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DAVID TANYCH

"Size matters," according to fine woodworker and metal sculptor, David Tanych. He has been building objects since his father gave him a saw, hammer, nails and a block of wood at the age of 10. A veteran home and furniture builder, David has turned his interest in design and fabrication from the functional and practical to the imaginative and artistic. Interested in welding and the properties of metal, David attended two summer sessions in blacksmithing at the Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina, where he began to connect to a much different medium than wood.

Intrigued and inspired by the strength and flexibility of steel, David started using it to construct functional objects such as tables, picture frames and garden pergolas. As he became more skilled, gaining more mastery over the metal, David began building huge steel outdoor sculptures. David's most recent pieces are big and bold, representing everyday objects such as a skeleton key and matching keyhole, and a set of three jacks and a ball. These objects are immediately recognizable as the things they are, although they have been altered from their original usefulness to works of art by their massive scale. The results are fun and playful, instantly bringing the viewer back to a time when these items were more common. This sense memory is part of the works' appeal. Tanych is excited and challenged working in this size, using a torch that melts steel. When complete, the pieces are acid etched, allowing them to rust, which adds another dimension to their unique charm. When seen from a distance, the huge objects materialize into view, bringing the observer along. And when seen up close, the viewer immediately notices the meticulous attention to detail. These large pieces are meant to be seen by the public in an outdoor environment, such as a park or a plaza. David designs his work with how they will be viewed in space foremost in his mind. He finds himself responding to the positive encouragement he receives from the public, inspiring him to bigger and bolder experimentation with the properties of steel. David resides in both Vermont and California.



ARTIST STATEMENT

Shape. Texture. Size. All are important elements in my work. I am inspired by many aspects in my life including childhood toys and memories, the work and energy of my wife, painter Meryl Lebowitz, and even rediscovering how to look at the world around me. My enormous pieces are immediately recognizable for the common, functional objects they represent, and people can easily relate to them because of the memories they call to mind. I am always aware of how these works will be displayed, and my intent is that these evocative objects can be appreciated in a fresh, playful, and meaningful way.

RECENT EXHIBITIONS

<i>Leisureland Palm Springs</i>	<i>Sculpture Garden</i>	<i>January 2011</i>
<i>Vermont Craft Council Statewide</i>	<i>Open Studio</i>	<i>May 2008 & 2009</i>
<i>Vermont Arts Council Montpelier</i>	<i>Sculpture Garden</i>	<i>Fall 2009 - 2010</i>
<i>Woodstock</i>	<i>Sculpturefest</i>	<i>Fall 2009</i>
<i>South Burlington</i>	<i>Art Hop</i>	<i>Fall 2009</i>
<i>Stowe</i>	<i>Vermont Fine Art Gallery</i>	<i>Fall 2009</i>
<i>Southern Vermont Art Center Manchester</i>	<i>Sculpture Garden and Museum</i>	<i>2009-2011</i>

Price List and Description

<i>Title</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Media</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Sets</i>
<i>Large Jack</i>	<i>Eight Feet</i>	<i>Mild Steel Rust Patina</i>	<i>\$7,950.00</i>	<i>Set of Three Large Jacks and One Ball</i> <i>\$39,750</i>
<i>Medium Jack</i>	<i>Four Feet</i>	<i>Mild Steel Rust Patina</i>	<i>\$3,325.00</i>	<i>Set of Three Medium Jacks and One Ball</i> <i>\$13,775.00</i>
<i>Small Jack</i>	<i>Two Feet</i>	<i>Mild Steel Rust Patina</i>	<i>\$2,150.00</i>	<i>Set of Three Small Jacks and One Ball</i> <i>\$8,750.00</i>
<i>Large Ball</i>	<i>Eight Feet</i>	<i>Mild Steel Rust Patina</i>	<i>\$15,900.00</i>	
<i>Medium Ball</i>	<i>Four Feet</i>	<i>Mild Steel Rust Patina</i>	<i>\$3,800.00</i>	
<i>Small Ball</i>	<i>Two Feet</i>	<i>Mild Steel Rust Patina</i>	<i>\$2,300.00</i>	

