

Beech Boxes Crafted by Chuck Roy



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In August of 2020, Historic Beverly was approached by Chuck Roy, a local woodworker/artisan, to see if the organization would be interested in selling one or more beech boxes that he created out of beech tree wood salvaged – with permission- from Hale Farm. Chuck brought along some samples. Upon viewing the samples, we agreed that these would make wonderful fundraising gifts. Our thinking was that we could use the boxes in exchange for significant donations to the organization.

In October of 2020, Chuck provided us with beech boxes that are now available to anyone making a donation to the organization of \$1200 or more.

Most of the majestic beech trees that were planted back in the mid 1800's are, of course, now gone. Five years ago, Chuck had the foresight to save some of the good wood from the cut trees for "a project". No one, including Chuck, knew what that project might be. Over the years and after numerous discussions, the project

took shape. Chuck decided the project should involve giving back to the property by creating something that Historic Beverly could use as a fundraising opportunity.



Hale Farm Beech Boxes



Each beech box is a unique design created out of a single block of Hale Farm beech tree wood. The importance of the single block design means that the wood grain of the lid and the box match perfectly when properly capped. Each and every box is a unique work of art created by Chuck Roy exclusively for Hale Farm and Historic Beverly. The crafting of each box involves more than 100 unique steps to complete.

These are truly works of art.

It is important to note that Chuck has lived adjacent to Hale Farm for more than 35 years. The boxes are a reflection of his affection for the history and beauty of the property.

One more thing. Each box will have a seed from one of the original Hale Farm beech trees.

While there is no guarantee that the seed will actually grow, the seed can serve as a symbol of longevity and the circle of life that generations of Hale and Bancroft residents of the farm represent.

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Not available

*Beech Box #1
Approximate Dimensions
Height: 4 inches
Diameter : 3 inches*



Not available

*Beech Box #2
Approximate Dimensions
Height: 4.75 inches
Diameter : 1.25 inches*



*Beech Box #3
Approximate Dimensions
Height: 3.5 inches
Diameter : 2 inches*

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*Beech Box #4
Approximate Dimensions
Height: 4 inches
Diameter : 3 inches*



No longer available

*Beech Box #5
Approximate Dimensions
Height: 4.75 inches
Diameter : 1.25 inches*



*Beech Box #6
Approximate Dimensions
Height: 2.5 inches
Diameter : 2.75 inches*

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Beech Box #7
Approximate Dimensions
Height: 3.75 inches
Diameter : 2.75 inches



Beech Box #8
Approximate Dimensions
Height: 1.5 inches
Diameter : 2 inches



No longer available

Beech Box #9
Approximate Dimensions
Height: 4.75 inches
Diameter : 2.50 inches

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Beech Box #10
Approximate Dimensions
Height: 1.5 inches
Diameter : 2.00 inches



No longer available

Beech Box #11
Approximate Dimensions
Height: 4.5 inches
Diameter : 3 inches



Beech Box #12
Approximate Dimensions
Height: 2.00 inches
Diameter : 2.25 inches

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*Beech Box #13
Approximate Dimensions
Height: 3.5 inches
Diameter : 3.25 inches*



No longer available

*Beech Box #14
Approximate Dimensions
Height: 3.0 inches
Diameter : 3 inches*



No longer available

*Beech Box #15
Approximate Dimensions
Height: 3.25 inches
Diameter : 2.50 inches*

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*Beech Box #16
Approximate Dimensions
Height: 5.25 inches
Diameter : 2.25 inches*

From Chuck Roy, Just For The Record

It takes me 8 to 10 hours to complete each box. There are 109 distinct steps to making 1 beech box. That does not include the time to harvest a block from the raw stock. No matter the size, they all take the about the same amount of time and the same number of steps. A significant part of the effort goes into finding a good piece of stock to work with. There are often checks and defects in the wood that make the final, usable, block so precious. There is one important facet to the process that is not included above. Each piece is “carved” with a lathe and a blade. Each blade must be resharpened every 6-8 minutes. The finishing on the box is very labor intensive especially to get the fine polish I achieve. It is done inside and out

I would want to make sure that people understand these are not food safe, the spalted wood (wood decolorization) is caused by a fungus within the wood. The boxes should not be used to store or consume ANY food or drink.



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