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KEVIN CARON STUDIOS

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MUSeINGS - News From Artist Kevin Caron

August 2018

Although there are still 2-1/2 months of summer ahead of us here in Arizona, Kevin is as busy as ever ...

- Phoenix Five15 show runs through Aug. 26; Camelback
 Studio winter tour is on
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DOWNTOWN PHOENIX FIVE15 SHOW CONTINUES THROUGH AUG. 26; KEVIN JOINS CAMELBACK STUDIO WINTER TOUR



More than 350 people attended the July 6 opening of the "Seventh Annual Five15 to the Fifth" art show at Chartreuse Gallery in Phoenix (*left*) where Kevin's newest 3D-printed sculpture, luminous **Spectre** debuted. Photographer and painter <u>Daniel Prendergast</u>, a member of the 10-year-old artist collective, invited Kevin to participate. The show runs through **Sunday**, **August 26** at Five15's home gallery, **Chartreuse** at <u>1301 NW Grand Ave</u>. in Phoenix. Kevin will be at the **August 3rd** and **August 17th receptions**, which will be held **5 - 10 p.m.** Come on by and say hi and, while you're at it, check out the other galleries on these Phoenix art walk evenings.

Its Camelback Mountain view makes Kevin's home an apt destination on the nine-year-old Camelback Studio Tour. "My home is where I create my large format 3D-printed sculptures,"

Kevin explains. In 2017 the tour featured 20 artists in six studios and, for the first time, included <u>Shemer Art Center</u>. This year Kevin's home studio, which is overlooked by the mountain's Praying Monk rock formation, is on the tour. Of course, there will be new sculpture and jewelry available, and his 8-foot-tall 3D printer will be running. The tour runs Friday, **November 2 - Sunday, November 4**. Add to your calendar now! Hours and more information are available in the <u>Website Events section.</u>

You can always <u>learn more about upcoming events</u> on the Website.

TWO SCULPTURES HEAD TO PUBLIC PLACES

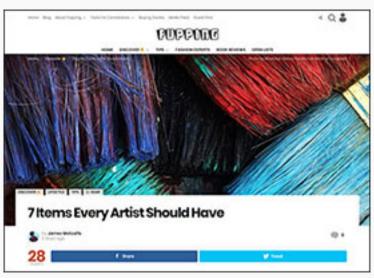
The largest sculpture in Kevin's <u>Ball and Post</u> series, <u>Cosmography</u>, is now in front of Tempe, Arizona's <u>Sterling 920 Terrace</u> apartment complex. It was purchased and installed late last month. Meanwhile, <u>Square Up</u>, part of Kevin's <u>Gordian Accordian</u> series, has been purchased for a Riverside, California, sculpture garden.

To complement its new setting, <u>Cosmography</u>, which originally had an oxidized finish as seen in the opening photo, is now a sleek silver hue. "When siting a sculpture and the form is right but the color isn't, I'm not afraid to readdress the finish," says Kevin. Other sculptures on which he changed the finish include <u>Fuego</u> (which was once silver), <u>Mondo</u> (which was orange), and <u>Knot Me</u> (which went from a sedate antique copper to a new mounting and a brilliant red).

Square Up is one of the first sculptures to be placed in the **Grand Arbor** Sculpture Garden in Riverside, California. Grand Arbor, which began as a private destination with 22 gardens on five acres, a historic home and barn, is now expanding to include sculpture. "I want people to be able to touch the sculptures," says Frank Heyming, Grand Arbor founder. "Square Up definitely fits that description."



IN THE NEWS: LUXURY, LOCAL AND LIKEABLE - AND AN ABC TV DEBUT!



As we await the appearance of articles about Kevin's work in Phoenix
Home & Garden
and Luxury Portfolio
magazines, you can have fun with Fupping's article "Tems Every Artist Should Have."

"Everyone else was very practical," says Kevin. "Leave it to me to be, well, creative" See what he had to say and vote for your favorite item at Fupping.

TERRIFIC BREAKING NEWS!

Kevin is going to be included in an ABC **prime time network special** about people who have changed their careers midlife. Filming starts

next week about Kevin's transition from being a semitruck driver to an artist.

Stay tuned! We don't want you to miss it.

UNDER WAY IN THE STUDIO: FLOWING AND SPINNING

Schubertii, the monumental aluminum sculpture that has been dominating the studio since January, is now back from the powder coater. Kevin has assembled the branches and flowers, and is getting ready for a photo shoot. Commissioned for a private sculpture and horticultural garden in New York that features a number of Kevin's works, the ball and flowers on this outdoor sculpture spin. Check in to <u>see Schubertii grow</u>.

Kevin is close to completing two water sculpture commissions. One, which now has its title - **Gyro** (right, before its final finish) - is headed to a home in Rancho Mirage, California, once owned by the entrepreneur and inventor Robert McCulloch. Best known for his chainsaws, McCulloch also invented the McCulloch J-2 Gyroplane, a hybrid combination of helicopter and airplane. The water sculpture's title is a playful take on the name of the plane, one of many of McCulloch's inventions. See Gyro develop on its own page.

The other water sculpture, now titled **Cascade**, is part of his popular stacked dish design, which began with <u>Dripping Springs</u>. "I enjoy making variations on this one, too," says Kevin. He is putting the finishing touches on it before both sculptural fountains go for their finishes. <u>See Cascade</u> on its own page.



