

Tim Hall

“In 1982, I was invited to participate in this new show; Kentucky Crafted...and sold everything I had with me. That’s when I realized there was a market for my work and began my career as a full-time artist.”

Tim grew up in the small town of Ravenna, Kentucky in Estill County and still resides there. He was a frame carpenter when the interest rates shot up in the late 70s and early 80s to 20 and 21%, and he found himself out of work. Tim is a self-taught wood carver drawing his inspiration from nature and his surroundings. With time on his hands, he turned to his hobby of wood carving duck decoys, birds, and wildflowers. He started working at the kitchen table before moving his carving to the old garage out back. Few improvements have been made to the garage to this day, but eventually he was forced to put in a floor because when it rained he was standing in water. He traveled as an arts ambassador for Kentucky, demonstrating his woodcarving techniques in Japan where they built a replica of his studio. Tim’s work has been purchased by Kentucky governors and presented to visiting dignitaries to the Commonwealth, including Queen Elizabeth II. He also traveled to the White House to hang one of his ornaments on the Christmas tree of President George W. Bush. Tim is the only original artist that still attends the Kentucky Crafted Market, since 1982. Tim has created more than 1,900 pieces, each numbered and signed, *“Made by Tim Hall with God’s Help.”*