

ERIK WARREN

Hays, Kansas

Born 1971

Erik Warren was officially diagnosed as autistic at the age of three. He has remained, non verbal for most of his life. However, he has learned and developed numerous creative ways to communicate his wants and needs in spite of his limited vocabulary. With guidance, he has also found a true gift in his talent with the scroll saw.



This special talent provided an outlet for his energy and also served as a coping mechanism. Additionally, it allowed him to assist in providing for his own future. Erik is self-employed and although he doesn't comprehend the concept of employment, he is nevertheless dedicated and committed to his work. He demonstrates a passion for his art and strives for perfection in each piece he creates. While Erik can reproduce any piece he makes any number of times, no two pieces will ever be precisely identical. Each piece will always be an "original".

Erik no longer works daily in his wood shop. Erik was licensed to work with several sports logos and was also commissioned by Kansas State University to create a piece that included their Power Cat Mascot along with Football Coach Bill Snyder's signature. He also accepted a request from the Salvation Army to do a custom order, a reproduction of their logo in wood.

Erik was featured in Scroll Saw Magazine and Autism Spectrum Quarterly. Over the past years, he has also been featured in numerous newspaper articles and his work has been exhibited at The Autism One Arts Festival (Chicago), Carnegie Hall, the United Nations and Port Authority in New York City.

