



Danish Cord Stool

28 x 17 x 17 inches

Wood

Larry Copas

Bio

Larry Copas is an artist making useful and beautiful one-off wooden items in a small shop located near Nob Hill, Arkansas. He is a lifelong woodworker that has been involved with all aspects of the craft. Larry was born in Kansas City, Missouri, attending school until he was drafted during the Vietnam conflict. After discharge, he worked for AT&T until taking early retirement in 2000. Since then, Larry has been running a one man small sawmill operation. He milled wood for the house and furnishings he built on Beaver Lake. The sawmill opened a new window in his development, as it allowed him to see wood in a very different way from what is displayed at the lumber yard. Larry has taken advanced woodworking classes and also taught at Eureka Springs School of The Arts. Doug Stowe, who helped found the school, has been a guiding influence in Larry's training. Larry has read and studied work by many of the masters. He applies that learning, transforming it with his own ideas to create unique pieces. Larry is an active member in the local Stateline Woodturners Club. He was voted "Woodturner of The Year" in 2020 and his work has won their advanced woodturning competition many times. Larry often has pieces on exhibit in the Rogers Arkansas Historical Museum. Larry also teaches and mentors other wood turners. Larry has exhibited at the Walton Arts Center, Joy Pratt Markham Gallery, *Our Art Our Region Our Time*, exhibit twice before and found it very awarding experience.

Artist Statement

I strive to make items that are both useful and beautiful in a home. My range of work runs from simple hand scoops to complex tables and chairs. It makes me feel good knowing that when I work with wood it is the most environmentally friendly material on the planet. I use traditional mortise and tenon joinery in my work hoping that a piece I make can be enjoyed for years and passed down to future generations. Whenever possible, I use hide glue and plant based oil finishes in my work. I used Danish cord for the seat on the walnut stool. Danish cord is another environmentally friendly product being made from wrapped paper. It has a normal service life of 60 years.