

Jim Schlarb's magnificent sculptures.

The bear is 9 feet tall, from a big red oak tree that was dying on his property. It was 48 inches on the bottom and 38 inches at the top. Jim's wife drew a rough drawing and he worked from that. He stood the log up in his shop and worked on it in the winter. He used glass eyes, teeth and claws are made from corian. Two coats of Australian log oil. He poured a 5 by 5 concrete slab for it to set on

The black bear is about 45 inches tall. Red oak, painted black. The eyes are burned in with a high speed die grinder.



The Sandhill crane is 6 feet tall and again from one red oak log. I use red oak on the big stuff because I have a lot of it. I installed a one inch dowel at the very top where the neck curves up to the head so it would not break off.



Owls on the table saw are made with a chainsaw. The wood is poplar/aspens about 18 to 20 inches tall. A torch is used to shade some areas. They are soaked with water seal. Eyes are burned in with a die grinder.



The owl on the deck post is the only one I made from a cherry log. The wood is darker and the face area is not white enough, there is a little white paint around the eyes.



The snowy owl is hand carved, also from poplar/aspens. Eyes are glass. Just painted and coated with a number of coats of lacquer.