

# HUNTER-WOLFF GALLERY

ART COLLECTOR MONTHLY July 2013

## July 2013 Insider News

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## The Results Are In

Last month Hunter-Wolff Gallery hosted its first Juried Student Art Show judged by Regional Artist Chuck Mardosz. Many works of art by the 16-21 year olds who participated were sold prior to the show opening and during the two weeks on exhibit. On Friday evening, June 7, awards were presented to nine student artists excited to hear their name called while the jammed-packed gallery waited in silence.

Certificates, cash prizes and sponsor gifts were awarded by Sharon Wolff with a very enthusiastic audience applauding each recipient. Everyone was smiling and having a wonderful evening on this special night. The grand prize went to first year college student Karissa Gonzalez-Othon who is studying art at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas in preparation of an art career. The following received recognition, monetary awards and gifts:

*Best in Show* - Karissa Gonzalez-Othon for "Gilberto" earned \$500 cash award

*First Place* - David Yarger for "Springtime" earned \$450 cash award

*Second Place* - Kayla Liller for "Team of Four" earned \$350 cash award

*Third Place* - Bailey Black for "A Cure for Strangers" earned \$250 cash award

*Sponsor Award* - David Yarger for "The Greetings" earned \$100 cash award

*Honorable Mention* - Melanie Reis for "Threaded Veins" earned \$50 and Glaser Frame

*Honorable Mention* - Masha Polykarpova for "Mooska" earned \$50 and Glaser Frame

*Honorable Mention* - David Yarger for "Rampart in Rhapsody" earned \$50 and Glaser Frame

*People's Choice* - Bailey Black for "A Cure for Strangers" earned \$50 cash award

Congratulations to all the exhibitors! We are excited to report that 15 drawings and paintings sold from this student exhibition. I personally want to thank the following sponsors who made commitments and contribution to the Prize Awards:

[Colorado Springs Style Magazine](#)

Crystal Capital Advisors, Todd Crystal

Tony and Marcelline Cerato

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# No Shortage on Applause & Accolades

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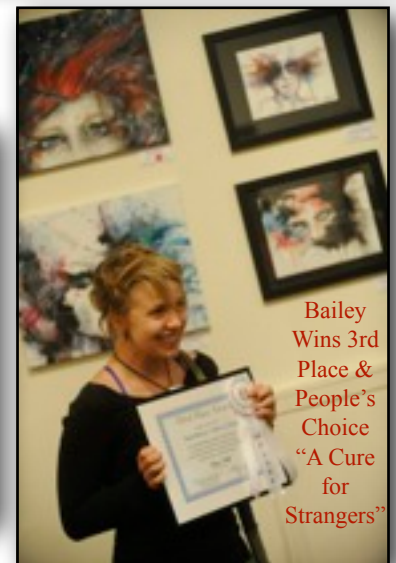
Karissa Gonzalez-Othon Receives Top Award  
"Best in Show" for "Gilberto"



Kayla Liller Wins 2nd Place for "Team of Four"



It was a full-house on June 7  
at Hunter-Wolff Gallery's Juried Student Show



Bailey Wins 3rd Place & People's Choice  
"A Cure for Strangers"



David Yarger Wins 1st Place for  
"Springtime"



Kayla Liller smiles for her peers

Fifteen student paintings and one sculpture Sold to art lovers in and out of state ranging between \$25 and \$360.



# Big Hits on the LeaderBoard

On behalf of Hunter-Wolff Gallery's artists, Hunter-Wolff Gallery appreciates your feedback and support and we are here to help with your requests regardless of whether you visit in person, over the phone, or online.

A special thanks to Lauren in Maryland for her purchase of a beautiful New Zealand Gimlet bowl by Elmer Jacobs; Sue L. for her selection of a Clifford Bailey painting to surprise her husband on his birthday (we know he loved it because he came in the next day to tell us); Ms. Briqitee--from France--for buying several jewelry pieces by Naweeya Omer and one by our very own French designer Jeanine Potter; Katherine Sorenson from Virginia for her multiple purchases of jewelry and paintings; Todd C. for selecting two turned hollow forms by Vinnie Luciani; Bernadette Knox in Arizona for her purchase of "Gnarled Tree" by Clifford Bailey, the Mineos in Arizona for selecting Mark Wong Raku; Holly and Tony in Boston for selecting DKC Jewelry; Cheryl Lang in Texas for picking two Gary Vigen stained glass paintings; Mike for choosing a beautiful Australian opal necklace for his wife; Pat Price for returning to HWG to buy another painting by Clifford Bailey; the Varners for ordering a custom blown glass heart for a wedding gift; the Nuth's for selecting Janelle Cox's landscape, Sunset; Megan N. for deciding on two Marlene Kort pastels for her Colorado Springs home; and a special thanks to all those who purchased drawings and paintings from the Student Art Show.



Join us for a double event on Saturday, August 24! DKC Jewelry by designer Diane Calkins will showcase one-of-a-kind Argentium sterling silver jewelry at our August Trunk Show.

Double Fun! Meet Colorado Author Arleen Alleman from 1-5 pm and pick up her fast-paced adventure books characterized by intrigue, mystery, romance, travel, and controversy. Arleen will sign a personal message in the book(s) you purchase.



