enhance our traditional hand-carving including wood burning, tinting, and air brushing to derive lifelike features and amazing detail in our work.





Architectural Features - Hand Carvings and CNC Replications

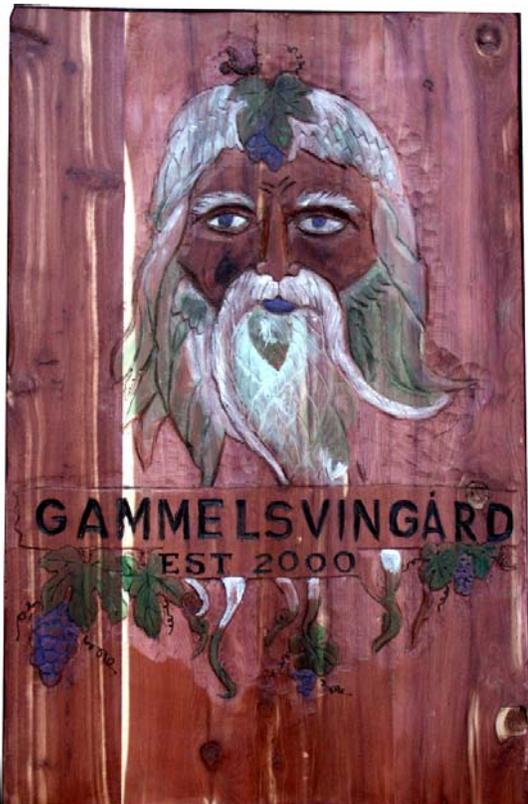


Artisans offers unique architectural carvings through a unique blend of hand-carving and CNC replication. Our affiliates are capable of scanning any original 3D model (created by Artisans, a third party, or supplied by the client) and then scaling and replicating it as required.

Artisans carvings give a personal touch to mantles, banisters, posts, columns, panels, doors, and other architectural features. The eagle carving (below) centers above a solid oak fireplace mantle. The shield (above right) is one of ten that will adorn a new university library.



Signs & Displays - Artisans of the Valley is one of the last shop to offer truly hand-carved country signs & flags. Unique and personal – one-of-a-kind designs. Our signs are folk-art style, perfect for historic homes, country businesses, adding warmth to a golf course, identifying a shore house, showing off your new log cabin, naming the farm or vineyard, and dozens of other unique artistic functions.





Full Scale Sculpture - Artisans of the Valley combines the skills of Master Chainsaw Carver Bob Eigenrauch with those of Artisans' founder Stanley D. Saperstein's to create realistic life size carvings.

These full scale sculptures are available for display in indoor or outdoor venues and can be completed with natural or intricate painted detail. The figures featured below include; totems, wildlife, mailboxes, signs, birds, and a multitude of fantasy creatures, and are only a small sample of our portfolio.



Small Scale Sculpture - Artisans of the Valley offers a limited number of artistic folk art carvings each year. Some are created by Stanley Saperstein for his own amusement, others are by commission. These carvings make one-of-a-kind gifts, serve as tributes, or stand as unique ornaments. Contact us to discuss your ideas for a custom figure carving.



Custom Walking Sticks & Canes – Perhaps the most unique array of custom canes and walking sticks available today, these make the perfect gift for someone who requires or simply enjoys a helping hand while walking or hiking. Each is signed and one-of-a-kind, offering an individual the opportunity to express their own personal statement by the staff they carry. Custom insignias can be carved, whittled, embossed, sculpted, painted, or burned into the finished stick. These include family trees, crests, favorite designs, fraternity letters, business logos, flags, banners, sayings & slogans – almost anything one might desire.



Stanley specializes in producing a walking stick that contains as many personal distinctions as possible. Staffs are commonly topped with a whittled sculpture. Examples include bear heads, eagles, wolves; the likeness of Lincoln, Lee, Grant, even Gerri Garcia, Puxatony Phil, or Yoda!



Artisans maintains the tradition of fraternal cane carving, offering our skills to create unique and personal staffs. We include details depicting the lives and achievements of members of organizations such as the Free Masons, Shriners, Kiwanis, or Elks. We also offer military staffs for active and Veteran organizations.



Artisans staffs include the option of diamond willow, custom carved from willow saplings collected throughout damp, cold sections of Alaska and Minnesota. Shown below, the rarest staffs burst with diamonds encompassing the entire surface.

