

More of the Wonderful Work of The Rev. Ken Olson

Ken sculpted a *Bison latifrons*, the giant Ice Age bison that weighed over two tons and had a horn spread of 8 feet. It died out approximately 30,000 years ago.



You can get a sense of its size by comparing its head with one of a current bison.



Ken mentioned that he's been looking for a home for some of the mammoth material that was found in southeast Montana – material like these two huge mammoth hip bones (that's Ken in the picture to help with scale)



As Ken explained, “One of the places I checked with is The Mammoth Site at the south edge of the Black Hills in SD.—which has a great Interpretive Center. In sinkhole sediments there, they've exposed remains of 60 mammoths, likely growing to a total of 100 before they're done. But they also research the Pleistocene in general and are working some bison sites. The paleontologist was telling me of those, and also said they have an exhibit of a *Bison latifrons* skull. So, just for his interest, I showed him a picture of my sculpture – and he wants it!”

I hope you're as excited about all of this as I am!