## SAVE THE DATE

*July: Open 7 Days A Week*

Friday, July 5 - 5:00 - 8:00 pm  
ArtWalk - "Rain Clouds" Painting  
Demonstration by Marlene Kort \*

Friday, August 2 - 5:00 - 8:00 pm  
ArtWalk

Saturday, August 24 - 1:00 - 5:00 pm  
Book Signing & DKC Trunk Show

\*Marlene Kort will paint a small painting each hour beginning on the hour and each will be sold for \$150





# Always in Motion



Vinny Luciani loves to share how he makes something extraordinary *Just Ask!*



The journey begins when a tiny tree seed finds its way on a windy day and settles to take root. The lucky ones reach full maturity in spite of adverse weather and environmental conditions living a long life before *given a second life in the hands of [Vinny Luciani](#)*. It might take hundreds of years before that seed completes its full journey. But then, if it is really lucky, it gets a second chance as an art piece.

***How does a dead tree get its second life?*** Colorado woodturner Vinny Luciani, a highly skilled turner, gives new life to trees that have fallen at the end of their cycle. His creative mind and skillful hands are always busy creating extraordinary collectible objects d'arte. He starts on his lathe where a

form takes shape before it is hollowed. He then skillfully hand carves unique elements and detail for added interest. The first step in turning keeps the wood moving at anywhere from 500 RPM to a maximum high speed of about 4,000 RPM to cut and shape. Many intricate shapes and designs can be made by an expert turner like Vinny using the correct tools.

He selects primarily figured hardwoods like alder, ash, box elder, mahogany, hard maple, mesquite, cherry, walnut, and hardwood burls. Vinny selects stock that is spalted and rich with beautiful grains and patterns. Burls are also favored for their dramatic patterns and are sometimes combined with different woods that he ebonizes or dyes with color, and lacquers for a silky polished look and drama.

Be sure to visit Vinny Luciani's work in person to feel the wood that is certain to result in a smile on your face. And, yes, we even expect you will bring a piece up to your nose to inhale the scent of the wood.



Can I pick it up? *Just Ask!*

# Setting the Stage



*If you take the time to ask, you will learn that many successful artists chose their art careers because another artist directly or indirectly inspired them. For instance, one of Hunter-Wolff Gallery's artists, Clifford Bailey, was inspired by a famous artist by the name of Eyvind Earle (1916-2000). Clifford was a teenager when he met Earle. I suspect that Earle would be thrilled to know that his life as a fine artist had an enormous impact on the art world, and especially on a young Ohio boy, who today continues to pay homage to him.*

That 14-year-old boy who Earle inspired more than four decades ago became a highly successful and widely collected artist too. Can you imagine having that kind of impact on so many in the art world and learning you that your actions influenced a successful, dedicated artist with an impressive following?

Shortly after Clifford joined Hunter-Wolff Gallery, another little boy who was visiting with his mom saw Clifford Bailey's paintings. I remember thinking that the look on his face was perhaps the same look on Clifford's face when he first examined Eyvind Earle's paintings. Young Jacob's proud mom quickly presented an image of her son's painting on her cell phone to show how talented he was. He was clearly gifted

and may someday hang his paintings in a gallery too. He left the gallery with information about his new favorite artist from Hunter-Wolff Gallery and was delighted about what he had learned from his visit. It is possible that one day we will learn Jacob is a successful artist and claims to have been influenced by Clifford Bailey's paintings. *We can only hope.* I could see in his eyes that he was soaking up the information I shared and sensed he wanted to run out the door to start his next drawing or painting to be like the artist he admired.

One of my favorite Walt Disney's quotes is worth sharing, "If you can dream it, you can do it."

It takes a dream and it helps when those we admire inspire us to follow our dreams. *Who will you inspire to follow a dream today?*

You could be the person who makes a difference in the life of a young, budding artist.

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Do It Today: plan an outing with your kids to enjoy art events, galleries and museums and inspire them to dream ... and do it now.

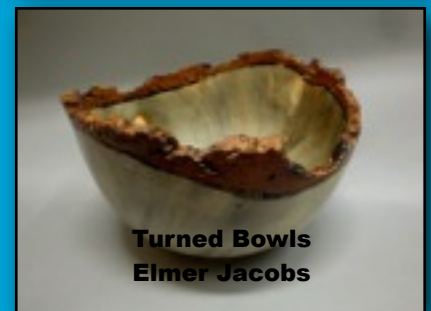
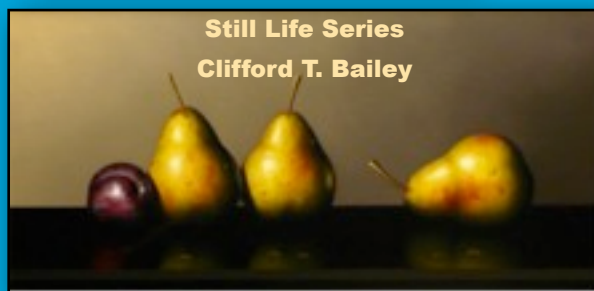
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# *New Arrivals:* How Long Can They Last?

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