Estero Fine Art Show Debuts In April

The 1st Bi-Annual Estero Fine Art Show will be held on April 5th & 6th at the Miromar Outlets. Many of the nation’s highest quality juried artists will exhibit their exquisite work at the show and visitors from as far away as Orlando and Miami are expected to attend.

Over 200 juried applications are received, but only 125 are selected to show. This fine art event showcases artists from 30 states. For some, this will be their only show in Florida. The art show will focus on quality and variety, with artwork for every budget.

To ensure a level of quality artwork, Hot Works, the show producer, will give away $1,500 in Artist Awards to the "Best In Show."

"Our goal is to create an atmosphere that enhances the artwork and creates a relaxing environment for art lovers," says Show Director, Patty Narozny.

Three artists that are thrilled to be a part of this year’s Estero Fine Art Show are Roy Schallenber, Kimberly Willcox, and Jonathon Stopper.

Roy Schallenberg is a dynamic painter and sculptor. His painting techniques using airbrush, palette knife, and brush, weaves color, texture, and aura into a fantasy of
ABOVE — Roy Schallenbergs Cosmic Window

BELOW — Roy Schallenbergs Bass Player

OPPOSITE ABOVE — Roy Schallenbergs Masquerade

OPPOSITE BELOW — Roy Schallenbergs Cosmic Sea

brilliance and spontaneity. His sculpture collection carries the same unique strength and flow. Each sculpture is originally formed in clay and then cast in bronze.

Schallenbergs love of vibrant color began as a child, collecting exotic butterflies. His glazing technique, of adding one transparent color over another, gives his artwork depth and rich color. As you gaze at his paintings, you see through one color to another color. “My paintings are pure energy and represent only themselves in meaning and significance, reflecting the mood and understanding of the viewer,” says Schallenberg.

Kimberly Willcox is a mixed media artist working within a vast range of materials, techniques and found objects. “I was born an artist. Art is my connection to the world around me,” says Willcox.

Her latest sculpture series, “Staves” is a renewal and transformation of a reclaimed body of material after a tragic natural disaster. Seventy-two wooden staves were once the barrel of a water tower in her backyard before Hurricane Frances tore through the state. In spite of the chaos and sadness, she found beauty in the soft cypress wood. Carving new life to these weathered elements, telling a story of rebirth and resurrection through wreckage, is what her love of art is all about.

Jonathon Stopper is a renowned jewelry artist. His gem and stonework began with a career as a Geological Engineer. His apprenticeships with manufacturers and brokers...
eventually led him to create exquisite jewelry. Stopper is one of a few American designers working with the sculptured gemstones of the German Masters, Bernd and Tom Munsteiner.

In each unique piece he creates, the stone or gem is the feature, not the accent. All elements of a piece compliment the stone without competing with it or overshadowing it.

Stopper’s engineering background is apparent in his linear and geometric designs. Each element of his jewelry has a functional relationship to the piece, while still creating an aesthetic masterpiece. Each stone and gem is hand selected, polished, cast, waxed, and set by the artist.
ABOVE LEFT – Jonathon Stopper 14KT pendant featuring a Nigerian Aquamarine.

ABOVE CENTER – Jonathon Stopper 14KT pendant with Channel-set Munsteiner-Cut Tourmaline.

ABOVE RIGHT – 14KT pendant with Munsteiner-cut Ametrine.

BELOW – Hand-sculpted 14 KT yellow gold ring with Double Blue Aquamarine.

OPPOSITE ABOVE – Kimberly Willcox “Hello Girl”, 2006, Cypress, Bronze and Steel, 22” X 32” X 8”.

OPPOSITE BELOW LEFT – Kimberly Willcox “Day Tripper”, Cypress, Bronze, Steel and Glass, 27” X 11” X 5”.

OPPOSITE BELOW CENTER – Kimberly Willcox “Little Big Horn”, Cypress, Bronze, Steel, Water Buffalo Horn and Brass, 28” X 20” X 9”.

OPPOSITE BELOW RIGHT – Kimberly Willcox sculptures from left to right: “Fur-tilly Egg Centric”, Cypress, Bronze and Ostrich Egg, 77” X 11” X 8”; “Evo”, Cypress, Bronze, Steel and Bone, 75” X 12” X 8”; “Lady Justice”, Cypress, Bronze, Steel and Jute, 75” X 11” X 8”; “Time Flies”, Cypress, Bronze and Steel, 75” X 11” X 8”; “Fly On Back Home to Me”, Cypress, Bronze and Steel, 78” X 12” X 8”.

Stopper’s jewelry is a testament to the beauty of earth, in all its natural simplicity.

The Estero Fine Art Show is free to the public - with free parking and free admission - and will be held on the west side of Miromar Outlets. In addition to the outstanding artwork, there will be great food, free live entertainment, live artist demonstrations, and children’s art activities.

Estero Fine Art Show
April 5th & 6th
Sat: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm & Sun: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Miromar Outlets
10801 Corkscrew Road, Estero, FL 33928
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