



Artist Shows How Awesome Woodworking Could Be During Coronavirus Lockdown

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A wood artist from Boulder City named Braxton Wirthlin specializing in turning reclaimed or salvaged wood into pieces of art is using the coronavirus lockdown period to devote to his craft.

Braxton believes that when trees are cut down, they have to be transformed into pieces that people can "love forever."

Braxton also makes sure to utilize a variety of woods, which includes those from trees that many wood artists wouldn't find suitable.

Now that Braxton has to comply with the governor's order to stay home due to the coronavirus, more reclaimed or salvaged wood are being turned into furniture or bowls and other types of vessels.

He recently salvaged wood from trees ordered by the city to be cut down, wanting them to become things of beauty than go to waste.

Braxton began woodworking while in junior high school.

After college, he created wooden cabinets, tables, and large pieces of furniture.

Some of the tables he built ended up with Las Vegas restaurants.

Braxton honed his wood-turning skills from his woodshop teacher in high school, and from Sin City Woodworkers member Jimmy Clewes.

He credits his high school teacher for introducing him to the lathe, and to Jimmy Clewes for helping him understand form and learning about the beauty of the different kinds of wood around Las Vegas valley.

Those that do not have the opportunity to be trained by skilled wood artisans could learn the craft through do-it-yourself resources.

Once such is Ted's Woodworking, put together by a woodworker from Slater, Iowa named Ted McGrath.

The database helps those interested in DIY projects but don't have a large workshop or expensive tools. It features over 16000 woodworking plans covers furniture designs, outdoor projects, kids' crafts, whether large or small.

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