

“ JEFFREY GOT A BITE ! ”



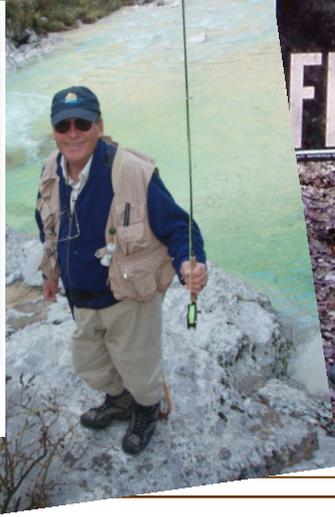
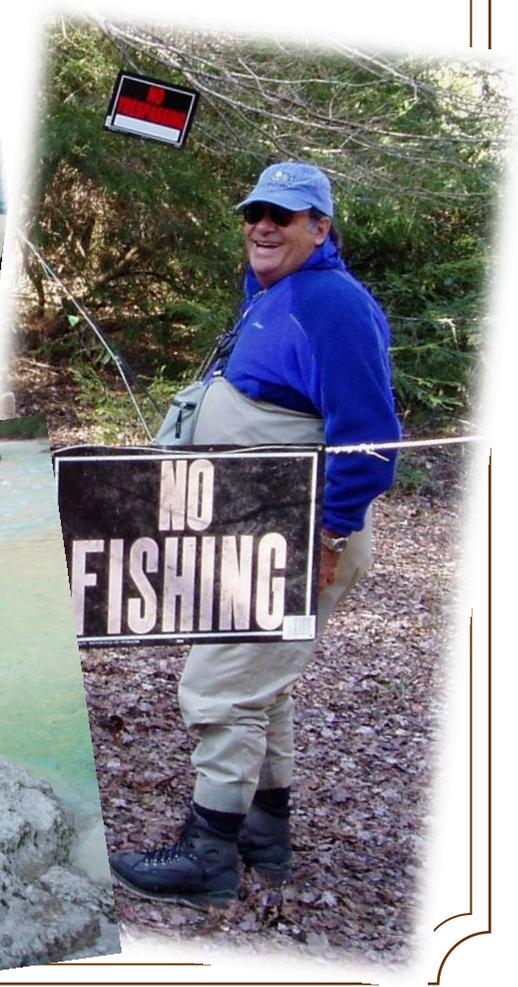
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This unique folk art figure by Stanley D. Saperstein was commissioned by Steve as a gift for Jeffrey's birthday. Stan decided to twist the perspective slightly when he conjured up this caricature. Every now and again a sign may just have something to say, and sometimes the fish actually do bite.

So the story goes that Jeffrey & his friend Steve travel the globe seeking the ultimate fishing adventures. Steve decided to find a unique gift for his fishing buddy that reflected a unique, charismatic, highly expressive, and at times a bit over the top personality.

Steve also mentioned Jeffrey's tendency to find boundaries as more of a suggestion than a rule; illustrated in the "No Fishing" photo! Jeffrey's fishing prowess is obvious from the exuberant display of just two of his catches.

The objective was to capture the personality and a physical likeness of an individual, which is never an easy task. Carving an ambiguous character, derived from one's own imagination without any basis for comparison is generally much less daunting.



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Stanley starts with modeling clay, forming the basic shapes and facial features in a forgiving and malleable medium before taking it on in wood. This process serves to save significant time and effort, especially when the carving is a commission and requires client approval.

The basswood carving is realistic, but allows the tool marks and carving signatures to show through. Using basswood, poplar, boxwood, or other soft materials is always a good choice for projects of this nature. The end result is painted, and the detail shows through in full color, making the use of any hardwood a waste of effort.

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