



### **Steve Rebora: Artist's Statement**

After graduating with a B.A. in Fine Art from the University of Notre Dame and serving my mandatory term in the United States Navy, I found it necessary to postpone my art career in lieu of supporting my family. The floor covering industry served this purpose. Even during these times I worked in cartooning, oil paint and wood sculpture.

Since my retirement I have focused mainly on painted wood sculpture. Cutting and shaping a piece of wood into an image, human or animal, is very satisfying to me. The challenge of three-dimensional work is that the material often dictates the final result. I feel that painting the figures brings them to life and this animation of inert material intrigues me. I strive for humor and lightheartedness in the finished piece, achieving the effect of a three-dimensional, vibrantly colored cartoon.