



a natural state

Artist: Tim Greene

Video 4: The Wood Barn

Tim Greene: This is a burl down here. It started out weighing about 350 pounds. This is...

Phil Greene (Greene's brother): Still can't move it. It's too heavy to move.

Tim Greene: Yeah. This is the sister burl to the one that I made my...I made the biggest bowl to date. This is the almost equivalent burl. It's just a massive piece.

Phil Greene: To make a bowl out of that, you're looking at two and a half months...

Tim Greene: Yes. Months of...

Phil Greene: ...solid work.

Tim Greene: Months of work. But, over here, we have the piece that I lifted out of the big burl. The big bowl. This is...this is the piece that I lifted out, out of it, and, you know, I'm not sure how much of the figure you can see with that.

Phil Greene: You can see these little dots here.

Tim Greene: You see all the little dots. It looks snarly. Looking snarly is a good thing. You know, looking snarly is an...is indicative of...

Phil Greene: And there you can see some of...

Tim Greene: Yeah. Actually that's a good, good example. You're seeing the grain where it ripped out. It...the snarlier it is, the better the finished piece. More...

Phil Greene: This is a cottonwood...cottonwood burl that grew in northern New York State about forty feet from my dad's house. And apparently what happened is, is it started growing these big cancerous-looking burls on the side of it, about chest high all the way around the tree. And so that's the parts that, that Tim took. It doesn't even burn. You have a hard time burning it.

Tim Greene: It was about six feet across the tree where the burls were because the burls stuck out from the sides of the tree. The tree above the burls was four feet. It's still huge. But where the burls were, you're talking about a tree that's six foot in diameter. It's huge.

Phil Greene: Our dad laughed at him, and our dad says, "What are you going to do with that thing? That thing..."

Tim Greene: "Throw that over the fence."

Phil Greene: "You might as well just throw that thing over the fence." But when he got done, he had a bowl that's actually won...

Tim Greene: Yeah.

Phil Greene: ...best of show...

Tim Greene: Won best of show at Palmetto Hands. So...

Phil Greene: ...and a thousand-dollar reward, so...

Tim Greene: Thousand-dollar reward, and I still have the bowl. So, you know, it's nothing that I wanted to throw away.

Phil Greene: This is a...

End.