

HUNTER-WOLFF GALLERY

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A Beautiful Time

As summer slips away we are beginning to see subtle seasonal changes—somehow the fall air smells different and already there are hints of color in the aspens. Autumn is coming fast. While many welcome the cooler nights, shorter days seem to have its downside. Countless studies show that many struggle during this time of year with seasonal affective mood issues, commonly associated with depression. Often, this emotional change begins as early as September as the days grow shorter and continues through the winter months. Some of the side affects can be moodiness, sluggishness, and sleep deprivation which impacts energy levels and physical activities.

To counter some of the affects of those so-called "winter blues", September is a good time to start planning more physical activity like walking. Consider walking around the neighborhood, join friends on the walking tour during ArtWalk night, go window shopping even during off hours, and keep walking as much as possible outdoors during the day where you will enjoy an energy boost. Plan an afternoon or early evening exploring Old Colorado City with a friend, and make time to visit us and a dozen more art galleries on Colorado Avenue where you will find calm and enlightenment.

Autumn is a beautiful season and we invite you to visit Hunter-Wolff Gallery where it is as beautiful inside as outside this time of year. To give you that emotional boost, stop in and study some of the delightful sculptures by <u>Cassandra Sharon</u>, guaranteed to put a smile on your face. Check out all the great colors and textures found in the clayware by Marty Price, Marc Jenesel, Kerry Brooks, Mark Wong, and Tony Heslop and the pure colors found in glass art by Dennis DeBon, Donna Gordon and Dottie Boscamp. Our shelves and walls are refreshed weekly with new pieces for you to explore. We always enjoy your visits where we learn more about your interests and preferences. We welcome your inquiries at 719-520-9494 and staff@hunterwolffgallery.com.

We wish you a happy Fall and hope you will stop in soon for a personal visit where you will certainly shake off those winter blues.



SAVE THE DATE

September 1 - ArtWalk

5-8 pm

Featuring Cassandra Sharon

ArtWalk Free Shuttle Service to HWG

Believe It or Not! Artist Vincent Van Gogh produced more than 2,000 works during his life: 900 paintings and 1,100 drawings and sketches. He only sold one painting while he was alive. Talk about a starving artist! Who got all the money for his amazing work?

On the Leader Board

Congratulations to the artists reaching the top of the Leader Board this month. We are extremely grateful to those who love art and value the creators of fine art. A big thanks to our many fans including: Sean and Heidi M. for selecting a large George Peeble's painting; J. Thompson from Colorado Springs for picking up two special Matiz Ortez collectibles; L. Parry from Manitou Springs for adding Marty Price floor vases along with other special pottery for her new home; Michael M. for buying special art for his CS home; Willene D. for finding a great Raku dish by Tony Heslop; Tom W. for purchasing two Jerry Wedekind aspen burl vessels; Jaclyn for finding a Donna Gordon blown glass collectible; Pat and Brian for purchasing a beautiful Jerry Wedekind juniper table for their Monument home; Nancy from Houston for picking up a Tess Backus headturning necklace; S. Harding for adding to her Tony Heslop collection for her home in Ohio; Manitou Springs' part-timer Tim B. for purchasing a unique Jerry Wedekind redwood/juniper table; Lisa for selecting Vicki Grant clay and slate art, Marc Jenesel raku glow pot, Donna Gordon blown glass platter, Adam Long forest figure, and Maria Battista alabaster sculpture for her Colorado Springs home; Jeanette M. for selecting multiple Vicki Grant clay and slate wall art for her Monument CO home; James S. for purchasing a Marc Jenesel glow pot for his Raleigh NC home; K. Miller for making several stops in to purchase Tony Heslop pottery for shipping to Ft. Worth TX; Laura R. for being a big fan of Tony Heslop's pottery for use and gifts; Don R. for picking out his favorite Dennis DeBon energy web (glass); J. Romney for adding a Clifford T. Bailey painting to her collection in South Lake TX; Tim C. from Colorado Springs for selecting a favorite Greg Custer oil; Realtor Kem Winternitz for buying Kerry Brooks clay and glass pottery; Sarah B. for purchasing a Marlene Kort pastel for a gift; Susan W. for purchasing Marc Jenesel glow pot and a Jennifer Jung painting for a gift; Charlene L. for making her first original oil painting (George Peebles) purchase; Theresa J. for selecting a Mata Ortiz collectible; D. Bolden for selecting a Marc Jenesel glow pot from our website for shipping; Mike M. in Milford MA for selecting Tom Coffey's fine woodturned vessel; K. Fuchs from Mitchell SD for selecting Marc Jenesel's glow pot, and many others who stop in for an affordable gift and to add to their growing art and pottery collections. We appreciate every visitor and so many following us on Facebook. Thank you.



