

Wood Carver

Mr. C. J. Knobloch, Jr. self-identifies as a Cajun, and speaks fluent French and English. He was born in 1935 in Raceland, Louisiana and is now a resident of Thibodaux, Louisiana.

C. J. is a wood carver; he learned to carve when he was a small boy. C. J.'s father was a blacksmith who taught him to carve wood using only a knife. Mr. Knobloch uses tupelo gum, cypress, and basswood for making wooden figurines and toys.

Mr. Knobloch does not sell his art; however, he shares his knowledge on wood carving by providing demonstrations across the state for various schools and festivals. Updated Febuary 20, 2017 by Natchitoches-NSU Louisiana Folklife Center Staff