

Eddie Morrison: Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Cherokee

Sculpture



Eddie was born in Tahlequah, Oklahoma where he was raised by his grandmother, Jane Batt Brackett. He attended Northeastern State University in Tahlequah and graduated from the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe with a degree in Three-Dimensional Arts. He was awarded the faculty department award for Outstanding Student in Three-Dimensional Arts.

Eddie Morrison specializes in creating three-dimensional works from wood, stone and bronze. His contemporary traditional style also incorporates relief-carved images which give multiple layers of visual interest and meaning to his work. Eddie's earliest artistic recollections were of his grandmother and aunt designing and crafting hand made quilts and crocheted items. He remembers that "there was always someone doing something with wood" in his home and surroundings. "My best friend's father would sit for hours on end carving pieces of wood into beautiful traditional

bows and arrows. I believe I was more influenced by him than any other person about my feeling for wood."

Eddie's other honors include awards won at the prestigious Santa Fe Indian Market as well as many other art shows throughout the United States. His work is in numerous private and public collections. His carvings and sculptures have also been displayed in the office of the Speaker of the House at the State Capitol building in Kansas and in the Capitol rotunda. Eddie was chosen as artist of the month in June of 2000 by the American Indian Arts and Crafts Shop in the Department of Interior Building in Washington D.C. He was commissioned for the Chisholm Trail monument on the Kansas/Oklahoma border and his design was chosen for the First Christmas Ornament 2001 produced by the Cherokee Nation. He received 3rd Place - Sculpture at the Tesoro Cultural Center's 2005 and 2006 Indian Markets.

