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Hot Off the Crucible

Mark's *Water's Edge* is a new public release. Previously exclusive to a gallery, this small edition sculpture depicts a famished grizzly on the prowl for a tasty snack. True to Mark's unique style, we get a look into the depths of the rushing river as well as the bear's eye view of the water's edge.

The price of freedom is eternal vigilance. It is true for the wild creatures of the earth, and true for the nation that holds dear its liberty. With that theme in mind, Mark's *Spirit of Liberty* is now available in a larger size. The new 18" version has really taken flight! This magnificent eagle resonates with everyone who loves either wildlife or this great nation - or both.



Mark also created two new additions to his popular Little Birdies Collection. *In a Flurry* is a lively group of chickadees who just got the memo to "take off!"



Like her sister piece *Petites Belles*, *In a Flurry* can be displayed either standing or hanging.

A smaller version of Mark's classic *Mountain Gold* also joined the flock. This darling chickadee is sitting on the glorious gold and white of an aspen tree in the fall.

We are excited about a new pair of birds coming in the spring. This sculpture will depict a lovely twosome of doves with an olive branch, the quintessential symbol of love and peace.



Highlights

30 years in business is a great milestone, but a granddaughter's wedding is a greater one! It's our first of many weddings, but it can't get any better than this one. They are a sweet young couple and we are still rejoicing in their happiness. It's hard to believe she was once tiny enough to sit in the lap of Mark's sculpture, *Daydreamer*. Mark's gift to them was his bust of *Be Not Afraid*, which the couple declared was their favorite wedding gift and displayed it prominently on their mantle. We are honored that Mark's work has become part of their new life together.



connected with so many people that it very quickly sold out. Mark has experienced many miracles in both his work and his personal life, and wants to acknowledge this with a new work called *Faith Commemorative*. It will be 11" tall and available in 2019, with a few ready to ship in December.



Faith

Decisions, Mark's exciting portrait of a bear and fisherman who are both after the same trout, has sold out. We are sorry to see it go, but that just means Mark needs to create another fisherman to satisfy his collectors of this addictive sport. He has a sketch in the works and plans to complete this fisherman in time for a spring release.



Earth Mother

Another "oldie but goody" is very nearly sold out. *Earth Mother* only has a few left in the edition. If you want one of the handful left, you'll need to move fast.

With a career that required a great deal of courage both to begin and to pursue, faith was an early theme in Mark's work. Nearly 30 years ago, *Healing Faith* introduced the theme. Next, in 2001, came Mark's work titled *Faith*. The sculpture

Kathie's Spring Garden at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley will soon have her namesake in place. Mark's long labor of love on this memorial portrait is finally finished and *Kathie* will be installed at her new home in Virginia in the spring.



Kathie

From Our Collectors

We truly love hearing from our collectors. Their enthusiastic responses to Mark's work lifts our hearts and gives us just the boost we need to keep up our energy in an exhausting career. Some of the recent comments we received have been especially fun. It would have been hard to add any more exclamation points to this note from a collector who had just received her *Earth Mother*:

"They've arrived!!!!!! They're absolutely stunning, and I'm thrilled to pieces!!!!!! (My boyfriend) is coming over on Friday and I can hardly wait to give them to him!!!! Thank you SO much, everybody, I am sooo happy!!!! With big hugs and many thanks!"



Another collector was expanding his existing Mark's Hopkins Sculpture collection with three new pieces, *Aviator*, *Bank of the Mara*, and *Little One*:

"Absolutely love them! Have had many (too many) get togethers at our house with superbowl & church stuff.... [the sculptures] have gotten much praise & attention."

Super Collectors

A gentleman from Kansas is our Super Collector for this edition of Bronzeworks. He wrote, *"I started collecting Mark's sculptures approximately 10 years ago after seeing his works at the gallery in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. His attention to detail to make things look so realistic, the use of critical balance points and the imagination in each piece are why I was drawn to start collecting. Just sitting back and looking at a piece can lead to seeing something different each time."*

"My favorite is probably Crack the Whip. However, I do have quite the collection of eagles, bears, children playing and religious themed statues. To date, I have a few more than 70 pieces in my collection. But I am always looking for that next great piece."

It is an amazing collection! With so many sculptures, we can only include a few in the newsletter.



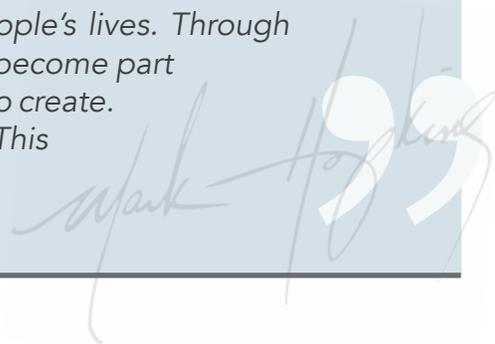
Artist's Corner

Reflecting on thirty years in business has given Mark a lot to think about. He recently expressed:

It's been a big year for me. The business turned 30 and I turned 65. One of my granddaughters was married in April. It feels good to think that the legacy I am leaving on the earth will be a worthwhile one. My children (6 of them) and grandchildren (21 of them) are all very fine people who are positive influences on the world. There are some gifted artists among them, as well.

In my lifetime, I have been blessed to be able to make a living with my art, which has been fulfilling to me both as a person and as an artist. Along with helping to create some wonderful human beings, I have created nearly 700 original sculptures that I hope have made the world a better place.

I create symbols, and they can be important and powerful in people's lives. Through them and the collectors who connect with the stories they tell, we become part of each others' lives. Without those good folks, I couldn't continue to create. It is a very bonding relationship out of which great things happen. This has been a great way to live my life and fulfill my calling.





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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.



Autumn's Return

Have a happy autumn!

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.



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