Collectors who boast ownership of Artisans staffs in their possession include the famous author and walking stick collector George H. Meyer, author of "American Folk Art Canes." Around the country the popularity of cane collecting is growing; Forbes Magazine has recently reported a great art investment - American Folk Art Canes. These pieces of 1800 to 1930 Americana have soared in value in the past few years.



Antique & Collectible Restoration / Conservation

Furniture requires care and maintenance to secure its functional and aesthetic future. Artisans offers full service museum quality antique restoration and conservation services.

We handle finish, structure, carving, veneer, parts replacement—everything required to ensure your heirlooms are preserved for future generations.

Restoration is not reserved for furniture; our services extend into gaming, collectibles, sculpture, military equipment, artifacts, and various pieces of farm equipment.

Our affiliates are available to handle antique radio chassis restoration, caning, upholstery, bookbinding, leather, blacksmith & gunsmith work, as well as provide other skills as required to complete a full service restoration.

Restoration Gallery - Artisans extensive restoration/conservation portfolio includes multiple examples of antiques, collectibles, reproductions, firearms, folk art, carving, leather, military artifacts, chess sets, models, cannon carriages, and other eclectic pieces. This section is a spotlight; a more extensive gallery is available on our web site. Each project begins with a conservation plan, ranging from basic minimalist approaches to complete disassemblies & refinishing projects.

Pieces often arrive in a state of disarray - deteriorated glue, missing parts, shattered sections, ruined finish, even a few pieces stained with oil from past lives as workbenches. Antiques are often abused, mishandled, and improperly stored for an entire generation before they reach our shop.



This circa 1780 Italian chest took a solid hit from a kneecap into an area already weakened by beetle damage. Artisans restored the chest using as much of the original material as possible; we never did find out if the kneecap received the same level of attention. Restorations like this are artistic, employing blending techniques to disguise the damaged area within the natural patterns of the original materials.





This dresser is circa 1904, part of a full bedroom set illustrating the finest craftsmanship, application of flame mahogany, hand-carving, and attention to detail.

The set was the victim of vandalism. The brunt of which resulted in a completely shattered drawer front, shown above. Restoration included the careful reassembly of two large sections across a jagged and splintered breakpoint. Restorations of this nature are intricate and take time, but the efforts bring new life and function to an otherwise devastated heirloom. A full profile of this restoration is available on our website.



Countless chairs arrive in our shop in this condition (below left) and are rebuilt to once again join their sets. Never neglect a loose joint on a chair, especially when they original Chippendale! A minor weakness can shortly evolve into a catastrophic failure.



This circa 1860 Mahogany dresser came to us with an inappropriate lacquer finish, and falling apart at every joint. Rebuilt, refinished, and revitalized, this dresser has many generations left to service.



An LG Stickley secretary (below left) came into the shop in a few pieces, and dressed in pink. The golden oak coffee table's arrival status (below right) was less than perfect. Now the table not only supports its own weight, but regained its full beauty and functionality. As for the secretary, we believe the Stickley brothers would approve of the condition of their piece today!



Parts Replication— The missing paw below is from a set of six, unfortunately only one was actually intact when the three chairs reached our shop. Artisans carved five new paws splicing them onto the existing leg structure. The middle row illustrates a complete leg replication; the bottom row shows the rebuilding of a lost toe. Tables with missing feet, toes, or even entire legs are a common site in our shop and in most cases full restoration is entirely feasible.

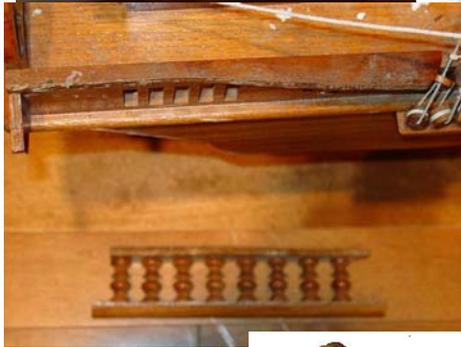


Gaming - Artisans of the Valley is one of only a few companies, worldwide, that offers restoration services for antique chess sets and gaming pieces. Our portfolio includes multiple Jaques of London sets, even a few of the first 300 tournament series sets ever made. Artisans restoration work is featured worldwide in an article entitled "Restoration of the Game," printed by Chess Collectors International and published on multiple websites.

Artisans provides restoration services for wood, bone, ivory, vegetable ivory, and figurine style sets. In many cases, we can reproduce entire pieces.



