

# DISPLAYING YOUR CARVING



Your carving is made from 100% natural wood. You will want to display your art in a place where it can be protected from the elements. Rain, sun and snow can split, crack, fade or burn your carving.

Displaying your carving on a concrete pad, gravel or on paving stones will help keep the base strong and dry. Avoid placing your carving on soil or grass, out of direct heat and sunlight and protected from pesky insects.

## ➔ Natural Wear



Chainsaw sculptures are, *for the most part*, carved from whole diameter logs rather than a slice of a log. It's the nature of a log to 'check' or crack as it dries.

### Will my carving crack?

Yes, your carving will crack. It's part of the natural process and adds a dynamic to the art piece that is to be admired. To limit unwanted cracks, be mindful where you place your art and maintain it as necessary.

## ➔ Theft



Plan to protect your piece of art as theft can happen. Report any stolen carvings to the police just as you would any other crime.

We attach a chain to all carvings with a lag bolt. This makes it possible to secure the other end of the chain to something sturdy to avoid easy theft. The bolt can be removed with a wrench but slowing down a burglar may just deter them. Many carvings are placed under security cameras and can be added to home insurance policies. You may want to post a stolen item on social media to invite the community to help locate it.



# MAINTAINING YOUR PIECE OF ART

You have purchased an award winning carving or commission from **Villiers Wyld Wood**. We thank you for your support! With all pieces of fine art, regular maintenance may be required to conserve the integrity of the art piece.

Most carvings are sealed with *Marine Spar Varnish*. This varnish can be purchased at any hardware or paint store. This can be brushed or sprayed on your art when you notice weathering or the start of a crack forming. Simply brush on and let the varnish run into the crack and seal the wood. DO NOT try and fill the entire crack with varnish. You want to simply seal the surface or any newly exposed wood.

We recommend any carvings displayed outdoors be re-sealed with *Marine Spar Varnish* each spring and fall. This *Varnish* is available in gloss (shiny) or satin (no shine).

### Wanting to mix it up?

If your carving isn't shiny and you'd like it to be