

# Sweet Maple

I live in rural Vermont where the maple tree is woven into the fabric of the land. Maple trees produce valuable lumber supporting the wood industry and providing material that is used by our fine craftsmen. Maple trees produce the sap that is the raw material for the famous Vermont maple syrup industry. Maple trees are also

largely responsible for the wonderful foliage colors that attract so many people to the state in the fall. I make maple syrup from

sap gathered on our property and responsibly manage our 100 acres of forest for lumber and sustainability. I also use some of our maple for turning and use what is not lumber grade, for heating my home. Since maple has a substantial influence in my life, and the state I live in, it seemed incumbent on me to design a piece for the Maple Medley exhibit.

My inspiration for the piece came almost as soon as I read the call for entries and has changed little as the piece came to fruition.



## Description

Base is Acer Sacrum (sugar maple), turned on 4 axes, then carved and bleached and finished with lacquer

Tree is Acer Rubrum (red maple), turned, hollowed, carved and painted with acrylics

Buckets are Red Maple, turned and painted with acrylics

Spouts are Sugar Maple, turned carved and painted with acrylics

