# Ringing in the New Year

#### Internet vs. Gallery

With galleries closing everywhere, is the Internet the culprit and the new movement for buying art? Is it possible galleries are a dying breed—soon to be replaced by virtual stores only a click away? New technologies change many things, but not all things. I think collectors and art lovers still want to buy their art in the time-honored fashion we are accustomed to after experiencing a connection with a gallery they trust.

Can you imagine museums closing their doors and inviting visitors to only an online tour? It distresses me to think that walking through world-renowned galleries and museums like the Louvre, the American Museum of Natural History, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Royal Museum of Ontario, and dozens of others around the globe could only happen via virtual locations. I feel certain that museums and galleries are here to stay and we have nothing to fear.

Galleries do what the Internet cannot. We create relationships and engage visitors in ways very distinct from the digital world.

For those digital warriors, however, we added a new feature to our website menu options debuting this month. When visiting our home page, you will find "Internet Specials". We've extended our virtual space to bring you items we do not have sufficient physical space for in the gallery. Because we are not adding overhead costs associated with increased floor space, we can offer *Special Internet* deals for collectors to acquire giclées, limited editions, note cards, posters, some one-of-a-kind original works, and artwork only designed for Internet offerings.

In the meantime, stop by and explore the work by our newest artists. We are excited to introduce the incredible Aspen-turned vessels by *Jerry Wedekind*, *Jewelry by Tana* designed and fabricated by *William Rasch and Tana Browning*, and eye-catching oils by guest artist *Penny Stewart* starting January 22.

### Who's Who - Tana & William

Meet **Tana Browning and William Rasch**, long-standing designers of "Jewelry by Tana", with a reputation that is hard to match. Nearly 30 years ago, Tana and William sold their fine jewelry in another popular store at 2510 W. Colorado Avenue, where we now reside. Timing and good fortune brought them back for another run at 2510 W. Colorado Avenue with us. William and Tana are pleased we are displaying their jewelry in the same spot! History repeats itself.





Update Your Calendar!
February 12 - 6-8:30 pm
"A Love Affair"
for art lovers

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Tana & William



The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance.

~Aristotle

## Ask Kelli ...

Q: I saw a druzy ring I would like to purchase but it was only a size 7. Can it be sized for an 8?

**A**: Yes, we are happy to upsize a ring at no charge. It is no problem to upsize one and half sizes. Otherwise, we can commission a new piece for your size.

## Q: Will my Glow Pot by Marc Jenesel stay shiny?

**A:** The inside of your Raku vessel is lined with three layers of copper leaf and coated with a protective clear sealant. It will not tarnish and will remain "glowing" and shiny for its life.

\*Kelli

Send your questions to AskKelli@gmail.com



New Arrivals by Jerry Wedekind

## ArtWalk - April 1, 2011

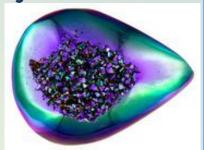
Mark Your Calendar for April 1, 2011. We thank all our generous sponsors and Ent Business Banking for a great ArtWalk year in 2010 and look forward to another year of generous support.

Please call us at 719-520-9494 to be a 2011 sponsor.

ArtWalk is a great way to find affordable original paintings, prints, photography, sculpture, fine jewelry, ceramics, glassworks, and more created by more than 300 locally and internationally acclaimed fine artists.

#### Dizzy with Druzy: What is Druzy?

Hunter-Wolff Gallery has nearly an entire display case filled with a variety of necklaces, earrings and rings designed with Druzy (sometimes spelled Drusy or Druse). It isn't any wonder the question, "What is Druzy?" is asked so frequently.



Druzy looks like tiny little diamonds glistening in the light but it is simply a thin layer of quartz crystals covering the surface of a host stone. When mineral crystals such as garnet, chalcedony or amethyst form, there is sometimes a layer of condensed crystal points that harden on the surface of the stone. This translucent layer of tiny crystals formed in large numbers is known as a druzy encrustation, hence the name "druzy crystal."

Druzy crystals, for example, are found on Agate, Chrysocolla, Chalcedony, Jasper, and Cobalto Carnite to name a few. Quite often, a titanium treatment and oxygen vapor are used to enhance a layer of druzy for more intense blues, greens, or purples while platinum can be used to create a silver or whitish hue.

