

Woodcarving Demonstrations



Demonstrations involve a variety of props, reproduction, and original artifacts used for their original purpose to provide insight into the lives of historic soldiers, craftsmen, and civilians. Touch and feel, and learn in a hands on fashion.



Stanley's apprenticeship offered him a unique opportunity to study 18th Century woodcarving, now with thirty years experience he is a master craftsman. Woodcarving demonstrations include interactive discussions on tools, wood, techniques, patterns, and methods. Watch as Stanley and his son Eric create a carving from a simple drawing on the surface of the wood.

A common past time sitting on the porch or around the campfire, whittling produced some of America's great folk art. Create wood spirits, gnomes, Santas, and creatures from scraps of wood while being entertained by stories of the past.

Learn the basics of pocket knives, choosing a soft carving wood, patterns, and designs and freedom of creative expression that can travel with you anywhere.



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Pie Crust Table Restoration

This Pie crust table arrived with broken toes and missing pieces of pie crust top, as well as a worn off finish on the surface with several stains and scars. Each of the missing toes and crust sections were carefully replaced, carved, and color blended, then the surface finish was removed and refinished carefully preserving the finish on the rest of the table that is still in good condition.

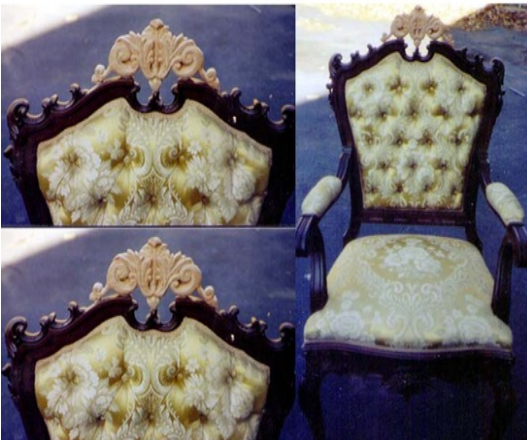


Broken Toe of Table Before & After



Chair Restoration

The reproduction of the missing hand carving work on this otherwise excellent condition chair blended perfectly after finishing. We often handle parts replacement for other restoration shops and local antique dealers such as this chair project.



Examples of Restorations

Rolltop Desk Restoration

This "S Rolltop" provides a perfect example of a classic office desk of the early 20th century. In addition, a dining table, a set of chairs, and repair work on a lawyer's cabinet are shown.

This desk above was a basement storage item for quite a while. Standard - water damage on the base, missing drawer bottoms, joint work separating from deteriorated Hyde glue, sagging cubbies, etc. They all come in about the same! Estimated value of this piece is now around \$3-\$4,000 - brought back from around \$800 as a deteriorated item.



Chair Restoration

Chairs are a very popular restoration item, often broken as well as requiring attention to the finish. The chair shown was part of a set of four Golden Oak chairs, this one badly damaged and in need of replacement spindles.

We turned two new spindles, reassembled the chair, and restored the finish on all four. The wood of these chairs was extremely dry, by carefully applying natural oil and finishes we reanimated the oak and returned a good percentage of the chairs weight and strength.

The project also included removing various nails, wood filler, and other previous inappropriate attempts at repair before completing the proper steps.



French Harvest Table Before and After

This cherry "sleeper" was a table in the ruff hiding a parquet top in intricately laid out cherry. Featuring hand carving on the apron, and scrollwork on the legs. A project well worth the effort, this hand rubbed finish and distressed wood appeal will now last generations.

If there is one of these in your basement, don't throw it away!

