## **Unfinished 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.

- Option 1: You like the natural look of the wood and want to keep it looking natural.
  - You'll need to purchase boiled linseed oil and mineral spirits. Mix these two 50/50 and brush on as many layers as you like (e.g. 1-3 layers per day for 5 days)
  - Finally, if you want to preserve your piece from UV rays, mold, and mildew then apply 2-3 coats of spar varnish (follow the directions on the can).
- Option 2: You love the carving, but you think it needs color or stain.
  - You'll need to purchase boiled linseed oil and mineral spirits. Mix these two 50/50 and brush on about six coats of this mixture and let it dry for a day.
  - Add paint of your choice or stain to those parts that you want colored. Allow the color to dry
  - Lightly spray a coat of spar urethane, clear satin over the painted areas to preserve the color.
  - Finally, to preserve your piece from UV rays, mold, and mildew apply 2-3 coats of spar varnish (follow the directions on the can).

## 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.