

WOOD WHIMSEYS

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Wayne Brown has been carving off and on for years. When a car accident in 1997 left him unable to work in his trade as a finishing carpenter, he started carving full-time.

Using local wood from the Cowichan Valley, Wayne creates faces which are truly “whimsical”. The wood is already down, usually from wind-blown branches or in someone’s burn

pile. In other words – recycled firewood. Sometimes burls are used to create these unique characters.

After removing the bark from the wood, Wayne spends hours sanding each piece until it is ready to be carved. The grain, shape and colour of the wood suggest to him what a particular face will look like. Then, using a combination of Dremel tool, palm sander and sharp knives, Wayne brings the face to the surface. Each piece is finished with paste wax and lightly buffed with a soft brush.

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