

Mark Hopkins

BRONZEWORKS

A MARK HOPKINS SCULPTURE SEMI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2016
VOLUME XXIV, No 1

Hot Off the Crucible

Fall didn't last long in the mountain west this time around, but long enough for Mark Hopkins to finish his *Mountain Gold*, featuring a chickadee sitting on a branch of an aspen tree, golden leaves shimmering in the autumn sun. This gorgeous bird is flying out the doors very quickly. Another beauty set among the red leaves of autumn is a charmer called *Close Encounter*. Two different species, a tufted titmouse and a chickadee are sizing each other up across the branches.



Mark has a number of cold weather introductions that have received very warm welcomes. *Arctic Spirit* is a long-awaited answer to repeated collector requests for Mark to

sculpt a polar bear. Cast in a fascinating combination of glass and bronze, something in the distance has clearly caught the attention of this great bruin.



Another new frosty-weather work is a happy young ice skater titled *Skating Pond*. This little guy has all the confidence in the world that he can do anything on ice.



Mark also has three adorable new wintertime birds. His cheerful little chickadee named *Snowbird* is now happily settled on many collectors' tables and shelves. Also, in response to a number of requests, Mark is embarking on a new series called the Little Birdies Collection. This group is similar to his other lovely birds, but in a "petite" size. Still in the winter theme are an adorable chickadee called *Snowfall* and a striking cardinal named *Winter Song*.



It might still be winter in some places, but Mark is just about ready for spring. Just in time for the warm-up, he is adding a couple of warm weather pieces to the



Hot Off the Crucible continued...

Little Birdies Collection. One chickadee has a grand view from his *High Perch*, and a whole flock of them are having a great visit in *Family Reunion*. Each sweet little bird is just under 2" in size, with miniature prices to match. Mark is already working on some wrens and bluebirds. He welcomes suggestions if you have a favorite!

Some people do it in the winter, but this climber has wisely waited for warmer weather. A sunny warm day definitely reduces the risk for a day of *Free Soloing*, but the adrenaline of this adventure is clearly part of the joy.



High Perch



Family Reunion



Free Soloing

Artist's Corner

Mark recently read a definition of art that he liked very much: Art is the expression or application of human creative skill and imagination, typically in a visual form such as sculpture or painting, producing works to be appreciated primarily for their beauty or emotional power. He expressed some further thoughts, saying:

Mark is still enjoying teaching occasional classes at Sculpture Depot in Loveland. Contact Sculpture Depot at **970.663.5190** for information on future classes.

Most people are drawn to art of some kind. My favorite art captures a moment in time and becomes a powerful symbol of an experience or emotion. It jump-starts our imagination, either taking us back to a treasured moment in our past, or forward to something we hope to experience.

I think that's why I am enjoying these new little birds so much. To me, they are very simple visual poetry. With the frenetic pace of life and the constant electronic "noise" that surrounds us, these little guys bring me peace and joy. I hope I can evoke the same feelings in my collectors – nothing complicated – just timeless snapshots of the natural world, so we don't lose track of the incredible beauty that is available all around us.

Mark Hoiland

Highlights

Mark's first year at the Sculpture in the Park show in Loveland was a resounding success. He had a great time meeting a whole new group of collectors, as well as reuniting with some long-time friends. Come on out this year for the second weekend in August, meet Mark, and see his work up close and personal. See more info in the Appearances section.

It is always fun to be included in published books about art. Mark's latest opportunity to be part of such a project is a new publication called *Contemporary Wildlife Art*. Mark was selected as one of 74 artists featured in this new book by Cindi Ann Coldiron. It's available at Amazon.com and other booksellers.

contemporary WILDLIFE ART

Two of Mark's most recent projects have been very gratifying. A longtime collector lost his wife of many years and asked Mark to sculpt a portrait bust of this lovely

lady, *Martha*. Mark was very pleased to portray a woman whose beauty and love of music made her a beloved part of many lives.

Mark was also very happy to be able to honor the courageous firefighters of Grand Junction, CO. His *Call to Duty* has found a stately home in the lobby of Fire Station #4. Mark first created a sketch of this sculpture for a different location. When a new station in town needed its own artwork, the local fire chief remembered how much he had liked Mark's sketch and contacted us to offer Mark the commission.



Martha



Call to Duty

From Our Collectors

We truly love our collector's sweet letters. One of our favorites lately was from some wonderful folks in Massachusetts. Their daughter wrote: "My parents have several of your sculptures. A few months ago, my mother... spoke with someone at your company and mentioned that my father now has their Einstein sculpture in his room at his assisted living facility. The sculpture is very popular with the staff there... many come in to see it and visit with my dad, which is wonderful. One of the staff... likes to rub Einstein's forehead for good luck. She does it any time she enters his room! I am forwarding a photo that my brother took of (a sweet staff member) rubbing Einstein's head... thought you might enjoy it."



Einstein and friend



PO BOX 7659
LOVELAND, CO 80537
970.613.0322 HOPKINSBRONZE@GMAIL.COM
WWW.MARKHOPKINSSCULPTURE.COM

STANDARD
POSTAGE #7

PAID

BERTHOUD, 80513

OUR MISSION

is to create an enduring legacy of beauty and excellence in bronze to enhance the lives of those who will own a Mark Hopkins sculpture.

Through the daily work of our hands, we will share the eternal nobility of our hearts and minds.

From the diversity of our individual talents and strengths, we will forge a great unity of purpose and achieve unlimited success and prosperity.

Mark's SUMMER APPEARANCES

AUGUST 13 & 14 | 2016

SCULPTURE IN THE PARK

LOVELAND, COLORADO

SATURDAY AUG 13 9:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

SUNDAY AUG 14 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

For more information, go to:

www.SculptureInThePark.org/show/information

Looking for a hard-to-find or sold-out Mark Hopkins piece? Call or email us at hopkinsbronze@gmail.com and put us to work. You never know what we might be able to find for you.



Like "Mark Hopkins Sculpture" on Facebook for sneak peeks at new pieces and behind-the-scenes glimpses into Mark's process.

WWW.MARKHOPKINSSCULPTURE.COM

BronzeWorks welcomes your suggestions and articles.
Editors: Laurie Hopkins & Jenay Hopkins

Content ©Copyright Mark Hopkins, Inc. 2016