

HUNTER-WOLFF GALLERY

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ART COLLECTOR MONTHLY June 2017

Here Comes Summer

Summer! One of the busiest seasons keeps us moving full speed ahead. Each year around this time of year, many artists get really busy too and start their day plein air painting. Some have already begun to scope out new places both picturesque and unique to set up their French Box (portable) easels for a morning and afternoon of outdoor painting. Aside from working among the natural elements of a location, working in natural light is magical for many artists. The results can be astounding. When we think of famous artists known for their en plein air work, Monet, Renoir, Van Gogh, Cezanne, and dozens (maybe hundreds) of others come to mind quickly.

But, at Hunter-Wolff Gallery, we have a fair share of plein air artists too sprinting off with their equipment and provisions for a day's (or week's) outing. For example, explore work by [Marlene Kort](#), [Dena Peterson](#), [Patrice Dello-Russo](#), [Julie Kirkland](#), [Dean Mabe](#), [Jennifer Jung](#) and others currently exhibiting plein air paintings in spite of less than perfect weather conditions at their portable easels. It is so worth getting outdoors this time of year to capture the true color of light and shadow and seeing into the darkest dark and discovering the color temperature of the brightest bright.

Treat yourself to an afternoon visit at Hunter-Wolff Gallery to explore the beautiful plein air paintings by our fine painters now on exhibit. We are here to guide you through the gallery to find plein air paintings by the region's finest.

We can also help with a free consultation. Start enjoying art by visiting our [website](#) or [Facebook.com](#). If you picked up one of our hard copy newsletters, don't forget to sign up for our monthly Insider Newsletter to get your copy online every month and begin learning about the joy of art.

Happy Art Collecting This Summer!

Big Hits on the LeaderBoard

June is the beginning of our busiest season, which runs right through December. Get your custom orders in early even if you know you will need a special gift in the fall! We are happy to hold it for you until you need it. A big hug and special thanks goes to: Joyce B. for adding a beautiful, one of a kind Tony Heslop lamp for her home in Missouri; John H. in Colorado Springs for purchasing a Marlene Kort pastel painting; Sharon S. for bringing friends and family to her favorite gallery and picking up extra pottery; Pat and Brian in Monument for selecting their first Janelle Cox painting for a special place in their home; T. Walker in Colorado Springs for buying a Diane Calkins pendant for a friend; Shelly H. for requesting a shipment to her Indiana home; Sharon M. in Casper Wyoming for visiting and taking back pottery; the Andersons from Maryland for adding gifts to their suitcase; Patty B., Idaho Springs CO, for selecting Maria Battista and Diane Calkins jewelry; Richard F, visiting from Elmhurst, IL, for adding a Clifford T. Bailey painting to his home; Fred N. traveling from E. Greenbush, NY and taking back two lamps on the plane (enjoyed our visit!); Velma K. for giving Tom Dickson's bronze turtle a permanent home in Colorado; and the dozens and dozens of pottery lovers who clean us out every month! We enjoy visiting with all of you and promise to keep the artwork at Hunter-Wolff Gallery fresh and interesting.

The 2017 ArtWalk season is here!
Be sure to pick up your brochure or go online to www.facebook.com/ArtWalkOCC/ for current postings and news.

SAVE THIS DATE
ARTWALK
Opening Reception
Friday, June 2
5 to 8 pm
Meet Dean Mabe

FUN ART FACTS

Did you know that . . .

- Oil paintings generally cost less to frame than equally sized prints?
- Lighting on a painting needs to be dimmer at night and brighter during the day?
- Reputable galleries offer the same prices as their artists offer directly?
- An artist's best work is usually sent to his most productive gallery to sell?
- Fluorescent lighting causes more fading of artwork than incandescent lighting?
- More artists are left handed than right handed?
- Giclée prints are mass produced and simply high quality ink-jet prints on fancy paper or canvas?
- Art prices are set just like other prices, by supply and demand?
- Art has surpassed the stock market in appreciation over the past twenty years?
- 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?
- Hunter-Wolff Gallery offers fine art by nearly 40 artists, one of the largest collections in Old Colorado City?

FAQs

Customer Question: My parents are deceased and we are settling their estate. Will you accept their artwork on consignment?

HWG Answer: Sorry we are not in the re-sale market or a consignment store. The artists featured and promoted at Hunter-Wolff Gallery are under contract. We only accept the work of professional artists and are 100% committed to promoting their career and collections.

MEET PAT BELLACICCO, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

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It gives me great pleasure to introduce Pat Bellacicco who joined the gallery staff on April 11 as Associate Director. Ironically, Pat and her husband have been clients of the gallery for years and Pat knows first hand what it takes to create a loyal customer and understands the importance of good customer care.

