



Artist Profile

Dick Schnacke

Dick Schnacke is a living folk toy maker from New Martinsville, West Virginia. He decided to make folk toys his specialty after helping to organize the Mountain State Arts and Crafts Fair for the West Virginia Centennial, in 1963. He later owned and operated the Mountain Craft Shop in New Martinsville. He has been the nation's leading producer of folk toys. His shop, under new ownership, continues to sell handmade toys from some forty craftsmen who are his neighbors. Their products are in demand throughout the country. Dick Schnacke's toys can also be purchased at Tamarack. Mr. Schnacke has recently won the BB Maurer Award from the West Virginia Folklife Center at Fairmont State University. He also wrote *American Folk Toys: How to Make Them*.



Toys at Pricketts Fort