

# DECEMBER NEWS from Claggett/Rey Gallery

## FEATURED ARTIST - JOSH ELLIOTT



**"A successful painting, to me, represents nature's truth filtered through the artist."** Born in Great Falls, MT in 1973, Josh Elliott and his family now live in Helena. Elliott draws his inspiration from nature and learned the importance of painting outdoors from his father, wildlife artist Steve Elliott. Due to the quality and truth of his work, he has exhibited in many shows and received numerous awards such as the Palette Award Quest for the West 2008. He participated in the 2008 American Masters show at the Salmagundi Club in NY.

Josh will be teaching a workshop in plein air painting at the Scottsdale Artists School in Arizona in February 09. Also, look for Josh in the February issue of Southwest Art magazine. Lastly, we are looking forward to hosting a show at the Claggett/Rey Gallery in February!



1. Hunters Moon 18" x 54" Oil \$7,600    2. Afternoon Shimmer 16"x20" Oil \$2,800    3. Clearwater Winter 20"x24" Oil \$4,000

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## THE EDGE: GAIL FOLWELL



"THE EDGE" by Gail Folwell was installed at the base of the Vista Bahn in Vail at the newly completed Mountain Plaza. This monumental sculpture is part of Vail Resorts 2M allocation to public art enhancing their two latest developments, "Arabelle" and "The Mountain Plaza". Gail's skier is a very fitting tribute to honor Winter Olympians that have resided in the Vail Valley. At the dedication ceremony on July 5th Olympian Mike Brown said, "It is the finest sculpture representing the true modern ski racer anywhere in the world, and it makes me very proud to have it here in Vail"

The maquette of "The Edge" was the initial creation that Vail Resorts Bill Jensen thought was the perfect piece to grace the new base area. This twice life size 3,000 pound sculpture was also critiqued in clay by Vail's Jimmie Huega in the sculptors Boulder, Co studio. Jimmie commented "This racer is gonna win! The quite confidence reflects a racer at peace with where they are on the course and their going to win". Vail is winning big time with this one of a kind creation by Gail Folwell.



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In October of this year Gail Folwell installed her most recent monumental bronze at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. The project was the brainchild of Dick Bowers, pictured here with his wife Carolyn and artist, Gail Folwell. The Swimmer monument honors the contribution of the late Dr. Sam Cooper to the university's athletic program and student athletes. Dick Bowers teamed with Barry Walsh, Tom Stubbs and Director of Student Affairs Dr. Ed Whipple to bring the project from concept to reality.

The installation of the Swimmer presented some unusual challenges. The 9 foot long, 250 lbs. bronze was suspended 12 feet above the floor of the Bowling Green State University Student Recreation Facility. Gail Folwell worked with Claggett/Rey Sales Director, Tom Bassett and the Poggemeyer Design Group of Bowling Green, Ohio to engineer a suspension system that would accommodate the unique location and do so in an esthetically pleasing way.



Swimmer 36"x 9" x 9" \$8,500

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Human Race 23" x 10" x 25" \$9,800



Bereaved 26" x 7" x 7" \$3,800



Me and Thee 30" x 8" x 9" \$7,500



Voices 14" x 7" x 4" \$3,500



Humans 9" x 4" x 4" \$500 each or \$4,500 set