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KEVIN CARON STUDIOS

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MUSeINGS - News From Artist Kevin Caron

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With spring teasing us here in Arizona and summer looming ahead, we cherish these beautiful cool days for when those hot June days finally arrive.

That makes this time truly special

- Enjoying "The Opposite of Hooky" in Douglas
- Shows in Las Vegas, Phoenix,
 Tucson and New York celebrate
 3D-printed art
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ENJOYING 'THE OPPOSITE OF HOOKY' IN DOUGLAS



When Kevin planned a motorcycle trip to a place in Arizona he'd never visited, it was purely for pleasure and the inspiration he gets from being on the road. The destination: **Douglas**, which has a rich history as a mining smelter town.

Its sister town, Bisbee, is home of the Copper Queen Mine, which supplied the ore for Douglas' smelter. (You can still tour the mine, which is a rare treat.)

Two days after making plans, a fan, Randi Garner (left, with Kevin in the background) commented on Facebook that it'd be great if he could visit the Welding for Metal Sculpture class at **Cochise College** in ... Douglas. Garner is a teaching assistant for the course.

On Monday, March 5, Kevin dropped by. He presented to the members of the class as well as additional students who attended.

Afterward, Kevin joined class members and instructors for a critique session *(left)*. Says Kevin: "I was really impressed with the level of the work, the staff and the facility."

SHOWS IN LAS VEGAS, PHOENIX, TUCSON AND NEW YORK CELEBRATE 3D PRINTED ART

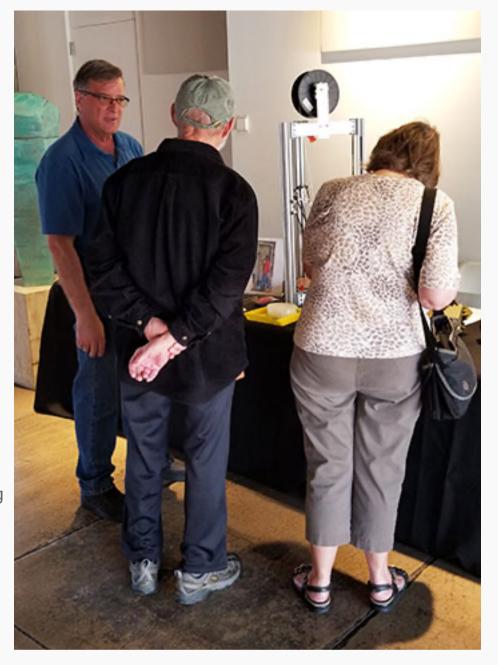
The bloom of spring ushered in a flurry of shows in Phoenix, Las Vegas and Tucson.

Just wrapping up is "Visual Feasting" at downtown Phoenix's Herberger Theater Gallery.

Kevin's delectable 3D-printed sculpture Limoncello was among the food-inspired artwork of 21 artists displayed in the show.

At the end of January, Kevin's 3D-printed, fine art sculptures **Mount Glacier** and **Josephine** were exhibited at **Artexpo Las Vegas**(opening photo, above right). Kevin flew in for the day to see the show. "It was fun for once to be attending the show rather than working it!" says Kevin.

On February 10 - 11 Kevin displayed some of his sculptures, including several 3D-printed pieces, at the **Kevin Caron Trunk Show**



at the <u>Tucson Museum of Art</u> (above, right). He also had his Cerberus 250 3D printer running. "Some people had never seen a 3D printer in action," Kevin says. "People can really understand this technology when they get a chance to see it in person." Kevin's 3D-printed jewelry is popular at the Museum's expansive gift shop.

UP NEXT are shows in Tucson and New York. The inaugural <u>Sculpture Tucson</u> art show will be held **Friday, April 6 to Sunday, April 8**. Artists will exhibit large and small sculpture. Artist demonstrations, including Kevin's trusty Cerberus 250 3D printer, will also be featured.

Kevin also just added the art show **Artexpo New York** to his calendar. That show will be held **Thursday, April 19 through Sunday, April 22** at Pier 9 in the Big Apple. "I want the world to see my large format 3D-printed sculpture," says Kevin. His sculpture **Mount Glacier** will be exhibited.

For more information including a map see Events below and visit the **Events page**.

UNDER WAY IN THE STUDIO: SOARING, SIMMERING, SPINNING

Currently dominating the studio is **Schubertii**, the 12-foot-tall aluminum outdoor sculpture inspired by and titled after an unusual plant that is a relative of garlic. It is headed for a private sculpture and horticultural garden in New York. Kevin has been working on the stem, which is nearing its 7 foot height, and the slender stems upon which the flowers perch. "There are a lot of moving pieces to this sculpture," says Kevin. That is literally true: the sculpture will be kinetic. Check in to see Schubertii grow.

