



SAMSON AND THE LION

Walnut

Judges 14:5

*When of a sudden, he met a young lion
that roared upon him savagely.*

When thinking about a subject, and lacking a model, I try to make a rough sketch that will fit within the dimensions of the block of wood I have chosen for the project. Then, I will make a clay model which will give me the freedom to try different positions, grimaces, or whatever.

With respect to Samson and the Lion, there didn't seem to be many options as far as how they would position themselves from the description of the incident in the Bible. As a case in point, I noticed a life-sized stone sculpture of Samson and the Lion at Brookgreen Gardens located south of Myrtle Beach, SC, and the composition was very similar to mine.