Eclectic Restorations - Visit Artisans website to see various models, artwork, and other eclectic restorations with detailed before and after profiles. Our shop is not limited by conventional or commercial constraints; we restore many objects that others would turn away. Models, decoys, sculptures, artistic pieces of all sorts require the same basic restoration concepts as furniture. We maintain a variety of adhesives, epoxies, and coloring agents to facilitate our restorations.





Furthering the eclectic norm around Artisans shop, this antique spinning wheel is a prized family heirloom that had long surpassed its peek.

This piece required time and care; but once it was offered the warm glow and patina shined through and the wheel regained its footing.



Lincoln's busted bust shows a basic example of plaster repair. New material is mixed, secured using various techniques, sculpted into the original form, then colors and finishes are carefully matched.

We can provide services to restore frames, figures, moldings, appliqués, or other pieces cast or sculpted from plaster.

In addition we can repair papier-mâché using techniques matching those developed by the original artists.



***Military Equipment** - We do not acknowledge boundaries that restrict most restorers to furniture. Artisans provides restoration services for multiple local museums; we have restored an assortment of military equipment, small arms, and artifacts. We can bring period artillery back to a fully functioning state, make swords ready for inspection, and with some care and attention most small arms will fire once again. With tanks and heavy equipment, however, we're unfortunately limited to cosmetic restorations ... for now anyway!*





On-Site Touch-up & Repair

For jobs that do not require a full restoration Artisans offers on-site touch-up and repair through "Smooth Finish, by Artisans of the Valley. Often known as "nick and bang" or "scratch & dent," this service includes repair of most common finish types including minor filling and rebuilding of surfaces.

Common causes of furniture damage are vacuuming, contact with hot objects, animal scratches & chews, and mishandling or abuse by children, "relatives," and moving companies.

Artisans supports our touch-up services with our full service shop if the damage goes beyond that which can be restored on-site.

Introduction to Furniture & Woodworking On-site Touch-up & Repair



Furniture & woodworking requires attention and care to last generations and hold its value, Artisans of the Valley now offers onsite nick and bang repair, scratch removal, cleaning, and waxing services for any woodwork.

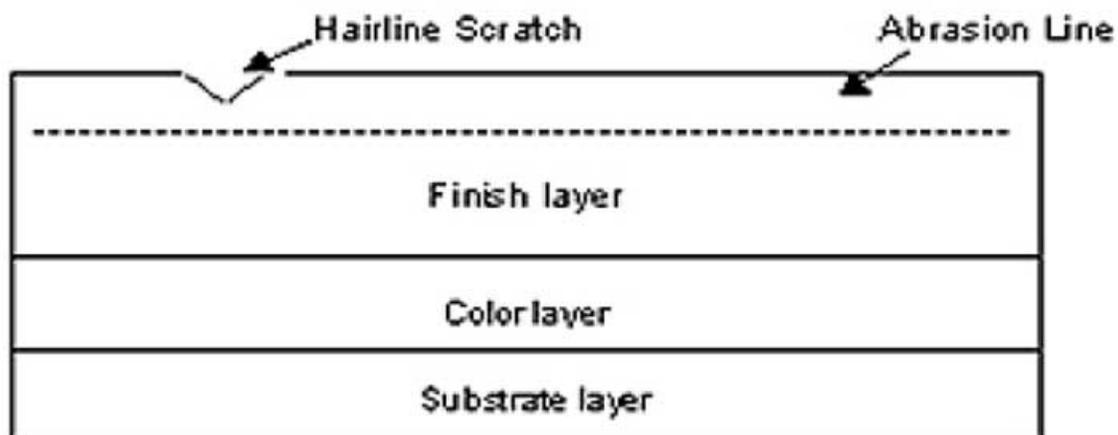
Artisans is also the only "Nick and Bang" restoration service that can back up our onsite services with the ability to completely restore your modern and antique furniture.

Repairs can be completed on antique and modern wood furniture, doors, window frames, moldings, built-in furniture, mantles, or any damaged woodwork.

Artisans is Mohawk certified and maintains a complete line of Mohawk's professional furniture touch up products. We will evaluate your piece, in your home, to determine the proper course of action. We will then either provide service on-site or recommend a full restoration at our shop. We are equipped to handle finishes such as shellac, tung oil, varnish, lacquer, urethanes, and acrylics.

