



Team Wine Nook:

Cindy Saadeh: Co-founder/Entrepreneur/
Artist (423) 782-9451

Cindy is one of the co-founders of S&R Designs. Additionally, She is a professional artist with a background in oil painting of 25 years. Well-known in Kingsport as a dynamic, award-winning business owner, Cindy is an accomplished oil painter. Apprenticing under an artist in Montpellier, France, she learned the Old Master technique of oil painting and became an unapologetic francophile who still speaks fluent French.

Bitten by the travel bug while studying abroad, she still loves to occasionally globetrot with her husband and son as well as scuba dive. She recently has taken up playing the drums to fulfill the requisite mid-life crisis.

She has built a business which has become a staple in the community for showcasing local and regional artists and is the go-to shop for art and gifts in Kingsport.

Michael Ripper: Co-founder / Designer / Craftsman (423) 429-8546

Michael Ripper is one of the co-founders of S&R Designs. He is a wood craftsman with over twenty years experience in designing and building hand-crafted furniture, custom bourbon and wine bars, wall art, mirrors, cutting boards and center pieces. His latest endeavor being custom longboard skateboards. He graduated with a BFA in both Ceramics and Wood Design from East Carolina University School of Art. Additionally, he is gallery manager to the Cindy Saadeh Fine Art Gallery in Kingsport, Tennessee.

Ripper is also responsible for the original Wine Nook prototypes, having created them in his Kingsport, TN studio. Not only a woodworking genius, Ripper also holds a record for the best T-shirt collection, and is a huge PHISH fan. He lives and breathes the idea of “mixed mediums,” combining woodwork with blood, sweat and tears. He is a huge proponent of making simple, utilitarian items into functional conversation pieces.

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