



Relief Carving

The ART of the HORSE

Instructor - Chris Goncalves

Skill Level: Beginner to Intermediate

This class differs a little from the others as we do not all do the same project, the basic techniques of Relief Carving are the same regardless of the design used. Chris will take you through all aspects of Relief Carving – Using Basswood boards you will chose from a selection of Horse patterns depending on your skill level and personal tastes. We begin by discussing the use and care of various shapes and sizes of Carving gouges (no power tools).

With technical advice and artistic guidance Chris will take you through all the steps involved from transferring your pattern to wood, depth perception, texturing options, various natural finishing styles and tool sharpening with much class discussion along the way to produce your Relief Carvings with fun and encouragement.

Chris has been woodcarving for 24 years and teaching for 18 of those years. Chris is skilled in many aspects of carving and specializes in Relief, In-the-round and Chip carving as well as Scroll saw art. Chris really enjoys teaching and encourages her students to have fun and strive to reach the best of their abilities.