Pat has been deeply interested in art from a very early age. Her lifelong dream was to travel the world and become acquainted with as many art galleries and museums as she could. She came from a long line of artists and musicians, and in her 20's she studied oil painting under a protégé of [Dalhart Windberg](#). She worked in oils, exhibited locally and then life took over. Like many moms, she went to work to support her family and art went by the wayside, temporarily.

Early in her professional career, Pat was a Revenue Officer for the IRS. She later accepted a Federal job for the USAF as an Executive Secretary and climbed the ladder to Protocol Officer for the commander at Kirkland AFB, NM. In her quest to travel she applied to 90 locations overseas and got an assignment in Ankara, Turkey reporting to the then Commander of Armed Forces in Turkey, Spain and Italy. Her dream for foreign travel had begun! She met her knight in shining armour, a USAF officer and they married in Ankara, Turkey at the Vatican Embassy Chapel (how cool!). More assignments took her to Izmir Turkey, Ramstein Germany and Aviano Italy.

It was then she became interested in photography—it fulfilled her artist need to capture everything she was seeing and experiencing. She landed a great position with the Smithsonian, [National Air and Space Museum](#) (NASM) in Washington, DC, and later retired as Chief of Staff to the Director of the Museum. But, more was to come. She went back to Turkey and again another war erupted. For context, war seemed to erupt wherever she was stationed; i.e., Desert Storm, Operation Deliberate Force, 9/11, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. She became Chief of Protocol for the Wing at Incirlik Air Base Turkey and was issued her own chemical warfare gear! As Chief of Protocol she planned and managed all of the ceremonies and events associated with retiring Operation Northern Watch and activating Operation Deliberate Force.

They moved back to Washington DC and NASM offered her a new position to create a prototype organization called Visitor Services. This organization was so successful, it became the new standard for the Smithsonian Institute. Pat finally retired from NASM in December of 2009 with more than 30 years in Federal Service. Pat and her husband moved to Colorado in 2011. She set up her very first art studio in 30 years and continues to enjoy working with photography and watercolors. Come visit Pat and hear more about her adventures and what drove her to get even closer to the art world.

What's Happening In June?

- ◆ 6/02 ArtWalk & Celebration of June Birthdays
- ◆ 6/06 D Day, WWII
- ◆ 6/14 [Flag Day](#)
- ◆ 6/18 [Father's Day](#) - third Sunday
- ◆ 6/19 [Juneteenth Day](#)
- ◆ 6/20 [Summer Solstice](#) (The longest day of the year!)
- ◆ [Daily June holidays and special days](#)

Receive 10% off your purchases if you have a June birthday.



Artist
Spotlight

Dean Mabe

Dean is one of Hunter-Wolff Gallery's newest oil painters who, if he's not holding a paint brush in his hand, is likely on horseback or enjoying the beauty of one of Colorado's

backwoods streams teasing a fish with his expertly tied artificial fly. Shortly after meeting Dean, it was no surprise to learn he is happiest at his easel, messing with a fly rod or caring for his family and horses.

This mild mannered, laid-back artist says his art is a culmination of years enjoying time in a saddle, Colorado sunsets, hunting and fishing trips, hikes climbing 14,000 foot peaks, and hundreds and hundreds of hours sketching and painting. He doesn't go anywhere without his sketch pad. It's his painting in oils, however, that best tell his story, the story of his passions.

His work is representational, yet somewhat impressionistic. He strives to capture that fleeting moment and the detail that emphasizes that something special occurred, whether it is when the sun just sets on the horizon or the moment a horse dips its head to enjoy a crystal clear stream.



Before Dean pursued a career as an artist, he finished college with a civil engineering degree. He says he particularly enjoyed the illustration that was required. Not long after, he turned to advertising where his creative talent and film work along with ad campaigns won many awards for excellence.

But, watching the seasons pass just wasn't enough in spite of a successful career. It was Dean's desire to mingle with the seasons and attempt to catch and interpret the moment on canvas. With years of experience on a ranch and spending most of his time outdoors, the thought of being an artist was always a constant dream.



Today, Dean is living his dream and although his art studio is typical with opened tubes of paint, waiting canvasses and painting paraphernalia, he says it is truly a small museum filled with the trappings of a cowboy's life.



Not To Be Missed New Arrivals

How Long Can They Last?

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Alabaster Sculpture
Maria Battista

Celebrate summer with great gifts, jewelry and fine art.



Landscape Oils
Dena Peterson



Original Oils
Jennifer Jung



Casual & Evening Jewelry
Diane Calkins



Large Scale Oils
Janelle Cox

Be sure to check for new work regularly. We add images of new arrivals weekly on [Facebook](#) and Hunter-Wolff Gallery's [website](#).

