

"BURL APPEAL" DISPLAY TABLE

American Bigleaf Maple Burl with American Black Walnut

Without exception, every woodworker's dream is to discover a wonderful piece of rare timber and fashion it into a work of art. This special piece of art features a wild, burly tabletop that appears to be floating. The appeal is luring; touching is required...

The basis for this piece of wood art began with the discovery of a magnificent live-edged American bigleaf maple (*Acer macrophyllum*) burl slice. This burl was used to create the top for this special work of art. Though rough the timber showed just a teasing hint of the special character that lay underneath the ragged, rustic exterior - a marvelous combination of intense burls; bark inclusions; randomly spaced bird's-eye grain; and excellent chatoyance (opalescence reminiscent of looking into a cat's eye) that stand as a testimony of the tree's long life. Note how wonderfully the wild natural edges balance the intensely-grained top surface. From the moment that the artist laid eyes on this piece of maple, the not-so-subtle musings of nature literally begged for a transformation from rough timber into an artistic table. The result stands before you as unrivaled beauty.

The book-matched table legs, has been fabricated from a single plank of figured American black walnut (*Juglans nigra*) specifically selected to compliment the strong grain patterns of the top. The hand-tapered legs exhibit a slight taper on the inner sides to compliment the fine lines of the table while giving the appearance that the piece is balancing on its toes. Adjustable felt feet have been added to allow for leveling of the table on any surface.

The success of the design depends upon precise hand-chiseled mortise-and-tenon joints (Japanese jigoku-kusabi joinery technique) for permanent attachment of all pieces to create a table that will last for generations.

The table has been hand finished with a durable satin lacquer to highlight the natural color and protect the beautiful character of the timbers while giving the table a warm feeling to the touch. As with all of his wood art pieces the title of the piece, creation date and artist information has been permanently stamped on the underside of the piece. This piece has been entered in the artist's permanent registry.

Dimensions:

26 inches in width
15-1/2 inches in depth (maximum)
30 inches in height

Artist:

Gary A. Leake, Coupeville, Washington

Price:

\$1800