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Easton Waterfowl Festival	Easton, MD	Nov 11, 12, 13

Fall News

Fall has arrived here in the Midwest, and that can mean only one thing - Winter is on its way! Here at William Piller Studio, we have embraced winter and all that comes with it, including lots of snow. One of the joys of the season is waking up to the alarm only to discover that everything is cancelled and no one is going anywhere. We resign ourselves to baking a big batch of chocolate chip cookies and rejoice in the blessing of the stillness that comes with a big snow storm.

Fall also means that holiday giving will be upon us before it seems possible. While we refuse to play Christmas music or decorate for the winter holidays before Thanksgiving, we often start planning our gift list once the nights turn cool. We love finding the elusive perfect gift. More often than not, we discover the perfect gift in an independent shop where people take pride in helping us find it.

Here at William Piller Studio we believe that we have a wide selection of perfect gifts. Check out the gallery page on our web site at www.williampiller.com to see if there is something there for your parents, your big brother, your favorite aunt, or even your boss, who probably already has plenty of striped ties.

After you have looked at the William Piller Studio web site for exquisite bronze sculpture, we encourage you to look at your community for opportunities to help others. We really believe that one of the best gifts we get is the feeling that comes when we reach out and do something for someone who needs something we can give.

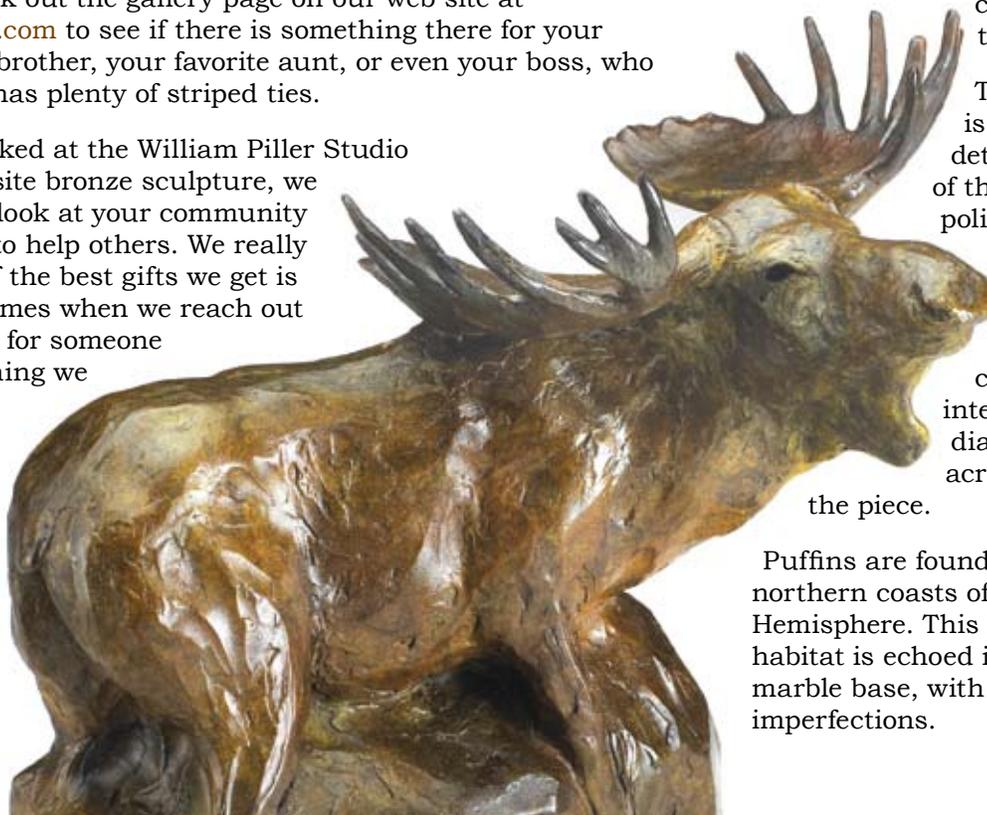
Winter is on its way, so get out the hot cocoa, curl up on the couch with someone you love, and get ready to count the snowflakes!



The Lookout (8x8x8) was designed to be viewed from any angle. It would be perfect on a coffee table in the middle of a seating arrangement. Pair it with a book on sea birds to add visual interest and start conversations! Its size also makes it a great choice for a desk top or bookcase.

This sculpture is a softer, less detailed depiction of the puffin. The polished beaks draw the eye upward toward the birds heads, creating an interesting diagonal line across the top of the piece.

Puffins are found exclusively in northern coasts of the Northern Hemisphere. This harsh natural habitat is echoed in the white marble base, with its natural imperfections.





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Inspiration

Snowy Owls are not usually found in Northern Illinois. Bill is an avid bird watcher with a great eye, and has seen and photographed snowy owls near home on two occasions.

Bill wanted to remember these chance sightings, and *Snow Patrol* (11x6x5) is the result. It, like the bird that inspired it, has simple lines and dramatic coloring. These design elements work together to produce a finished piece that is striking and regal.



Process

One of the most common questions Bill hears at shows is “How do you do that?” Here we will try to share something of how bronze sculpture from William Piller Studio is created.

Bill does most of his sculpting in clay. There are tons of different kinds of clay, each appropriate for different applications. The clay we all made a bowl out of in grade school is a water-based clay, which doesn't require any treatment to dry and harden. It just sits on the counter and dries with time. Great for a school art project, but not so great for a piece that may take weeks or even months to complete.

Sulfur was added to oil-based clay in order to produce a softer, more pliable clay. However, the sulfur prevents the silicone rubber mold from curing. This, as well as the fact that this clay smells, limits its use here at William Piller Studio.

Bill likes to sculpt in a relatively soft, oil-based clay. It never dries out or hardens, and requires no special handling. The clay Bill uses allows him to sculpt strong, bold lines as well as fine detail. This clay is temperature sensitive so Bill can warm it to make it softer or cool it to make it more firm depending on his needs.



Check This Out

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