

Seasons Greeting, bears delivered, and Spider Bed

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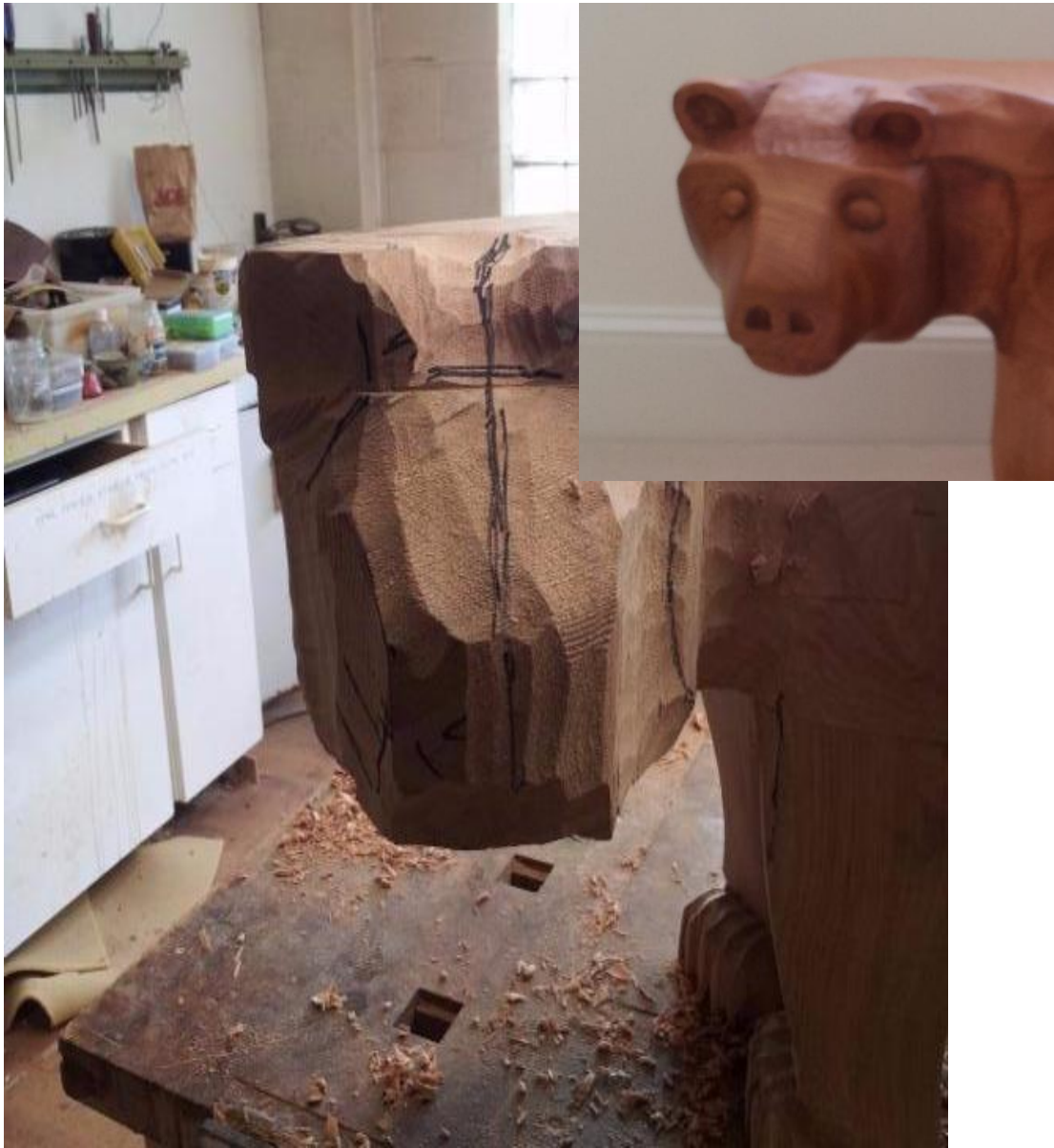
### Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Best wishes for the New Year!

Here are some updates on what I have going on, woodworking-wise. I have finished and delivered the Spirit Bear bench - below are some photos showing the faces being carved - and begun working on the Spider Bed. You might be a bit shocked by the idea of a spider bed, but in fact it is much more than that. I'm quite excited and I'll tell you about it with some photos.

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**To the left is a bear face at the beginning stage of carving  
To the right the finished face**



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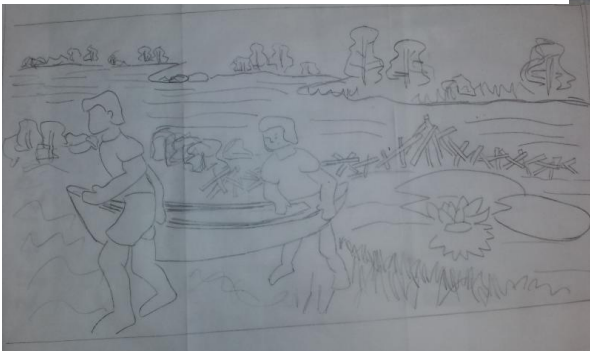
Here is the same for the other face



## The story of the Spider Bed

A client with property on Lake Winnepesaukee has a family tale about one time when he and his kids had watched a duck swim across the lake and slurp up a huge spider from a web under the boathouse. Having seen Ants Totem, they decided I was the perfect furniture maker to build them a king sized bed with carvings that retold that story. I visited them at the property, and when he took me all around the area searching to show me a beaver dam behind which he and his sister had gone canoeing as children, I realized that the bed was to be a tribute not just to the spider, but to the love he and his wife have for the property which has been in the family for generations. The design is for a headboard and footboard with relief carved panels; the artwork in the panels inspired by Marc Chagall's monumental painting "My Life." These photos show four panels that are collages of scenes and events from the property. They are

- The spider and the duck
- The steps up to the house
- Birthday party and the water tower
- Portaging the canoe by the beaver dam



## This is the framing of the headboard

It's a four poster California King, the posts being carved with a tree motif. The crest of the headboard is a Chagall inspired couple, intertwined and floating in the air. Sorry, it's hard to see. Next newsletter I'll show work in progress, starting with that carving as it proceeds.



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Again, have a great holiday season, and I'll write again next month.

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