

## Hot Off the Crucible:

Beauty and brawn have been the order of the day at Mark Hopkins Sculpture. Both Eli and Mark have been busy creating some fabulous new bears. Mark has designed several scenes taken from the daily lives of these massive bruins. The first three works in the series, which will be cast in very limited editions, are *Decisions*, *Famished*, and *Uninvited*. Eli's newest bear was a commission from an investment group that wanted a larger version of his fierce *Grizzly* as a companion piece to Mark's very popular and powerful *Bull*. Together they represent the opposing forces in the financial market. The result is a splendid new work.

Representing a very different environment and a more elegant segment of the natural world, Mark has also sculpted a magnificent sailfish pursuing his catch. Entitled *Ocean Lightning*, this piece will soon be

joined by another monarch of the ocean, a majestic Blue Marlin.

Mark has also sculpted a new Autumn piece to round out his four seasons of birds. Entitled *Changing Seasons*, this charming nuthatch joins *Blue Dasher*, *Winter's Carol*, and *Spring Perch*, all of which can be seen online. With each of those works nearly sold out, *Changing Seasons* won't last very long! Eli's contribution to the gentle side of nature is also a bird — a smaller version of his beloved but sold-out *Grace*.



*Uninvited*



*Famished*



*Ocean Lightning*



*Decisions*



*Changing Seasons*



*Grace Small*

# Highlights

A number of Mark Hopkins' works have been used as awards for various public and private honors. One of the most prestigious thus far is Mark's original sculpture designed for the Walden Woods Project's Global Environmental Leadership Award. It was presented on July 25th in Boston, MA, to former President Bill Clinton, who



Walden Woods Project

was selected as the first recipient. Mark and his wife Laurie, as well as Eli and wife Jenay, were invited to attend the award gala, which included a performance by Grammy Award-winning singer and songwriter Sarah McLachlan. The Walden Woods Project, founded by recording artist Don Henley, who emceed the event, focuses on conservation, scholarship, education, program activities, and environmental advocacy/awareness. The Board of Directors commissioned Mark to create a meaningful symbol of their work to be presented as an annual award. The sculpture portrays an adult hand passing the earth to younger hands, symbolic of our responsibility to give our children an earth as beautiful and clean as the one we inherited from earlier generations. Another artist carved Mark's image into wood to create Environmental Challenge Awards, presented to several others whose conservation efforts were honored at the banquet. The Walden Woods Project Board is contemplating the creation of a monumental version of the sculpture for placement in the area of Walden Pond.

A video shown the night of the banquet can be viewed on the Mark Hopkins youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/MarkHopkinsSculpture>. We will continue to use this venue to post interesting video productions of our work.

Several of Mark's larger pieces, *Day Break* and *Face to Face*, are currently displayed in the new sculpture garden of the historic Stanley Hotel in Estes Park, Colorado. A portion of the proceeds from their sales will go to the Navy SEAL Foundation, which honors our nation's



Face to Face (large)

warriors and supports their families.

After years of effort, Eli Hopkins' powerful monument for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, *Fallen Comrades*, was finally unveiled and dedicated in May in Shepherdstown, WV. This important project, conceived over a decade ago, pays tribute to USFWS personnel who died in the line of duty. In the words of USFWS Director Dan Ashe, "With this statue we honor our former colleagues who gave their lives to ensure that current and future generations continue to



Fallen Comrades (detail)

enjoy our precious fish and wildlife legacy." Eli was deeply honored when his design was selected, and enjoyed the process of creating this work, which portrays a ranger in action, along with many creatures of the forest sculpted into the base. Eli was also pleased when he was asked to speak at the dedication ceremony. In his words, "It's an honor to be a part of something that meant so much to others." Congratulations to Eli on a job well done!

Part of the dedication ceremony, including Eli's brief words, can be seen on our new youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/MarkHopkinsSculpture>.



Face to Face (life-size)

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Eli will also be speaking to TransAmerica financial group — the investment company who commissioned him to create an enlarged *Grizzly* — in September at their award ceremony.

For the first time, Mark Hopkins Sculpture studio will be opening its doors for the Loveland Art Studio Tour! This juried exhibition, held Oct. 12-14, is a unique opportunity to meet

and interact with Loveland area artists in their studio. Get an inside peak at how an artist studio works! Participating artists for the 2012 tour were selected by Southwest Art Magazine. For information and maps, go to the site at: <http://lovelandartstudiotour.com/master.php?ID=239187>

Another fun fall event will be the Sculpture at the River Market held from Oct. 20th-21st in Little Rock Arkansas. Mark will be attending that event.

