



# Doorways to the West

Your Carved Front Door ~ Where Memories Begin

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## Door Maintenance

Maintaining your door is fairly simple. You'll want to check your door twice a year. If the finish looks 'dry', it will need re-coating with a high quality spar varnish. If your door is under a covered porch and out of direct sunlight you may go years between maintenance. It is the sun that takes the highest toll on the finish. It is important to maintain the finish so that moisture stays away from the wood. After all, you have made an investment in your door and you want to protect it!

Though you may use any high quality spar varnish you wish, we recommend Sutherland Wells Marine Spar Varnish. You can find it at: [www.tungoilfinish.com](http://www.tungoilfinish.com) or call them at 800-322-1245. A quart should be plenty for maintenance purposes. Follow the directions on the can for Resurfacing Marine Spar Varnish. I scuff the carving with a small brass wire brush instead of sandpaper.



Photo of wire brush I use to scuff surface before applying new finish.



*THANKS for the opportunity to build your door! I hope that your home and your door will always be a source of joy.*                      **- Tom Larkin**