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Originally from Germany, Petra moved to the US in 1993 and settled in central Virginia with her partner, his daughter, and her three sons. Petra discovered her skill for pyrography (wood-burning) by accident. She wanted to design beads for a macrame project and dabbled a bit and fell in love with the craft. Petra is self-taught and likes to challenge herself on what else she could do with a wood-burning pen. Petra sketches out her ideas on the wood and uses photos for reference.

Her art is inspired by her hikes on the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive. While most of her art is what she sees on her walks, sometimes she likes to create wood burnings of animals world-wide. Sometimes her art is whimsical and other times a little bit more in tune with realism.

Petra's crochet work and her partner's horse-shoes or woodworking can be found on their website smokywoodstudios.com

