

Vorise, Chester Sr.



### Walking Stick and Figurine Carver

Chester Vorise, Jr., was born in Seattle, Washington, on June 14, 1948. He now resides in Alexandria, Louisiana, and has five children. Chester is self-taught in woodworking. He carves walking sticks, which can take up to sixty to seventy hours to make from oak, hickory, and crepe myrtle. Chester uses a chainsaw, hammer, chisel, and pocket knife to carve wood and make walking sticks. In addition to walking sticks, Chester carves miniature statues that can take up to two hundred hours to create.

Chester has demonstrated his craft at the River Oak Square in Natchitoches and at the Alexandria Museum.