One of those artists is <u>Cassandra Sharon</u>, a fifth generation Colorado native who says she has been living and breathing horses for as long as she can remember. Throughout her life she has drawn, painted and sculpted horses experimenting with various media in a rainbow of colors, texture and patterns.

While working her way through a Fine Arts degree at the University of Southern Colorado, she favored sculpture and began an exploration that expresses metaphor through a stylized, often whimsical creation. Her many years on horseback, caring, loving, and rescuing horses, gave her in depth insight into understanding the equine personality and how best to express it through her art work.

Cassandra's day is filled with tasks of caring for horses yet schedules time to sculpt the creatures she loves the most. Her work is easily recognized, having developed her own signature style that emulates the spirited personality of each creature in an impressionistic manner. Her work is as much about character and the distinctive qualities of her subjects as it is about form, color and texture. Every sculpture is dynamic with its own spiritual energy while reflecting individual personality types. Many are drawn to Cassandra's sculptures for a variety reasons but we often hear "they make us smile and giggle". The whimsical attributes, like a pony balancing a slice of water mellon on its nose, can only make one smile.

Continually working on new ideas that best express these four-legged creatures' traits, whether horses, burros, mules or longhorns, <u>Cassandra Sharon</u> brings us closer to these furry friends and hairy creatures and maybe even better understand our own humility. Stop in for Cassandra's Opening Reception on Friday, Sept. 1 during ArtWalk.

ART

Why Does It Matter?

Whether you're an artist or art collector, it is only natural to be curious about what type of paintings are most popular. The question comes up frequently. When searching for answers, we often come across similar reports listing the top 10 best sellers, but it doesn't mean that an artist or buyer should change their focus. It's just a list and may not even apply to your specific region. Nonetheless, you asked so we are sharing *Art Business Today*'s findings which have been consistent since we last reported this information in 2012:

- 1. Traditional landscapes
- 2. Plein air of local regions
- 3. Modern or semi-abstract landscapes
- 4. Abstracts
- 5. Dogs
- 6. Figure studies (excluding nudes)
- 7. Seascapes, harbor, and beach scenes
- 8. Wildlife
- 9. Impressionistic landscapes
- 10. Nudes

However, over the years at Hunter-Wolff Gallery, you consistently buy:

- 1. Impressionistic landscapes
- 2. Photorealistic landscapes with water
- 3. Plein air of local regions, iconic scenes
- 4. Still life paintings, florals
- 5. Figurative and figure
- 6. Seascapes
- 7. Landscapes with figures
- 8. Wildlife, horses
- 9. Southwest subject matter
- 10. Cityscapes, architectural

If your interests lie elsewhere, let us know and we will guide you to find the work you want even if we have to send you down the street. The key is to select work you love and to stick to your personal preferences.

Need a
Gallery Guide
for the Pikes
Peak Region?
Use this helpful
Guide



First Friday ArtWalk in Old Colorado City is a free event for the whole family featuring gallery openings, live demonstrations, invitations to meet fine artists, special performances, and much more!

FREE for Everyone! So tell your friends and family and bring them out to ArtWalk. Park the car and hop on one of the shuttles. Shuttle schedules and pick up locations can be found on the shuttle service brochure or by checking online.

More at http://www.peakradar.com/categories/firstfriday/

It's Easy to Get to ArtWalk and Visit Hunter-Wolff Gallery

It can't get any easier! Jump on and off at Bus Stop 6 next to Hunter-Wolff Gallery's door. Stops are made at Stop 6 at 5:30, 5:50, 6:10, 6:30, 6:50, 7:10, 7:30, 7:50, 8:10, 8:30, 8:50, 9:10, 9:30, 9:50 and even though we wrap up ArtWalk at 8 pm, you will have plenty of time to visit other shops and enjoy dinner in Old Colorado City without missing your ride back to your car.

While visiting Old Colorado City and its plethora of inviting shops, galleries, and restaurants, stop in to meet <u>Cassandra Sharon</u> one of Hunter-Wolff Gallery's sculptors and meet her furry friends and hairy critters.







New Arrivals: How Long Will They Last?



Be sure to check for new work frequently. New Gallery Items are highlighted on our website homepage for two full weeks. And, Visit us on Facebook for current news.



