



Bryan T. Berenson,
independent wood and stone sculptor

Art was not the career he planned, but it was the one that took over Milwaukee sculptor Bryan T. Berenson's life. He began sculpting after rheumatoid arthritis ended his work as a diesel mechanic and he stumbled upon an art class in the back of a hobby magazine.

The one-week-long class was in Austria and it unleashed a desire to learn more. "I had done a little bit of wood carving as a hobby," Berenson says. His next step was a five-year apprenticeship program where he studied under master

sculptors and artists while living in Austria. In 2004, he became certified as a wood and stone sculptor, a designation recognized all over Europe. "I believe I am the only American ever to become certified," he says.

Berenson sculpts figural, ornamental and relief carvings in wood and stone, his favorite woods being mahogany, black walnut and sugar pine. He also performs restoration work on sculptures. His work is done on commission and can be seen at Milwaukee's Germanfest, local art shows and online at www.btbsculptor.com.