

EPISODE TITLE: **Porch Swing**

CIRCA: ~1800-present

Guest Interview: Varied local craftsmen

Project: Cypress Porch Swing

The iconic porch swing is not exclusive to Cajuns, but it's hard to find anyone in Louisiana who doesn't have fond memories of family and a porch swing. From the farmhouse to the town house, the porch swing's rhythmic squeak signaled family gathering, quiet moments, discussions, stories and song in Louisiana.

Today, much as in years past, local craftsmen hold porch swings for sale from their front lawns and pick-up trucks. Generally, these are made from local cypress, a rot resistant wood. Otherwise, the styles and construction differ as much as do gumbo recipes.

In this episode, Roy will use his father's swing pattern to create a porch swing. Not surprising, he'll modify some structural details, but the profile and aesthetic design will be taken directly from the old patterns.

