



GENE FRYE & NIPPER

Appalachian Heirlooms



KNIFE CARVED CUSTOM-MADE SPOONS



A PERSONAL NOTE FROM THE HEAD WOOD CHIP MAKER

Wood carving is a time-honored custom that has been passed down from skilled crafts persons to the next, which began many centuries ago. Still today, this tradition employs the exact same techniques to produce treasured works of woodenware art. In every single piece of work, from a skilled artisan, you will see tool marks, which to a carver are the same as an artist's brush strokes on a section of canvas.

Reflecting through the ages, from early Ancient Greeks and Medieval times, passing through the Renaissance period to the time history recognizes as the Victorian era and then on upwards until present time, the hands of those folk we recognize as Master Wood Carvers have produced some of the most beautiful treasures ever seen in the world. And every single piece has come from the earth's most valuable resource, wood.



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GRANDMOTHER'S HEIRLOOM TREASURES

When sitting on my back porch in my trusty ole wooden rocking chair, I constantly reminisce of heirlooms from my generation and all those generations before me. I often think of those grandmothers who did not have access to many outside influences or the resources like we all enjoy today. Most, back then, lived a simple life. They took care of large families and homes from time way before the rising of the sun to well after sunset.



Not much wealth existed in the mountains from years past. Our grandparents did well with what they had back then; however, all grandmothers proudly preserved their share of treasures such as glassware, small trinkets, or simply lots of old photos of family and pets framed in oval wooden frames hanging on the wall. These treasures, regardless of how small, were passed down to the next generation when time came, and they were handed down again and again in following generations. Today, everyone appreciates these heirloom treasures and often they are displayed in cupboards or on walls and fireplace mantels.

It seems like most of today's generation have lost these old traditions and future generations will never know what they missed. My goal is to produce treasured heirlooms, which can be once again passed on to the next generation to remember and honor those who came before us.

TOOLS OF THE TRADE



MORE SAMPLES



CUSTOM KNIFE-CARVED SPOONS MADE IN WILD, WONDERFUL

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