Our services include restoration of scratches, animal damage (dog chews), dents, edge damage, finish damage, and gouges. We can fill in and blend satin, semi-gloss, and even high gloss finishes.

We are also a retailer for Renaissance Micro-Crystalline wax and other Renaissance products providing for the care and maintenance of your furniture.





We use detailed graining pens and tools to texture patches, allowing a repair to appear practically indiscernible from the original wood.

Dents and gouges are filled using select materials including epoxy fillers and burn-in sticks. We utilize the detailed color matching already available in Mohawk's base colors, stains, toners, and finishes for modern and antique pieces. Artisans also maintains an inventory of our own hand-made secrete mixtures and potions reserved for our antique conservation services.



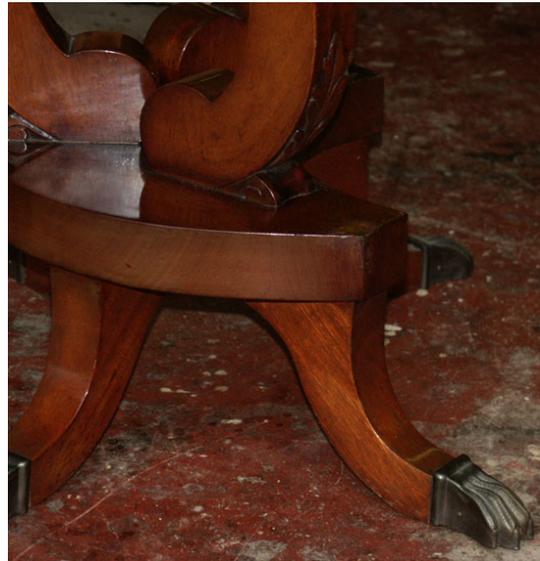
Customers are also welcome to bring pieces to our shop for cleaning, scratch & dent removal, or waxing services. Services are available to residential customers as well as commercial institutions, museums, restaurants, architects & interior designers, decorators, furniture stores, schools, hotels, etc.

Artisans offers general cleaning and waxing; a process recommended every six to twelve months to maintain the integrity of all varieties of furniture finish.

Rate Schedule - *Our standard on-site repair and restoration rates begin with an initial site visit fee of \$150. This includes the first half hour on-site and travel time within 30 minutes. Additional time is billable at \$100 per hour on-site and for travel. Payments accepted by cash or check, no credit cards please! Institutional rates and monthly invoice cycles are available.*

“Touch-up Gallery” - Here are a few example of basic restoration performed without needing to refinish the entire piece. Visit our website at www.artisansofthevalley.com for more examples of touch-ups & repairs, as well as complete restorations.

Animal damage is very common, (shown below) chews or scratches can be rebuilt and blended. Let us revitalize your furniture, and your relationship with your furry friends.



Moving damage such as shattered edges, (shown below) is entirely repairable. In addition water damage, dents, and stains can often be restored without a full restoration. Please allow us to evaluate your furniture before you submit any insurance claims or decide to discard it.



Artisans' Affiliates

Artisans of the Valley specializes in woodwork as our niche medium. We handle custom commissions in hardwoods and furniture grade plywood. We offer sculptures in wood, carved by hand and with power assist. We stand as one of the most unique antique and collectable restoration shops in the United States.

Ego's and adventurous natures aside, experience has taught us that specialization is important. To provide our clients with the highest quality products and services available we consistently call upon the services of other artists.

Artisans maintains relationships with an assortment of other artists. Their specialties include glass, blacksmithing, machining, computer assisted replication, leather work, upholstery, caning, calligraphy, gunsmithing, and book binding.

If your project requires skills outside our realm, we'll be more than happy to work closely with you and our affiliates to restore your piece or create a very unique work of art. When it's appropriate we'll guide you to contact our affiliates directly.

Upholstery, Caning, & Rushing - Artisans facilitates restoration of pieces requiring upholstery through Browns & Son's Upholstery. We are handling some basic caning and rushing in house; the more complex projects are sent to caning artists Patrick Dunigan or Sandra Holland. To compliment our woodworking and finishing skills and provide a full service for chairs, couches, and other pieces requiring upholstery or caning.

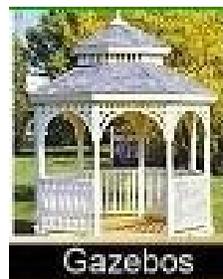


Antique Radio Restoration - Artisans offers restoration services for antique radios and equipment through our affiliates. We handle the cabinets ourselves, and leave the electronics to Nick Senker. Why leave a unique sentimental and decorative piece in the attic, basement, or garage when many of these old rigs can be restored to full functionality?



