

Welded Workers and Fused Faces

The Sawmill and
Railroad Sculptures of
Ray Carrington



Ray Carrington

- Grew up near Mt. Shasta, CA
- Retired math teacher
- Studied forestry
- Fascinated by old sawmills



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Long Bell Sawmill, Near Weed

Photo: <http://www.ralonghistoricalsociety.org/images/mill1.jpg>

The Sculptures

- Man made out of railroad spikes (Olgvie)
- Faces



"A Big Wheel"

How they are made

- Welded iron pieces taken from abandoned railyards and sawmills
- Shiny coating: powder coating finish



Materials

- Railroad spikes
- Shears, saw blades, wrenches, track parts, etc.



"The Trophy Mattock"

Themes in the Sculptures

- Repurposing historical artifacts by making them into art.
- Encouraging exploration about the age of sawmills and the anonymous workers who contributed to the railroads.



“Room for one More” and “The Lineman”

Railroads and Carrington's Sculptures

- Sawmills provided wood for the railroads
- Sculptures represent the anonymous workers who made the sawmills and railroads run



"Hilt Signal Tower"

Carrington Foundation for Arts

- Public sculpture



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What would you name this?

- Suggestions to name sculptures



“The Monkey Wrench Bird”, “The Balinese Dancer”, and “The Warrior”



Right: “I’m all ears”,
Left: What would you name this?

Five Main Points

- Sculptures made from tools and metal pieces collected at old sawmills and railyards
- Workers and faces
- Carrington fascinated by the bygone age of sawmills
- Representing the anonymous workers who made the railroad and sawmills run
- Logging provided lumber which was essential for the railroad.



"Body Block"

Further Information on Ray Carrington

- The Carrington Foundation for Public Art Website:
<http://www.carringtonfoundation.org/carrington.html>
- The Carrington Gallery and the University of California, College of Natural Resources:
<http://www.carringtongallery.us/Site1/Home.html>
- “Welded Workers and Fused Faces” Exhibit Announcement:
<http://www.parks.ca.gov/Events/EventDetail.aspx?id=4843>