

Willy Frankfort's 1 of 1000 Powder Horn for the NMLRA Endowment Program

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By Willy Frankfort



1. The selected horn



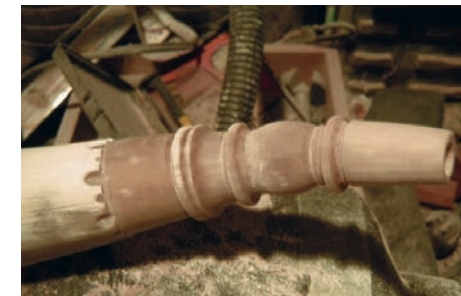
2. After drilling and sanding the horn is lined for carving.



3. I carve a horn in stages. This is the first stage.



4. Second carving.



5. More refinement and engraving.



6. Stopper to protect the spout.



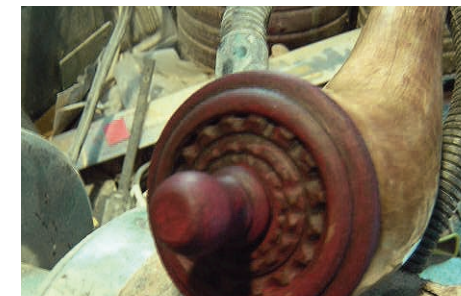
7. Glue and set the plug into the butt.



8. Chip carving and sanding the butt.



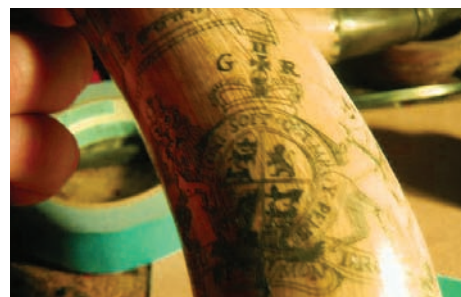
9. First full coloring.



10. Painting and antiquing.



12. Layout and choosing the artwork.



13. Completed British Coat of Arms.



14. Adding color to the seal.



15. Close-up of colored city scape.



16. Adding color to the NMLRA Seal.



As many of you know, Bob Copner, committee chairman of the 1 of 1000 Endowment Program for the NMLRA, requested support of the HCH due to the passing of Ron Ehlert, who made the presentation powder horns that are awarded each year. Since 2007, HCH Guild members (2007-Lee Larkin, 2008-Frank Willis & Joe Becker) have provided the horns in support of the 1 of 1000 Endowment Program.

Its purpose is to create a \$1,000,000 endowment to support the long-term financial stability of the NMLRA. The "interest earned" produces income for programs that help ensure the long-term viability of the organization and help it to prosper. Each participant contributes \$1,000 and receives a personalized certificate and pin recognizing their contribution to the Association's financial security.

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Thanks to Willy, each May issue of *The Horn Book* will feature the 1 of 1000 Powder Horn while the January and September issues will continue to feature original historic powder horns.

- Editor