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Richard (Dick) Withrow – Medium-Carving Walking Sticks

The request to do a bio had me wondering what I could write that would reflect my artistic abilities. My first thoughts were: I had none. As I continued to think about it, different thoughts came to mind.

My first thought was that we, as human beings, were given the ability to be creative. This made me think about my own abilities to create. It was then that I realized my whole life was full of creativity.

When I was in the Legislature (37 years), there was a transition taking place that required me to do things that hadn't been done before. Competition was great and, in order to keep my job, it was left to me to find new and better ways to address the issues presented to me each day. Throughout my career there, I was given opportunities to create and develop new departments that would support the legislative process. There was no blueprint for me to follow. And in all of that process, over all of those years, I was using my creative abilities.

After retiring and moving to Chester with my wife, I returned to gardening & landscape enhancement as my main creative outlet. A course of events led us to open a Nursery and Gift Shop at the end of town. For 10 years we developed the Nursery and it became a destination for many, some who lived in other states. We believed that our hard work benefited our community & our family and we enjoyed the experience. Illness required us to retire after 10 years, but didn't stop our need to be creative. It was then that I developed an interest in carving walking sticks, so I began to learn.

Now I am ready to share that newly developed art with you.