Almost completed is a sculpture he started last year, which now has a title: **High Simmer** (right). "I've really had fun playing with this sculpture," Kevin says. "It's gone from being a tabletop to a free-standing sculpture, and I'm really excited about the color." Once a few details have been addressed, the sculpture will be finished. Stay tuned to see its official photo.

Moving along at a slower pace are <u>Sound | Silence</u> and an <u>as-yet-untitled kinetic</u> <u>sculpture</u>. "Sometimes it helps to take a break from other sculptures to regain some perspective," Kevin observes. You can watch <u>Sound | Silence</u>, and Kevin's new <u>kinetic sculpture</u> develop on their respective Web pages.

On the 3D printing front, Kevin has just created a **tabletop sculpture** with natural filament. "This filament is pretty much translucent," explains Kevin, "making it amazing in the light." Printing this sculpture was quite an adventure, as they often are with large format 3D printing. He may make some changes to the finish nonetheless, and the sculpture still needs a title, but you can see it now on its own page.

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



NEW IN 3D PRINTING BLOG: QUESTIONS AND CURIOSITIES



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

In his latest blog posts, Kevin talks about more adventures with his 8-foot-tall Cerberus 3D Gigante 3D printer. "As this printer gets older and technology continues to advance at warp speed, we are always looking at ways to keep it running and relevant," says Kevin. "And then there are its inexplicable 'gifts"

Enjoy these posts now:

■ "Switch cuts out 3D printing problem" - 3D doctor and all around mad scientist Steve Graber helps Kevin install a pause switch to address problems that have cropped up when

changing filament spools

• <u>"Alien forces invade 3D print"</u> - Kevin's latest sculpture comes complete with a strange aberration that makes it more amazing than it would have been otherwise

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

Kevin's YouTube channel crossed 2 big milestones in February, topping 15 million views and 55,000 subscribers. "And I'm still having fun!" he says.

Among his new videos are 2 that will be fun even for people who don't weld: "The Quickest, Easiest Way to Clean Your Workbench EVER!", which can be used by anyone who needs to pick up bits of steel, and "The Story Behind ... Love and Marriage." "Anyone who has been in love or been married can likely relate to the second one," says Kevin.



Kevin adds new videos every week, so be sure to <u>subscribe on YouTube</u> to know what is coming up next.

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

- "How to Know Which Grinder to Use"
- "The Quickest, Easiest Way to Clean Your Workbench EVER!"
- "What to Think About When Lighting Your Workshop"
- "Test Driving the Zeny Cut 50 Plasma Cutter"
- "Why and How to Use Starting and Ending Amperage for TIG Welding"
- "How to Repair a Plasma Cutter Torch"
- "The Story Behind ... Love and Marriage"
- "Why You Should Use Wedge Collets for Better TIG Welding"

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

SPECIAL OFFERS AND OPPORTUNITIES!

Enjoy Kevin's free videos? You can sponsor him so he can keep making these awesome videos for you! Just go to **Patreon** and see how you can help - and get some cool Kevin Caron swag!

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

BEHIND THE SCENES: 'WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TOOL?'

"I admit it: I have a lot of tools. We have running jokes here about how many tools I have and whether I need any more, but my business manager has come around to recognizing how important it is to have the right tool for the job.



"But of all the toys - I mean tools! - in my studio, it's not hard to pick a favorite. Anyone who TIG welds knows that there is almost a mystical aspect to TIG welding, and so it's not much of a surprise that my favorite tool is a TIG welder.

"Specifically, it's the **Everlast PowerTIG 255EXT** (*left*).

"The EXT has plenty of power for the kinds of things I create. It has lots of capabilities, with pulse, AC balance, frequency and other adjustments that can make it the right machine for the job, no matter what I'm doing.

"The 255 is a total workhorse that is well built. Its fantastic duty cycle means I can run it all day long. With the water-cooled torch, it doesn't get hot in my hand no matter how long or hard I use it.

"I love this welder!"

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

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

- April 6 (Friday) April 8 (Sunday), Tucson,
 Arizona Sculpture Tucson's inaugural event opens the evening of April 6 with speeches from Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild and others, food, wine and demonstrations by artists exhibiting large and small sculpture. Kevin's sculpture Moonshine (right) will be among those exhibited.
- April 19 (Thursday) 21 (Sunday), New York, New York - Kevin's sculpture <u>Mount</u>
 <u>Glacier</u> will be exhibited at <u>Artexpo New York</u>.
- 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.

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



ENJOY YOUR OWN KEVIN CARON



A patron wore home this <u>Caught</u> necklace - in which the ball moves - after purchasing it at the Tucson Museum of Art at Kevin's Trunk Show in February.

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.

Or 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 <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u> or <u>Google+</u>.

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