Modern Spray Finishes & Finish Removal -

When pieces require a complete reset we employ the last remaining EPA certified finish removal shop in the area, The Furniture Mill, to carefully remove paint, lacquer, or varnish. The Furniture Mill also provides services for modern spray finishes. Also check their line of swing sets, sheds, and outdoor furniture!



Glass Carving & Stained Glass - Carved, etched, or stained glass can be incorporated into our furniture or custom built-in configurations. Artisans can call upon artists Randy Mardrus of Permanent Reflections for an amazing array of glass carving and etchings. Robert Saperstein offers his services for stained glass as custom works or for restoration projects. This custom hand carved wildlife scene shows the work of both artists; it really has to be seen in person to truly appreciate the amazing detail so if you are curious come have a drink at Eric's bar for a personal inspection.



Gunsmith's - Artisans handles gunstocks and minor firearms, sword, and knife restoration. We've built a few historic firearms replica's from custom-made components as well as from kits. We have even built a few full-scale fully-operational cannons, plus one trench mortar. That said we know our limits and we forward the more complex repairs and fabrication work to local gunsmiths.



Blacksmithing, Sheet Metal, & Machining -



Alex Parubchenko "The Blacksmith of Trenton" (above left) can hand forge anything from gate hinges to steering components for Mack trucks. Alex has hand forged a few projects for Artisans, and we are more than happy to refer clients to his eccentric shop in.

Haskel Zeloof founded Diversatech in 1984 and, as the company grew in size it transformed into an entity that can fabricate & powder coat just about anything. They hold the secret of manipulating titanium (above center) into components for the racing, aerospace, military, scientific, and medical industries. Specializing in precision sheet metal, Diversatech provides CNC punching, and "water-jet" cutting. Somewhere in their schedule they found time to fabricate some unique components for our gothic entertainment centers.

Trenton Sheet Metal (right) extends the options of custom projects to metal inlay, sheet metal fabrication, and steel or aluminum frames. Trenton Sheet Metal fabricated the brass bar surface for Eric Saperstein's personal bar. They also operate a computer-controlled high-pressure "water-jet" system that can cut metal, glass, or stone into any shape, based on a line drawing converted into a vector mapping.



Custom Moldings - *Naticchias Custom Woodworking handles a variety of small and large quantity custom molding runs in just about any hardwood available. They also provide services for commercial custom woodworking including cabinetry in plywood, solid wood, laminates. We should also note that Naticchias maintains a substantial supply of lumber available for wholesale or retail sales..*

Leather, Embossing, & Gilding Artisans offers the services of Russell A. Heath for leather restoration, replacement and embossing. Russell handles our leather desk and table surfaces, as well as gilded frame restoration.

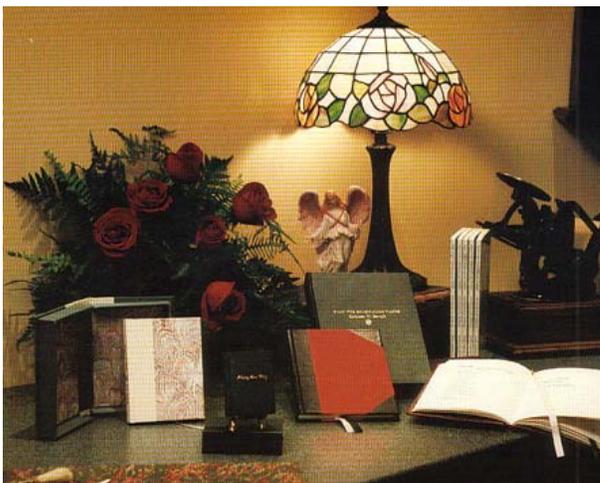


Calligraphy & Illumination

Artisans recently commissioned Eric Saperstein's formal journeyman papers from Master Penmen Rosemary Buczek. Her work in calligraphy and hand-illumination is absolutely amazing! Rosemary owns and operates her shop, The Gilded Quill.



Bookbinding and Restoration work is offered by Kate Sewalk of The Tunnel Press, LTD. Kate's shop is a small press that still continues to offer the near-lost art of hand book binding. Her skills provide for both new publications and the revitalization of your heirloom books.



