



Calling Coast to Coast

Each issue we ask leading galleries coast to coast to tell us what's hot in their gallery and to identify the trends in their city.

BERNARDSVILLE, NJ

KATHLEEN PALMER

The downturn in the economy is still felt in the New York area, but young collectors who've been successful on Wall Street are investing in art for the right reason. They buy what they love and enjoy living with it.

The introduction of art glass to the local market by the gallery, reinforced by our annual glass blowing demonstration, has generated collectors who've become excited about the molten media. Classes are available at



Vandermark Merritt Glass Studios with **Douglas Merritt** where we sponsor the annual demonstration.

Unique creations in blown glass by Merritt, **Jake Pfeifer**, and **Cody Nicely** are being purchased for family members and friends who are collectors with a keen eye for creativity and talent this holiday season.

The gallery represents over 30 artists in all mediums. Painters include **Robert Pillsbury**, **Thomas Valenti**, and **Mark**

de Mos. **Stephanie Amato**, impressionistic painter and member of Salmagundi; Nicely who continues to use his knowledge of life in our oceans, in his glass creations; and Pfeifer, whose blown glass reflects his studies with many of the famous Italian glass blowers, are all favorites in our area. Our December exhibit will feature watercolor wildlife paintings by sports artist **James Fiorentino** and will benefit the Raptor Trust.

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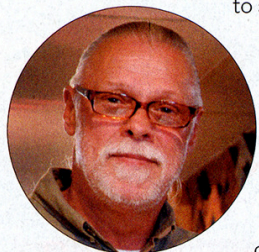
DAVID K. SIMPSON

Germanton Gallery has been in business for 34 years, and more and more buyers are finding our website or coming in to see the great collection of art we have. If it is North Carolina landscapes or of out West, we try to cover all the bases, figurative, still life or wildlife.

We have always told our clients to buy what they like and they will enjoy it every day or you can do your homework and find some really good up-and-coming artist that can be a wise investment also.

New artists to see in the gallery, **Ralph Grady James**, **Patty Bailey Sheets**, **Alan Bateman**, **Paul Cheng**, **Brent Jensen**, **Susan Ploughe**, and **Val Sandell**. The gallery represents more than 80 national and international artists.

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NEW YORK, NY

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While the summer is typically the slow season in New York, we've seen steady sales of our artists who gear toward tonalism. Both **Ben Bauer** and **Ken Salaz** are always attention grabbers.

The contemporary academic market has certainly been gaining some significant traction in the art world recently and we are excited to be at the forefront of that movement. With steadily growing sales over the past few years, we fully expect academic art to take back some of the spotlight that has shined so brightly on the cutting-edge world. It's time we appreciated artists not only for their ideas but for their incredible talent and dedication.

One of the top trending genres as of late is contemporary still lifes, with works by **Justin Wood** and **Todd M. Casey** garnering some serious interest. Additionally, works by **Timothy Jahn** and **Brandon D. Drake** have sparked a curiosity with a broad base of collectors. Their traditional technique blended with a certain contemporary feel gives the viewer a taste of both old and new; something

timeless yet fresh and exciting.

One of our most popular artists at the moment is **Tony South**. He features precise renditions of hotrods and motorcycles with one or more "accessorized primates,"

laid over a stark white canvas.

In addition to the aforementioned artists, two of our most recent additions, **Noah Layne** and **Stuart Dunkel**, are definitely ones to keep an eye on. Layne's work has the feel of traditional still lifes, featuring fruit and other objects with a contemporary twist thrown in the mix. On the other hand, Dunkel paints whimsical still lifes involving one of his pet mice interacting with various objects.

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