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**Add a Piece of the Iowa State Fair to Your Home with Chainsaw-Carved Wood Sculpture**

**Des Moines, IA-** Nothing compares to Iowa State Fair thrills! Fairgoers enjoy the thrill of watching Gary Keenan and T.J. Jenkins use chainsaws to carve masterpieces out of wood. On August 20 at 3:30 P.M. each of the carvings will be auctioned off at the John and Emily Putney Cattle Barn's Penningroth Media Center at the 2017 Woodcarver's Auction. Proceeds from this auction will benefit the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation, whose mission is to preserve and restore the Fairgrounds for years to come.

Fairgoers can watch these masterpieces unfold when Keenan and Jenkins carve four times each day during the duration of the Fair. Past carvings have been a frog on a toadstool, a cabin, a moon and pine trees. Plan to be amazed as you watch these woodcarvers in action. The carving takes place between the First Church and Pioneer Hall.

The Blue Ribbon Foundation offers many opportunities for Fair fans to show their support and excitement for the great, Iowa State Fair. Through giving programs, membership programs and special events like the Woodcarver's Auction, Foundation and Fair supporters can personally show their pride.

The Blue Ribbon Foundation is the non-profit 501(c)3 fundraising arm of the Iowa State Fair charged with raising funds to renovate and preserve the historic 450-acre Fairgrounds. Improvements have been made to buildings like the William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building and funds have supported the building of new facilities such as the Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center. Since its inception, the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation has generated more than \$135 million. For more information, please contact the Blue Ribbon Foundation at 1-800-450-3732 or [Info@BlueRibbonFoundation.org](mailto:Info@BlueRibbonFoundation.org)

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