Company Background - This "Mini-Portfolio" offers a sample of an extensive portfolio built over the last 35 years. Artisans of the Valley is one of the most unique custom shops currently operational in the US. We are small enough to be dynamic, but wield enough resources to take on some very elaborate projects.

Our website is now over 250 pages; including galleries, feature articles, educational sections, company background, and our new adventure album section. We extend an open invitation to explore our website and share your ideas for custom projects with us. Please contact us directly with any inquiries.

Artisans Artists -

Eric M. Saperstein (left) is Master of Artisans, Owner, Webmaster, Editor, Bookkeeper, Buyer, Office Manager, Legal Pit-bull, and he's in charge of vacuuming the shop.

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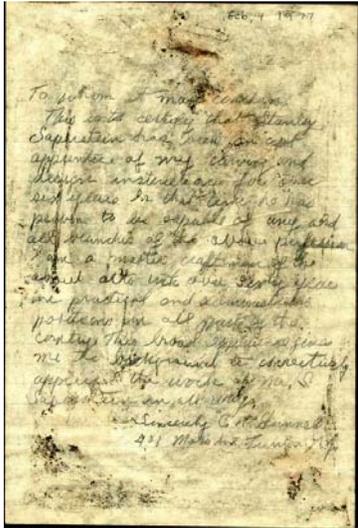
Stanley D. Saperstein (right) Master Craftsmen Emeritus, Author, & Historian founded Artisans of the Valley in 1973. Stanley offers historic presentations, impressions, and various lecture series ranging from Civil and Revolutionary War, American Folk Art, and Interactive Role Play of Characters, sometimes trying to reenact American Chopper episodes in the shop.

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Master Craftsman – A master craftsman is one who has studied every aspect of his art for many years under an established master craftsman. Stanley D. Saperstein is such a craftsman.

Stanley has studied the arts of woodcarving, joining, designing, finishing, and restoration under master craftsman C. N. Grinnell, whose family have been master woodcarvers and cabinetmakers since 1614.



Stanley has learned the skills that have been passed down from generation to generation, his pedigree is documented in the form of Journeyman Papers.

Journeyman papers were often scribbled notes offering the assurances of a master craftsman that their apprentice had reached journeyman level. Mr. Grinnell took great joy in presenting this simple note to Stanley upon completion of his apprenticeship.



Stanley had to have something to frame, so he had Mr. Grinnell sign this parchment, written in calligraphy, authenticating his training. For the next thirty some odd years Stanley went about perfecting his craft, all the while preparing his son Eric to take on the role of Master Craftsman in order to continue his legacy.

Eric, in the typical fashion of a son, randomly played the role of apprentice throughout his childhood and adolescence. Taking the reins of the

business in 2000, Eric brought Stanley both great pride and an obscure sense of wonder if his son had achieved a level of craftsmanship worthy of such a role.

Over the next 8 years Eric displayed an ever growing talent and skill level through the completion of literally hundreds of restorations, commissions, and carvings.

The proclamation of Eric's mastery of the trade was extended in the form of a hand scribed illuminated parchment on January 2nd, 2008. From this date forth, Eric has the right to carry the title of Master Craftsman.



Pickup & Delivery Services



Artisans of the Valley offers professional transportation services to retrieve and return your valuable antiques and heirlooms for restoration purposes. We also offer delivery services for custom commissions, including setup in your home. We take pride in our work, and we want it to reach its destination with the care and proper handling required for a safe and successful journey.

We also offer white glove delivery services within range of our shop, on occasion we schedule road trips to facilitate delivery of special commissions. We work with third party movers (only those bonded, licensed, and insured) to facilitate transportation of pieces for extended distance.

Quite often clients handling estates or the relocation of their personal assets will request our services to retrieve pieces requiring restoration, complete the required work, then return them to a new location. We are happy to provide such services.

When space is available, we are affiliated with a climate controlled storage facility around the corner from our shop which can accommodate timing restorations with your relocation schedule.

Please contact us to discuss the specifics of your restoration, custom furniture, woodcarving & sculpture, and transportation requirements.

Please note that we provide this service for clients requiring their pieces to receive restoration services, or for delivery or relocation of commissions completed in our shop. We do not provide moving services or transportation services for furniture not produced or restored by our shop.



*Custom Solid Quarter Sawn Oak New Wave Gothic Dining Table
Original Design Available in Custom Sizes, Materials, & Finishes*



Hand Crafted Custom Woodworking

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