Kevin also has had a few moments to work on his <u>as-yet-untitled kinetic sculpture</u>. "The interior spinning section has been niggling at me," says Kevin. Check out its Webpage to see the center section take shape.

Stay tuned to Kevin's Work in progress Website section to watch his sculptures come to life.

NEW IN 3D PRINTING BLOG: COMBINING AND COLOR



Kevin provides insights into working with the fascinating - and sometimes frustrating - technology of 3D printing in his blog "A Sculptor's Take on 3D Printing."

Enjoy these blog posts now:

- <u>"Combining 3D-printing filaments"</u> With more types of filament materials hitting the market almost daily, Kevin muses about adding different types together
- <u>"A rainbow of colors comes to 3D-printing filament"</u> When Kevin started 3D printing there were just a handful of colors of filament. Now the industry has made a huge leap

You can always read more about the evolving world of 3D printing at http://www.kevincaron.com/3dprint, where there are many posts,

beginning with the start of Kevin's 3D-printing adventures.

NEW VIDEOS ON CHANNEL KEVIN

Since Kevin started his YouTube channel a dozen years ago, it continues to grow and expand. "I'm covering a wide spectrum of subjects because that's what I do as a sculptor," he explains. His 525 videos - 33 of which have more than 100,000 views each - cover a broad spectrum of topics, including welding, 3D printing, transporting, and the stories of specific sculptures.

Kevin adds new videos every week, so be sure to <u>subscribe on YouTube</u> to see the latest.

Here are the videos Kevin has added since our last newsletter:

- "How to Easily Tack Weld Aluminum When TIG Welding"
- "Why is my TIG Tungsten Blue? (and What to Do About It)"
- "How to Make Your Steel Different Colors"
- "How to Roll Metal in Small Diameters"
- "Introducing the 'Monster' Everlast power i-MIG 253DPi"
- "How to Select the Right Rollers for Your MIG Welder"
- "How to Shine Aluminum"
- "How to Find the Center of an Oval"
- "Favorite Grinding Pads for Metalworking"
- "How to Make Threaded Parts, Nuts and Bolts"

You can <u>see all of the videos and subscribe</u> to see each video as it comes out on <u>Channel Kevin</u> on YouTube and on Kevin's <u>Web site</u>.

SPECIAL OFFERS AND OPPORTUNITIES!

Enjoy Kevin's free videos? Just go to **Patreon** and see how you can sponsor him - and get some cool Kevin Caron swag, too!

You can also **buy your own Kevin Caron T-shirts, caps, stickers, mugs, etc.** on his Zazzle page - check it out!

BEHIND THE SCENES: 'HOW DID YOU LEARN WHAT YOU DO?'

"I have never taken a class on anything that I have done with the exception of what I learned in high school, where I learned basic welding, and the Navy, where I worked on ground support equipment. Other than that, I'm entirely self taught.



"That being said, I study a lot. I have taught myself how to use a couple of different CAD programs, mostly through trial and error and online research. I learned a bit of trigonometry by reading and asking around. I learned how to use my coal forge from a book from the 1800s (it teaches a lot of good technique, but the lessons - mostly for things like making steel wagon wheels - weren't too pertinent).

"I also ask people who know more than I do how to do things - maybe that's one reason I do the videos, to pay it forward. A good example of that was learning how to run my 3D printers. Some of it I figured out through trial and error, but other times I've consulted with gurus who have been kind enough to help me. Whenever I ask for help, I try to learn what I can on my own before asking for help.

"As for the art part, that comes from somewhere inside of me. Fortunately, there seems to be a direct connection to my fingertips.



"So while I've never been to school for anything I do, I definitely believe in studying."

You can ask Kevin your own questions. Just email them to info@kevincaron.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

See Kevin's work at these exciting events - for locations and maps, click on the names of the venues or visit the Events page:

- Now August 26 (Sunday), Phoenix, Arizona Kevin's sculpture <u>Spectre</u> (right) will debut at the "Seventh Annual Five15 to the Fifth" art show at Chartreuse Gallery, <u>1301 NW Grand Ave.</u> in the heart of Phoenix's art district
- October 30 (Tuesday), Goodyear, Arizona Sponsored by the city of Goodyear, Kevin's talk "From Truck Driving to High Tech: Kevin Caron's Curious Journey as a Sculptor" will be held at Goodyear Total Wine & More, 1416 N. Litchfield Rd.
- November 2 (Friday) November 4 (Sunday), Phoenix, Arizona Kevin joins the Camelback Studio Tour in its 9th year as he opens his home at the foot of Camelback Canyon.

For more information about these and any upcoming events as well as maps, visit the <u>Events</u> <u>page</u>.



ENJOY YOUR OWN KEVIN CARON



Kevin is creating an "oscillating ocotillo forest" for patrons in the greater Washington D.C. area.

Maybe it's *your* turn to own a Kevin Caron original. A sound, water or free-standing sculpture adds immeasurable joy and peace to your home or workplace - or that of a special friend or family member.

If you'd like Kevin to create something special for you or a friend, just schedule a private consultation.

If you live out of town, just call or send a snapshot of the area where you want to see something special.

Kevin looks forward to hearing from you at info@kevincaron.com or 602-952-8767.



For more frequent news, sights and sounds, keep an eye on Kevin's Web site at www.kevincaron.com - we update it often.

Or join him on **Facebook**, **Twitter**, **Instagram**, **LinkedIn** or **Google+**.

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