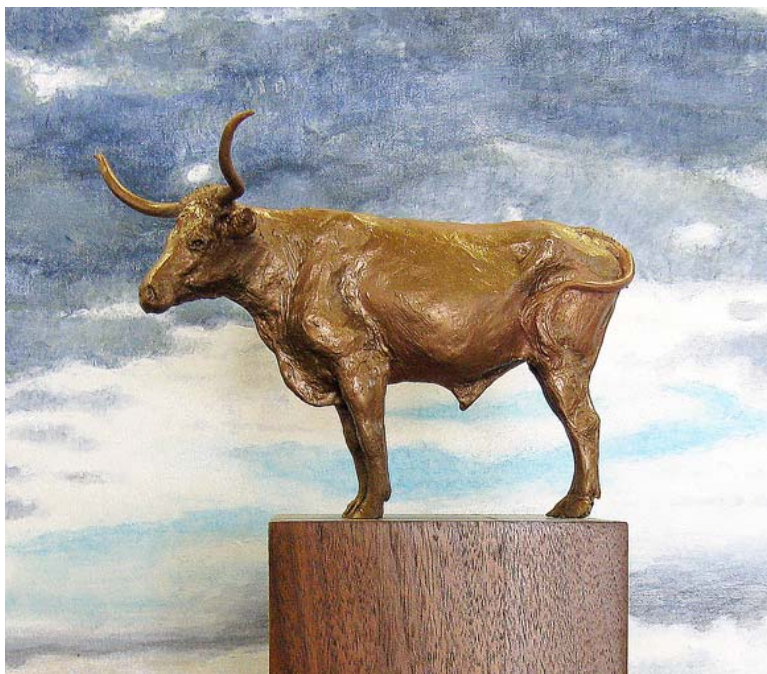


SPECIAL TEXAS BONSAI ART OPPORTUNITY

*By Mark A. Bynum, Chairman
2010 "Cowtown Bonsai" Convention*



Longhorn: "Texas Star II"

(7.5"x 5.5" ht.)

Origin:

Because of the Texas native plant emphasis for the June 11-13, 2010 "Cowtown Bonsai" Convention, sponsored by the Lone Star Bonsai Federation and the Fort Worth Bonsai Society, and the possible future bonsai magazine article, the idea of having Texas native figurines as companions for the exhibit trees was just a natural. Resident Texas and LSBF sculptor, Donna Dobberfuhr*, of the San Antonio Bonsai Society, Austin Bonsai Society, Texas Shohin Society, and board member of The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit, was called upon to advise on the feasibility of this concept. Not only did she give experienced advice, she came up with 4 pieces of her own original art for your enjoyment:

Designed in Texas,

Made in Texas,

Offered exclusively in Texas

For Texans, to benefit

The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit

**visit Sculptural Designs Atelier at www.sculpturaldesigns.com to learn more about sculptor Donna Dobberfuhr.*

Here are the Details:

Donna has made available 4 original animal figurines that are natives of Texas: Cougar, Bison, Whooping Crane, and Longhorn (sizes and pictures are at the end of this article). The pieces are intended to be used as companions for medium to large Texas native bonsai trees, but are very suitable for stand alone art pieces. They come in bronze or resin and you may purchase one or an entire set.

The bronze pieces will be numbered, signed, copyrighted 2010, and be a limited edition. Order by March 31 to possibly receive them at the Convention (no promises). \$50 from each piece will go to TTSBE.

The less expensive resin pieces will be numbered, signed, and copyrighted 2010. Order by May 12 to receive them at the June Convention. \$20 from each piece will go to TTSBE.

A full set of the bronze and the resin sculptures will be on display and used in the Convention Exhibit for your scrutiny and approval.

Value Increases:

Bronze sculptures just naturally increase in value due to the metal. In the art world numbered, limited editions rise in value as collectable interest increases. The lower the numbered piece, the higher the value becomes. Through the generosity of the artist, the #1 of each of these bronze pieces will be donated to The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit to become part of the permanent exhibit. Once the exhibit opens, the value of these limited edition sculptures will increase dramatically.

The resin sculptures, while having little material value, will still increase in value due to their less expensive "collectable" interest. Again, the #1 of each of these resin pieces will be donated to TTSBE and will increase their appeal for collectors over the years as they are exhibited. Where the resins are not a set "limited" edition, they will only be offered for one year and will not be manufactured again, therefore limiting their total number to the orders received.

This opportunity is exclusively offered initially to LSBF members and I am happy to introduce it to you for the 2010 Convention. I personally enjoy and take great pride in my collection of bonsai art much more when I know the artist. Everyone who does not already know Donna can meet her at the Convention. If you are serious about the bonsai art, take a look at the **Ordering Information** at the end of this article and please take advantage of your good fortune now while helping to insure the permanent exhibition of native bonsai trees in the future of our State.

Happy styling,
Mark A. Bynum

Pictures and Information:



Bison: "Black Dog II"

(4.25"x 3.75" ht.)

Bronze: \$375

Resin: \$125



Cougar: "Catamount II"

(6"x 2.5" ht.)

Bronze: \$300

Resin: \$85



**Whooping Crane-female:
"Alarm Call II"**

(6.5"x 7"ht.)

Bronze: \$385

Resin: \$100



Longhorn: "Texas Star II"

Other side view (7.5"x 5.5" ht.)

Bronze: \$575

Resin: \$150

Ordering Information:

- Please place all orders with Donna Dobberfuhl directly. Her website has a shopping cart type of ordering. You may call, email, or snail mail an order. Pertinent information below. Credit card sales available.
- Remember the deadline of **March 31, 2010** for the bronze pieces and **May 12** for the resin pieces for possible delivery by convention.
- All orders require payment in advance
- Earliest paid orders get the lowest numbers! No numbers are being "held" for future sales or VIPs. Phone orders and email orders will reserve you a piece, but payment must be received before a number is assigned.
- If you purchase a full set of 4 resin pieces, you may take a \$50 discount. Sorry, no discount on the bronze pieces, they are already priced very low!
- There will be a few resin pieces available for immediate purchase at the June Convention.
- **The prices in this article are good through June 13, 2010, the last day of the Convention. On Monday, June 14, 2010, the prices will go up \$50 for each resin, and \$100 for each bronze. ORDER NOW!**
- Both bronze and resin pieces can be ordered for one year from March 20, 2010.

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