

Silvrants wood carving effort rewarded

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Archie Silvrants of Grant, Neb. received two firsts and a People's Choice award in the 7th Annual Artistry in Wood Show and Sale hosted by North Platte Woodcarvers June 12-13 at Quality Inn in North Platte, Neb.

Silvrants' quality woodcarving talent has been seen in Holyoke in past years, when he donated carved items to the Dragon's Wagon Preschool fund raising auction. His niece, Marcia Walter, is director of the preschool and it was his way of showing support for her, as well as the preschool.

Archie's wife Alene is a sister of Jan Walter and Vern Adams, both of Holyoke.

Forty-one woodcarvers competing in 42 categories in the recent show in North Platte.

Silvrants has recently begun carving toothpicks. Using a magnifying glass, he said he can finish a miniature carving in a mere 20 minutes, according to a June 25 article by Leah Dahlkoetter in the *Grant Tribune-Sentinel*.

He carved a perched eagle on a toothpick, which won first place in the miniature division. He also carved an eagle in flight from a toothpick, which received an honorable mention.

Silvrants received a first-place ribbon and People's Choice award for his depiction of a hand holding a Bible that he entered in the religious category.