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## 5 SC woodworkers who make unusual products, from joggling boards to hand-carved tables

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## LANDRUM TABLES, NORTH CHARLESTON



Capers Landrum Cauthen makes furniture exclusively from reclaimed wood. Capers Cauthen Provided

Capers Landrum Cauthen does make tables, but what's so special about them is just about every one is made from reclaimed wood. Wood from century-old Charleston homes and businesses. Trees downed by hurricanes.

Not too long ago, he took the wood from the Charleston Visitors Center when the building was remodeled. Huge timbers that he used to make benches and tables for, you guessed it, furnishings for the center.

Cauthen's father was the longtime director of the Historic Preservation Society of Charleston and the first professional curator of historic properties in Columbia, including the Hampton-Preston House and the Robert Mills House and was the designer of the Boyleston Gardens, separating the Lace House and the Boyleston House, now a part of the Governor's Mansion complex.

His grandfather was an editor at The State and the Columbia Record, credited with coining the term Midlands, Cauthen said.

Capers Cauthen did home renovations initially. Then in 1989, Hurricane Hugo blew through the Lowcountry.

"It opened my eyes," he said.

Now, Cauthen has pallets and pallets of reclaimed wood in his storage facility. And he claims to be able to find any specific species he needs for a project.