You have likely seen geodes cut open exposing their crystals or a large Amethyst sliced open in a rock store with hundreds of crystals gleaming in the sun. Crystals fill the inside of the cavity of a geode. The formation of the crystals occur when the ground water that carries dissolved silica is forced into a porous area of rock and the rapid cooling traps gases within as it solidifies.

There are many kinds of druzy although quartz crystals are most common. Druzy Titanium or Druzy treated with Titanium is a regular Druzy. The colors of Druzy Titanium are very hot and intensely bright; it shifts from a bright hot purple to a metallic deep blue with some shades of red. The colors of Druzy Titanium differ with the change in the viewing angles for a stunning addition to pendants, earrings, pins, and rings. *Jewelry by Tana* offers many choices for every budget.

## Collection Corner featuring Jewelry by Tana



14KY Gold



Natural Opal and Tourmaline Pyritized Ammonite Sterling Silver



**Enhanced Drusy Sterling Silver** 



Malachite, Azurite, and mabe pearl in silver



Lavender Drusy with tourmaline specks and dark pearls, 14KY trim



Natural Pyrite Drusy 14KY Gold



Matching Lab Opal Inlay & Silver Rings

## Helpful Tips ☑ Nothing to do with Art

✓ Add your name to the National Do Not Call Registry It's easy and you can refuse telemarketing calls at home and on your cell. https://www.donotcall.gov/default.aspx OR call 1-888-382-1222

☑ Need an afternoon pick-me up? Tea-lovers can now enjoy "4 Diamond Afternoon Tea" at Old Town Guesthouse at 115 S. 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Colorado Springs, CO. Call 719-632-9194 and tell them Hunter-Wolff Gallery sent you.

✓ Travel tip: string necklaces and chain bracelets through a fat straw to keep from tangling in your suitcase.

☑ Got leftover candy canes? Combine ground candy cane with half and half in a cocktail shaker; mix with a splash of club soda and serve over crushed ice for a tasty refreshing New Year's treat.

☑ Okay, just one art tip for a decorating project. Redecorate and buy art on a skimpy budget. Save on your drapes from www.curtainworks.com and spend the rest of your budget on original art from www.hunterwolffgallery.com. Check for Internet Specials coming in January!

#### **Blog Reminder**

www.hunterwolffgallery.com/gallery or go to www.hunterwolffgallery.com follow the link on the menu bar

## Show Dates

**\***January

**CLOSED** for Vacation Week Days Only January 10-14 & 17-21 **OPEN** every Saturday and Sunday

22 - Opening: Special Guest Appearance by Penny Stewart 5-8pm



12 - A Love Affair for Art Lovers 6-8:30 p

Newsletters and articles are available at www.hunterwolffgallery.com. Call 719.520.9494 for additional information, artist biographies, current collection details, and event schedules. Forward this newsletter to a friend and signup for our email editions. \* BLOG with us at www.hunterwolffgallery.com/gallery



#### A Special Guest Appearance: Artist Penny Stewart

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Available Wednesday and Saturday for one-on-one instruction in oil or acrylic painting classes. Call now to register 719.520.9494 Small classes for personal attention.



Penny Stewart loves cheese and chocolate. But, she loves to paint even more. Yes, she has won awards (too many to count) and her work has been featured in books and magazines including Art of the American West, Landscapes in Watercolor, and Southwest Art. As if that's not enough, she's a recognized member of the professional artists' community. Penny is an elected Signature Member of the prestigious American Watercolor Society and the National Watercolor Society.

Could there be more? Yes, she was recently elected Associate Member of the Oil Painters of America. Penny paid her dues in the classroom as well. She was a high school art teacher for 25 years. She has her B.A. in Studio Art and her Master of Arts in Teaching from Colorado College. Now she is a guest artist exhibiting at Hunter-Wolff Gallery starting January 22 for a limited time. Don't miss seeing her award-winning beauties — below is a sneak peek at work being

presented this month. guarantees happiness!

## Pre-Show Teasers!

Make Your Claim Before Show Night



Valley High, 8x16 oil by Penny Stewart

Oasis, 17x17 oil by Penny Stewart

Opening Saturday, January 22 5-8 pm

Exhibit Ends Feb. 18



Snow Bright, 6x8 oil by Penny Stewart



Evensong, 16x20 oil by Penny Stewart



South Shore, 8x6 by Penny Stewart

These offerings are only available for a limited time Exhibit Closes after 4 weeks



White Gold, 16x20 oil by Penny Stewart