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Bear Hollow Carving Care

Please see the instructions below on how to care for your carving.

1. **If you purchased a carving from our store** it will have a sealer coat already on it.
2. **If you purchased at an auction, show or have an onsite carving** done you will want to coat it within the next few weeks. We suggest Helmsman Spar, CWF oil by Flood, Seal Teach waterproofing sealer, Behr or Cabot's Timber oil. Use a clear finish.

IF YOU PLACE YOUR CARVING OUTSIDE:

#1 The sun is the enemy! Keep your carving under some type of shade, covered porches are ideal for outside display. #2 Keep your carvings feet dry: Your carving should not come in direct contact with the ground. Use bricks, pavers, stones, etc. to place under the carving with a high-end exterior deck finish. We suggest, CWF oil by Flood, Helmsman Spar, Seal Teach waterproofing sealer, Behr or Cabot's Timber oil, Wolman's F&P. You will be the best judge to determine when to recoat the carving. A couple signs is when the carving no longer repels water or it starts to discolor and turns grey.

IF YOU KEEP YOUR CARVING INSIDE:

#1 Keep the carving away from any heat sources, such as registers, fireplaces, etc. #2 Keep the carving elevated slightly with wood strips. The carvings have moisture in them so they need to have airflow under them. #3 You may never have to recoat this carving since it is indoors, but if it starts to discolor then recoat it with a high end exterior deck finish.

Remember you have purchased a piece of wooden art – not clay, plastic, or concrete. Similar to a log home your carving will dry over time and may develop drying checks or cracks. This is normal and can add character to your carving!