

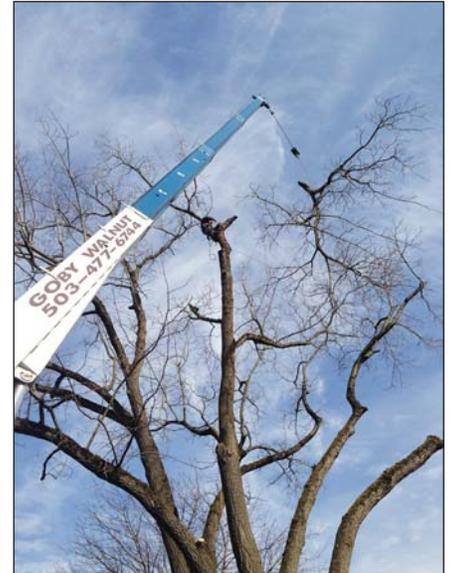
Goby Walnut Products

Portland, Oregon

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Goby Walnut Products, founded by Dr. Gary Goby in 1976 and purchased by Art Blumenkron in 2007, houses one of the largest inventories of Oregon Black Walnut lumber in North America. Blumenkron moved the business to Portland, Oregon, and now salvages all types of hardwoods including; walnut, elm, madrone, myrtle, white oak and maple, among others from all over Western Oregon and Washington State. The company is very concerned with its impact on the environment. The wood that is harvested comes from local Northwest trees that are either “hazard” or “salvage” trees. Unfortunately, the Black Walnut trees of the Northwest are suffering from a fast moving, invasive disease spread by beetles known as “Thousand Cankers Disease.” In turn, as these trees become diseased they become unstable creating hazards for people, structures and the surrounding property and thus require removal.



Goby Walnut has the equipment and expertise to remove trees that may be dangerous.



Art Blumenkron with a harvested walnut log. Walnut trees often grow to 3 - 4 feet in diameter in the Pacific Northwest.

The company sees no reason why responsible environmental practices cannot co-exist with successful business.

Founder Gary Goby was a proponent for planting Oregon Black Walnut in sustainable agro-forestry practices. This philosophy also resonates with Blumenkron who takes sound environmental practices seriously. The facilities' buildings are heated with offcuts from these trees through a very efficient wood-fired boiler system. Side cuts from flooring become butcher block

countertops. Walnut planer shavings are a natural weed suppressor and the company is developing packaging to sell the shavings as a natural alternative to chemical weed suppressants. Even the company's delivery truck runs on bio-diesel.

The walnut lumber is known by many names: Black Walnut, Oregon Black Walnut, Claro Walnut, and Western Walnut. In reality, the Walnut is a hybrid of *Juglans Nigra* and *Juglans Hindsii* and is commonly referred to as “Claro Walnut.” These trees were intentionally planted in the Northwest by immigrants and are not native to the Northwest. The hybrid was formed originally as a root stock to support the imported English Walnut trees. Uniquely, Oregon Black Walnut trees grow large and healthy in the temperate climate of the Willamette Valley. Trees attaining five feet in diameter are not unusual and yield clear, wide, high grade, quality lumber as the trees grow “stand alone” or in “orchards” and not in native forest settings. The Oregon iron rich soils and plentiful rain results in walnut lumber of exceptional color, with frequent black and orange contrasts to the usual chocolate walnut tones. With the lack of frequent ice storms, high winds, and virtually no lightning, environmental tree damage is minimal. These exceptional trees routinely yield slabs of two or three inches.



This bastogne slab is beautifully marked. The grain would be perfect in any woodwork project.

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With this superior lumber, the company has been the origin for high-end gunstocks, original custom furniture, artwork and musical instruments. The company has a website for customers and ships lumber products nationally and internationally. Goby Walnut Products fill orders for Gibson Guitar; glossy live-edge slabs of walnut for upscale furniture and cabinetmakers in New York; and even gunstock blanks from South Dakota to Japan. The company is also a great source for craft woodworkers and do-it-yourself novices. Some of the



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common uses of walnut lumber are: bed frames, dining tables and chairs, coffeetables, jewelry boxes, desks & dressers. The company also has an excellent selection of musical instrument wood. Oregon Black Walnut yields highly figured colorful grain patterns, which is ideal for high grade musical instruments including acoustic guitars, dulcimers, banjo resonators, flutes and other turned instruments.

In addition to Oregon Black Walnut, the company also features hand selected Figured Maple (Curly Maple, and Quilted Maple) for projects that demand the highest quality of figure in the wood. Goby's large selection of Maple boards, large boards, book matched boards, burl, gunstock blanks, acoustic sets and turning blocks can meet almost every need the wood worker may have. Generic maple lumber is also available for bulk purchases. All Maple is kiln dried to retain the highest quality and figure of the wood.

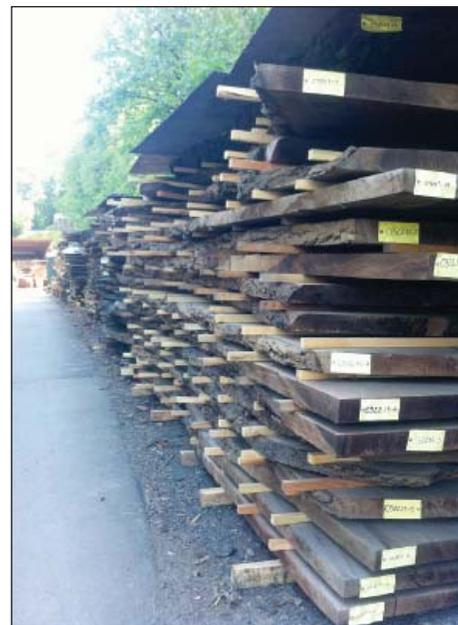
In addition, the company has specialized in custom milling since it opened its doors, and has focused on thick wide walnut lumber and large walnut slabs. The slabs are air dried for 2-3 years depending on thickness and sometimes finished in the kiln to complete the drying



This one of a kind, hand crafted table makes good use of the highly grained walnut.

process, and also utilizes a vacuum kiln that finishes the lumber which makes it desirable for all projects. No steaming is done to darken sap wood.

The company has some of the largest walnut slabs you'll find anywhere. Goby Walnut Products has an extensive walnut inventory, but also maintains a log deck for custom cutting to meet any need.



Goby Wlanut has a vast inventory ready for the craftsman or novice. Wood slabs are shipped world wide.



The walnut is perfect for gunstocks. The density of the wood and the superb graining make it a highly valued element for gunstocks, furniture and cabinet makers.

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