



COMPANY HISTORY

CARRUTH STUDIO

*How it all began to
Where we are now*

- 1959 At 7 years old, George Carruth carves his first “piece” out of a bar of soap.
- 1976 George graduates from Columbus College of Art & Design with a major in Ad Design.
- 1980 While working for American Greetings in Cleveland, Ohio, George sculpts the popular Strawberry Shortcake figurines. His love of sculpting stone begins along the shores of Lake Erie.
- 1983 George carves a dozen stone pieces and attends the “Perrysburg Harrison Rally Days” art show where he sells all of his original pieces.
- 1983 Carruth Studio is born. George does shows nationwide with hand carved stones. His wife Deb handles the challenges of the business side of the studio.
- 1985 Carruth’s first cast piece, a cat birdbath, featured on the cover of David Kay Garden & Gift catalog.
- 1987 Carruth Studio is incorporated with full focus on casting for catalogs and craft galleries. The business is moved to a rented warehouse in Toledo, Ohio.
- 1989 George carves his favorite design, the Garden Smile plaque, which becomes Carruth Studio’s signature piece.
- 1991 Carruth Studio moves into its new home - a restored fruit market in Waterville, Ohio.
- 1993 George accepts invitation from The White House to create an angel ornament for the nation’s official Christmas tree.
- 1995 George carves first commissioned piece for the Washington National Cathedral.
- 1996 Garden Smiles by Carruth first retail shop opens in Waterville, Ohio.
- 1997 HGTV commissions George to carve its corporate gifts.
- 1999 Official Carruth Studio website launched.
- 2001 WBGU produces documentary “George Carruth - An American Sculptor”.
- 2003 George is featured on QVC.
- 2006 George, along with his daughter Libby Carruth Krock, writes and illustrates the book “The Boy Who Loved Birds”.
- 2007 George and Libby’s second book “What Stinks?” is published.
- 2008 Carruth Studio celebrates it’s 25th anniversary.
- 2008 George and Libby’s third book “If I Were A Dinosaur” is published.