Outdoor Wood Carving Care

(most chainsaw carvings are designed for outdoor display)

Authentic Chainsaw Art

Chainsaw carving art is austere and rugged in nature; naturally, your piece will be rustic, form cracks, and give the appearance of chainsaw marks. **Your carving will crack**. It's the nature of a log to crack as it dries. This is due to humidity changes and is in no way considered a defect. It is part of the natural process, and it adds character to your piece. There are, however, some ways to prevent major cracking.

- Set your carving in a partially shaded area. Try to keep it away from heat or the hot sun.
- **Set your carving on a platform.** A pad of concrete, gravel, bricks, another stump, or pressure treated blocks under the carving in such a way to allow for airflow and drainage. Do not set your carving directly onto soil or grass.
- Clear the debris from your carving. Blow out any rain, dirt, leaves, or snow that collects in crevices of the carving.
- Store your carving in a cool garage or shed in off-seasons. In winter, if possible, try to place your carving under a covered, outdoor area. Ice and snow can penetrate cracks and force them apart when freezing.
- Treat your fading carving with satin spar varnish one to three times per year.

*Outdoor carvings might be treated with oil, wood stain, paint, and/or varnish. Some smaller projects, like pumpkins / trees might simply be spray-painted and glossed.

Guarantee

Your carving is guaranteed to crack!

Items sold, are sold as is. However, I will do all that I can to work with you to try to repair major cracks or fading. Repairs, if needed, will be after the piece has dried for about a year. For questions or concerns please contact Joel at Chisel Point.