



Charter Captain Don Miller, of *Miller's Motor City Muskies*, has been featured on numerous outdoor television and radio shows, and has high marks from the outdoor writers from around the country who have visited the lake and personally enjoyed his expertise on his charter. His career on Lake St. Clair spans over 30 years, during which time he has successfully boated over 7,000 muskies. Enthusiastic anglers from 33 different states across the nation, and from 14 different countries globally, have come to Lake St. Clair to fish with Captain Miller to catch their trophy muskie and join the "*Motor City Muskies Family*." An impressive listing of features and articles about Captain Miller can be found on his website, <http://www.motorcitymuskies.com>.

He has also written many articles about his experiences, published in such magazines as *Musky Hunter*, and *Fur, Fins, and Feathers*. He has given seminars throughout the Midwest for numerous outdoor clubs, fishing expos, sporting outfitters, Bass Pro Shop, and Cabela's.

Don is an avid proponent of "catch and release" for all muskies. This practice has helped Lake St. Clair gain recognition as the premier muskie fishery in North America.

Captain Miller regularly participates in charity functions throughout Michigan. He takes time to provide recreational opportunities for handicapped children in the Annual Handicapped Fishing Derby, where challenged individuals are taken out for a day of fun and fishing. He has participated in the Special Olympics fundraising, hosted by the Grosse Point Yacht Club and the Michigan-Ontario Muskie Club, as well as the Detroit Athletic Club. He has donated time on his boat to raise funds for Dearborn Divine Child High School, Plymouth-Salem High School, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Washtenaw Christian Academy, Romeo Children's Library, and the Jeff Lichon Spinal Cord Injury foundation. He has also worked closely with DNR officers in the area of fishery conservation, and assisted with 2014 DNR research on the feeding habits of muskies in Lake St. Clair.

Don's woodcarving history began as a novice with the UAW-Ford joint program of after-work classes that were taught by Kayson, Inc. The instructors he had included Maureen Pete and Toni Kayson. He has also taken classes from world champion carvers, Bob and Josh Guge. He has continued his carving since then, winning local, state, and national honors at the masters' level. He has now become a carving instructor for the Michigan Woodcarvers' Guild, and also teaches private lessons in woodcarving.

Don's life-sized, decorative wooden ducks are designed to be trophies for any mantel or desk. Each duck is hand-carved from basswood, tupelo, or sugar pine wood, with detailed feathering and realistic painting. Don attempts to capture not only the actual colors and poses of each waterfowl species, but also the personalities and expressions that make you think they are alive. No two are alike. His honors include Best of Show in the Professional Division, 24 blue ribbons, 20 red, and 4 third place, as well as several "People's Choice" awards.

Samples of his work may be seen in his Gallery, along with the numerous ribbons and awards his carvings have won in wood-carving competitions, at <http://www.3dwoodcrafting.com>.