

Wildlife Art in Bronze by

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SHOW & TELL

She and her fawns have been quite popular lately...

- Number 4 of the edition of 7 was recently installed at the Charlevoix Public Library in Charlevoix, MI thanks to the generous support of Ann Rosenthal.
- Number 1 is installed at the Creation Museum in KY.
- Number 2 is in a private collection in MI.
- Number 3 is visiting Troy, OH this summer.
She was one of 22 pieces selected for Sculptures on the Square IV. The exhibit and sale is hosted by Troy Main Street and runs until September 20, 2009.
- Number 5 is currently on display in Pentwater, MI.

Watchful Doe with Twin Fawns (shown here at the Charlevoix, MI Public Library with Ann Rosenthal and myself) continues to be well received at recent shows, exhibits, a public installation and private collection.



Inside this issue:

Latest Work

A look at the latest sculpture available pre-cast.

Creature Feature Facts

Cougar. Puma. Mountain Lion. That's one big cat!

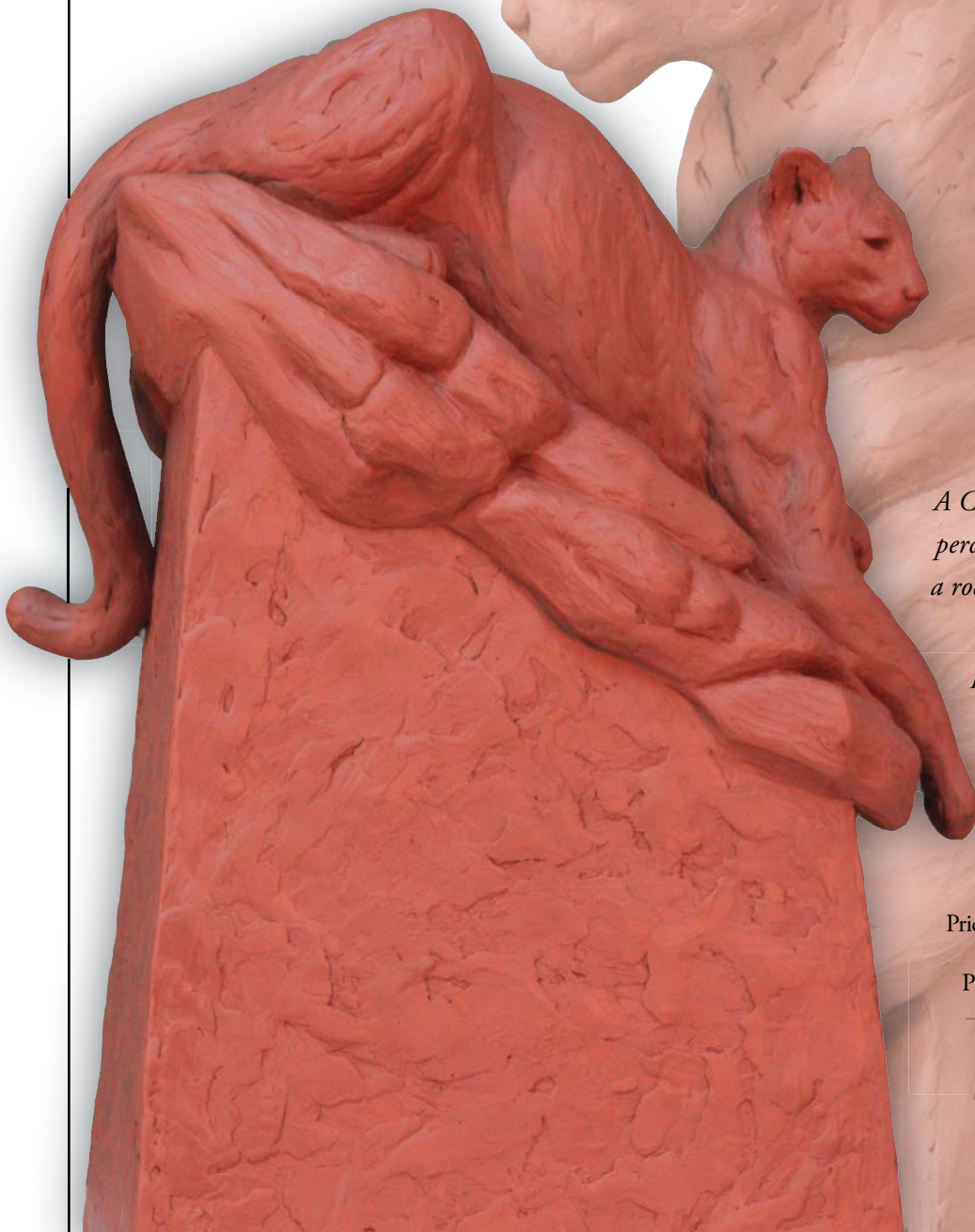
New In Bronze!

A buck and a bull in bronze.

...and more!

LATEST WORK...

Cougar



Cougar

A Cougar casually perched high atop a rocky slope scans the valley for potential prey.

