

Shawn & Carlee Wiebe

A NATURAL ARTIST

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Imagine your dining room table, a gathering point for celebrations, for deep discussions, for serious decisions. Imagine your tribe gathered around, passing plates full of nourishing meals made from scratch. Think about your coffee table, where you plate appies and serve cocktails. Crawl into bed with a book you've pulled off your custom made bookcase and have been dying to read. Now pull the covers up to your nose and relax.

In all of the moments spent at home there is both furniture and often art, memories in the making and worries forgotten. Those coveted moments, centered around pieces of furniture, shape us.

Now imagine purchasing those pieces from a local artist, creative expressions with functional purpose. Each piece carefully thought out and made by hand. Every design detail a choice.

Meet Carlee and Shawn Wiebe. Together they are Eternal Timber and Design. She is all things service and he is the artist. Eternal Timber is furnishings made from natural elements; they are handcrafted, support the Canadian economy and quite frankly, are stunning.

Allowing the wood to take the lead, they can craft almost anything from bed frames to wall art, dining room tables to bar tables, odds and ends become statement making mantles and side tables. From east to west coast and residential to corporate.

Winston Churchill said,
"WE SHAPE OUR HOMES AND THEN OUR HOMES SHAPE US."

Shawn's work is completely original, "I love making things out of pieces of wood; once broken or tossed aside. I love envisioning the finished product turned into a work of art. I like to let the wood lead, follow its lines and see where we end up. It's always different," he says.

His love for woodworking began at a young age. The first piece he made for his mom, a one-of-a-kind make up table. From there, he worked his way through various roles from carpenter to business owner.

Eternal Timber works with our local arborists as well as Vancouver Urban Timberworks to recycle felled BC trees. "We focus our salvaging efforts on all domestically grown, local woods," says Shawn.

Carlee, the analytical thinker who takes care of logistics says, "I try to just let Shawn work. He is best when he's creating, when it's just him and his vision. He has a 3-D mind." That mind has produced some incredible, timeless pieces.

Modern meets rustic, organic, natural elements meet inside living. And they don't just work with wood, Shawn has the talent to also incorporate metal, stone, concrete, glass and acrylic into his designs. Eternal Timber and Design also carries several complementary lines in their showroom, including photography and work by other local artisans.

He is an upcycler with a passion to bring art into life, an intimate relationship between wood and its worker.

For more information or to bring natural beauty into your home, let Eternal Timber and Design help shape you. ■

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