## Artist's Corner

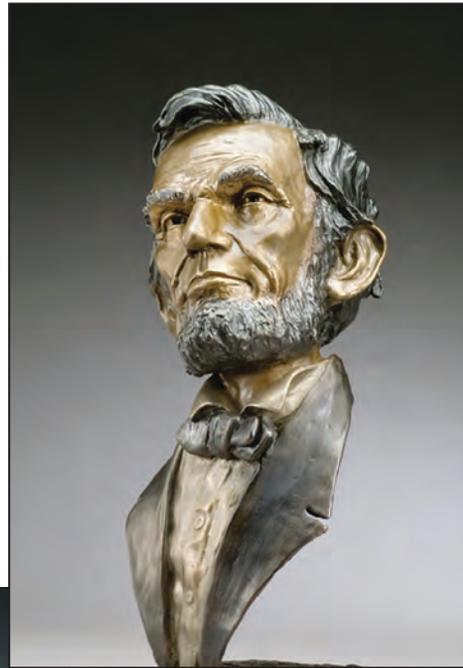
In the process of creating a sculpture for the Walden Woods Project's Global Environmental Leadership Award, Mark has made several trips to the Boston area and nearby Walden Woods, home of naturalist and author Henry David Thoreau, as well as his contemporary and friend, Ralph Waldo Emerson. While there, Mark collaborated with the Walden Woods Project Board of Directors and enjoyed the beauty and historic sights of New England.

Mark was overwhelmed by the historical significance of the area. He said, "The Concord Inn where I stayed during my first visit back in February was nearly 300 years old. It had an amazing feel of early America. One frosty morning I went walking alone through the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, the Minute Man National Historical Park, and across the Old North Bridge. I felt a real sense of awe at what actually happened there. I got to stand where they fired 'the shot heard



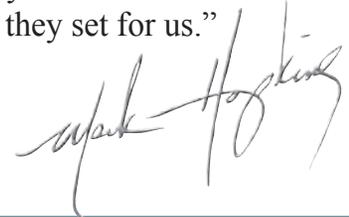
'round the world.' It was the opening battle of the American Revolution — the birthplace of American liberty! It took amazing courage and commitment for those colonists to stand up for what they felt were their God-given rights.

"On my second visit in July, (for the presentation of the award), Laurie and I were able to walk the Freedom Trail in Boston, which is marked by red bricks that wind through town, guiding people to many of



*Lincoln*

the important historical sites in Boston. We stood by the Old State House and looked up at the balcony where the Declaration of Independence was read for the first time to the people of Boston. I feel a sincere and deep sense of gratitude to the founders of this country. They knew they were risking their lives for the cause of liberty. I hope Americans today will remember and live up to the example they set for us."



*Justice*

## 2012 Fall and Winter Events

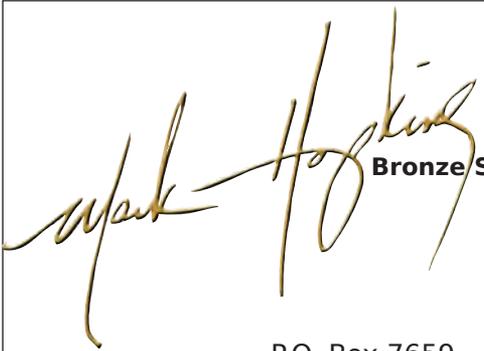
**Loveland Art Studio Tour**  
2020 S. County Road 9  
Loveland, Colorado  
Oct. 12-14

**Sculpture at the River Market**  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
Oct. 20-21  
Mark is attending.

**Exhibiting at the National Western Stock Show**  
Denver, Colorado  
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*From the diversity of our individual talents and strengths, we will forge a great unity of purpose and achieve unlimited success and prosperity.*

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## From our Collectors

**W**e recently received not merely a comment, but an entire story from one happy collector, complete with an attached photo. First we received a phone call from a Florida woman asking about one of Mark's retired eagle pieces, *Cry of Freedom*. The woman told us that after seeing this sculpture for the first time on the secondary market, she was immediately anxious to find one for her boyfriend, Chris, to present to him at his upcoming surprise 45th birthday party. As family and friends gathered to honor this firefighter captain, he was indeed joyously surprised! *Cry of Freedom* now has a special place in their home: atop an irreplaceable antique tube radio. Chris' grandparents gave the radio to each other as a wedding gift in 1934. The couple immigrated to America seeking freedom, now represented by Mark's beautiful eagle.



*Cry of Freedom*



*"Like" Mark Hopkins Sculpture on facebook and you might be able to watch your idea come to life through Mark's hands! A comment posted by one of our followers inspired one of Mark's newest works, **Uninvited**.*