



BRONZE EXHIBITION

presented by Modern Art Foundry

Spring Gallery was established by Modern Art Foundry in 2000 by Jeffrey Spring. Jeffrey is the president of Modern Art Foundry, a family owned and operated art foundry located in Astoria, NY. As possibly the oldest family owned and operated art foundry in the United States, Modern Art Foundry has been serving artists and communities since 1932. Commencing in 2013 we are focusing on presenting our art works online to the whole world through our popular eBay store, but are happy to partner with the Maine Lakes Resource Center to offer a sampling of our bronzes locally. It is our desire to share the ancient process of lost wax casting with art collectors, old and new, and reach as many homes as possible.

We offer bronzes from some of our customers as well as MAF Design Works: unique, limited edition bronzes, often presented so that you can handle and feel the work.

MAF Designs explore our instinctual and visceral sensations to the natural world and it is our hope that these objects provide another view.

“Art doesn’t have to be expensive and “challenging to understand”, it can be, but it can also be a small item that touches you just the right way.”

The ***art of lost wax casting***, practiced for over 4000 years, is an incredibly precise metal casting technique. Properly executed, it ensures accurate, detailed reproduction of an original sculpture. Historically used for many types of work from miniature to colossal in size, the process allows for variations in finish and final appearance. Artistic and labor intensive, projects may take weeks or more leading to ultimate value in every creation.

Jeffrey Spring, third generation owner of Modern Art Foundry, is a graduate of University of Maine, his wife was raised in Mt. Vernon, Maine, & they maintain property in the Belgrade Lakes region. Modern Art Foundry has cast many of our state’s historic monuments including the “**John Ford Monument**” in Portland, “**General Joshua Chamberlain**” in Brunswick, “**Man for All Seasons - Harold Alfond**” in Orono, the “**Samantha Smith Memorial**”, & “**Law Enforcement Memorial**” in Augusta.