



"CADUCEUS"
12' High, 9' Wingspan, Bronze
31" Maquettes

It has been a long time since our last newsletter. At that time we were still living in the White Mountains of Greer. After 9 years there, we are now back living and working in Sedona, Arizona where James' career began in 1980. We opened a new working studio here in the Village at Tequa Marketplace that has been a great environment for James to complete existing commissions and work on other new pieces....Due to the hectic schedule we continue to have, it will be impossible to include all the existing work, activities, and events, but will address as many as reasonable. As always, you can keep informed on a more regular basis and check on new pieces, or works in-progress, by checking James' website: www.jamesmuir.com or contact the studio by email: info@jamesmuir.com, or phone: 928/284-2039.

As many of you know, James has spent his entire career offering poignant statements for mankind through what he terms "Allegorical Art." His reputation as an historical and allegorical artist has motivated him to do many pieces that address world issues as well as the highest and best in mankind, such as duty, honor, courage, justice, and the triumph of the human spirit. James' work expanded over the years from mostly historical to include contemporary subjects with an array of artistic commentary on the human social, political and spiritual condition to exemplify the highest qualities of man that reflect the critical nature of the times in which we live. His book "Lanterns Along The Path" and recent works continue to address those concepts.

In deed, he has been especially busy since moving back to Sedona with many other lifesize/monumental pieces and commissions being completed which include:

The 9 foot "American Pieta" located in Golden, Colorado and Chicago, Illinois; the 20 foot Christ "Walk With Me" which was installed in Texas (First United Methodist Church Richardson) February 6; the lifesize "Lil' Liberty & Let Freedom Ring" in Sedona, Arizona at Red Rock News July '08, a 7 foot "The Dance" that has gone into several locations including uptown Sedona, downtown Colorado Springs, and in Oregon-Pioneer Park Museum; the lifesize Mexican hero Elfebo Baca was dedicated on May 24th in Reserve, New Mexico. (This sculpture also won the prestigious Olaf Weighorst Best of Show Award at the Tucson Mountain Oyster Show November '06.) Each of these do have maquette sizes available. Other new tablesize pieces include: the Arizona Ranger, "Monsoon on The Mogollon" - and a corresponding Texas Ranger, "On The Border".



"The Dance"
life-size (7') Ed.12

Works in-progress and others completed include: the lifesize Thomas Jefferson monument commissioned for USMA @ West Point's new Jefferson Library Rotunda by James' Class of '68 - this will be installed September 5th '08, the Sedona Humane Society's signature pieces "Hound of Heaven-Soul of The Cat" to be dedicated September 13th; a tablesize commissioned historical "civil war" action sculpture "Cry Freedom" (which will be completed in time for the annual Mountain Oyster Show); a lifesize commission of a pioneer couple "East Meets West"; "The Last Horseman" (a civil war confederate cavalryman); and an early aviator "Visions of Flight".

There is much to still be accomplished and no rest for James until these commissions are completed and installed....Then he gets a much needed hiatus to decide what's next.....since he is never at a loss for ideas, I am sure it will be great-whatever it is!

We do still have the 12 ft. sculpture "Caduceus" available which is a very powerful piece that addresses universal issues of healing the earth and all its inhabitants. As some of you know, ultimately this piece will also be available at the heroic size of 39 feet high to a very special audience. She will be offered for placement on each of the seven continents to individuals who want to memorialize "world healing and peace". Do you know 7 philanthropists or organizations who want to leave that kind of legacy in their name?!

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"Heart of The Hound & Soul of The Cat"
Sedona Humane Society monumental shown
(maquette and monumental sizes available)

Please contact us for a complete
listing of all available work

Our summer schedule is busy with the Loveland Sculpture Show which we participate in each year. It is a "must see" show for collectors with hundreds of artists and sculptures!!! We hope to see you there this year, August 8,9,10. We will be displaying the 9 ft. "American Pieta" and premiering "Lil Liberty-Let Freedom Ring" along with the new tablesize pieces.

We hope that if you get this way, you will come visit us at the studio – be sure to make it to downtown Sedona, they have worked very hard on adding public art you will enjoy. James was honored that shortly after our return to Sedona his own monumental sculptures "The Dance" and "Heart of The West" (9 ft. Horse) were purchased and installed on main street at the Cowboy Club Plaza. Many Thanks to owners Tom and Andre' Gilemon!!

James' "SOAP BOX":

Yes, the book did get finished after 7 years. "Lanterns Along The Path" not only was finally completed but, upon its release, was chosen as the Winner of the Pinnacle Book Achievement Award – more importantly for me, it was chosen for the "Inspirational Category" which was such a wonderful honor and recognition for the book!! You can order an autographed book through the studio, but it is also offered nationally by Barnes & Noble Bookstores. What I found, again, was "Don't Push The River!" Like with art, creativity is not ruled by the physical "laws" of clocks and calendars. The book would have been merely a shadow, incomplete at best, had we tried to get it in print when we first thought it would be. I sincerely appreciate all of your loyalty and patience, with the book – and the commissions!!!!



"Walk With Me"
monumental 20 feet high Ed.3
(21" maquettes - Ed.24 also available)



"Lil' Liberty-Let Freedom Ring"
Lifesize Shown - Ed.12
(13" maquettes also available-Ed.24)



"Monson on The Mogollon"
(AZ Ranger Ed.26)
"On The Border" (TX Ranger-Ed.10)



"One Man, One War- Elfego Baca"
(22"x16"x16" Ed.19 maquettes available)



"The American Pieta"
Monumental 9 feet shown - Ed.5
(17" maquettes-Ed.50 also available)



"Band of Brothers"
(15"x24"x13" Ed. 24)