Edition: 12

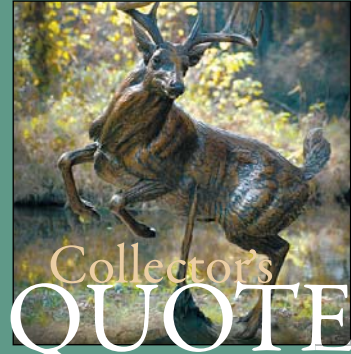
Height: 17½"

Length: 13"

Price Retail: \$3,900

Pre-Cast: \$2,900

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"We bought Standing Fawn, life-size after seeing it online and it was indeed what we had hoped it would be and more. Roger's sculptures are not only "anatomically" perfect but he manages to capture a moment in time that makes the animal come alive in that instant" – Janet F., Ohio

Galleries

My works are currently available at these fine galleries:

Gallery on Main
4184 Main Street
Bay Harbor, MI 49770
Phone: 231-439-2745
www.galleryonmainbh.com

Lansing Art Gallery
113 S. Washington Sq.,
Lansing, MI 48933
Phone: 517-374-6400
www.lansingartgallery.org

Our Gallery
226 S. Hancock St.
Pentwater, MI 49449
Phone: 231-869-8211
www.ourgallery-petri.com

The Master's Fine Art of Loveland
343 East 7th Street
Loveland, CO 80537
Phone: 970-667-4138
www.themastersfineart.com

Twisted Fish Art Gallery
10443 S. Bayshore Dr.
Elk Rapids, MI 49629
Phone: 231-264-0123
www.twistedfishart.com



Cautious Buck

Edition: 12

Height: 25"

Length: 23"

\$4,900



Resting Elk

Edition: 12

Height: 16"

Length: 22"

\$3,900



The Cougar



Creature Feature Facts

A.k.a. Mount Lion, Puma, Panther and Catamount (cat of the mountain) to name a few.

Typical size is 6 - 7½ feet long including 2 - 3 feet of tail. Their weight ranges from 75 - 175 lbs. with females at the lower end and males at the upper end of the range. The largest recorded male taken from the wild was 276 lb., 8' 7 ¾" from Arizona in 1917. Another notably large specimen was a Colorado cat taken by Theodore Roosevelt in 1901. It weighed in at 227 lbs. and 8 feet long. It is still on display at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington D.C.

Their present range is southeast

Alaska, through Canada's western provinces, down through our western states, Mexico, Central America and most of South America. There is also a small population in Florida. Are there Cougars in Michigan now? That depends on who you talk to. The last official Michigan cougar was killed near Newberry in 1906.

Within that range their habitat is thick forest to desert brush and rocks. The key element it needs is cover of any sort for its ambush style hunting technique. Their favorite prey is deer but will also take small game and elk.

Although breeding can take place anytime of the year, it is timed so most kittens are born in the summer.

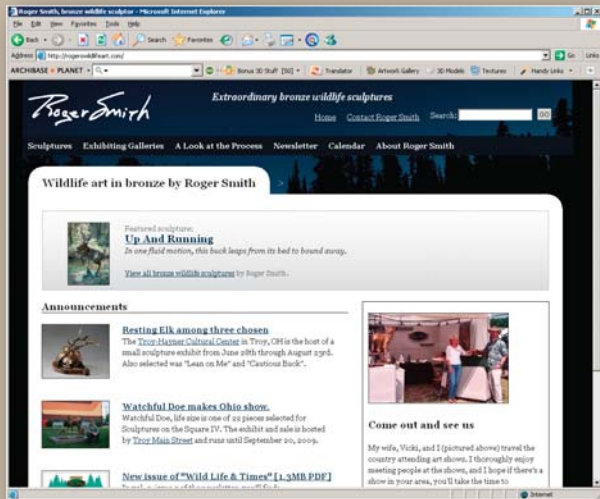
Following a gestation of 90 to 96 days the female gives birth to two to three kittens weighing about a pound each. Their eyes open in 10 to 14 days and change from blue to golden colored at about 16 months.

Although "Black Panthers" and albino cougars have been reported, there has been no documentation.

The North American population is 10,000 to 50,000. Why such a wide estimate? Some experts describe counting cougars like trying to count fish in the ocean. Their secretive lifestyle makes an accurate census very difficult.



New Web Site!



Visit www.RogersWildlifeArt.com for the latest information including upcoming shows and exhibits and to view an online gallery.

Also, please note that our phone number has changed to **517-745-7620**.

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Wolf Park

March found me at an artist workshop taught by wildlife painter Jan Martin McGuire (www.janmartinmcguire.com). The three day workshop was hosted by Wolf Park (www.wolfpark.org), just outside of Battle Ground, IN. Although the instruction was primarily for painters, I still learned more about composition, reference collecting, marketing and the business end of it.

Of course the main reason the workshop is at Wolf Park is to learn more about wolves. That we did. Body language, behavior, anatomy and more. We were able to actually go in with their socialized wolves for some hands on education and photos.

Here, Kailani gives me a typical wolf greeting.

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