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AUGUST 2015 CHARITABLE ART EVENT

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A Weekend for Elephants  
A Fine Art Show and Sale  
Benefitting  
The Tanzanian Ivory Orphans' Sanctuary  
Sponsored by  
African Wildlife Trust  
and  
Columbine Gallery  
in conjunction with  
the National Sculptors' Guild 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show  
August 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 2015  
2683 North Taft Avenue  
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<http://www.columbinegallery.com/african-wildlife-trust.html>

Artist Ambassadors Against Poaching, representatives of the African Wildlife Trust, will be showcased at Columbine Gallery during the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Sculptors' Guild Art Exhibition and Sale.

Proceeds from the sale of their artwork will go to protecting Africa's Endangered Wildlife. Specifically, this show and sale will benefit the Tanzanian Ivory Orphans' Sanctuary, the country's first official refuge for elephant calves orphaned due to poaching.

Artist Ambassadors Against Poaching are nine highly acclaimed international artists working to bring awareness to the ongoing poaching crisis in Africa since 2013. These nine artists have pledged themselves to helping AWT's efforts in saving the African Elephant through their art and donations, speaking engagements, museum exhibitions and gallery sales. They work to spread the word about the harm of poaching and to raise funds for African Wildlife Trust.

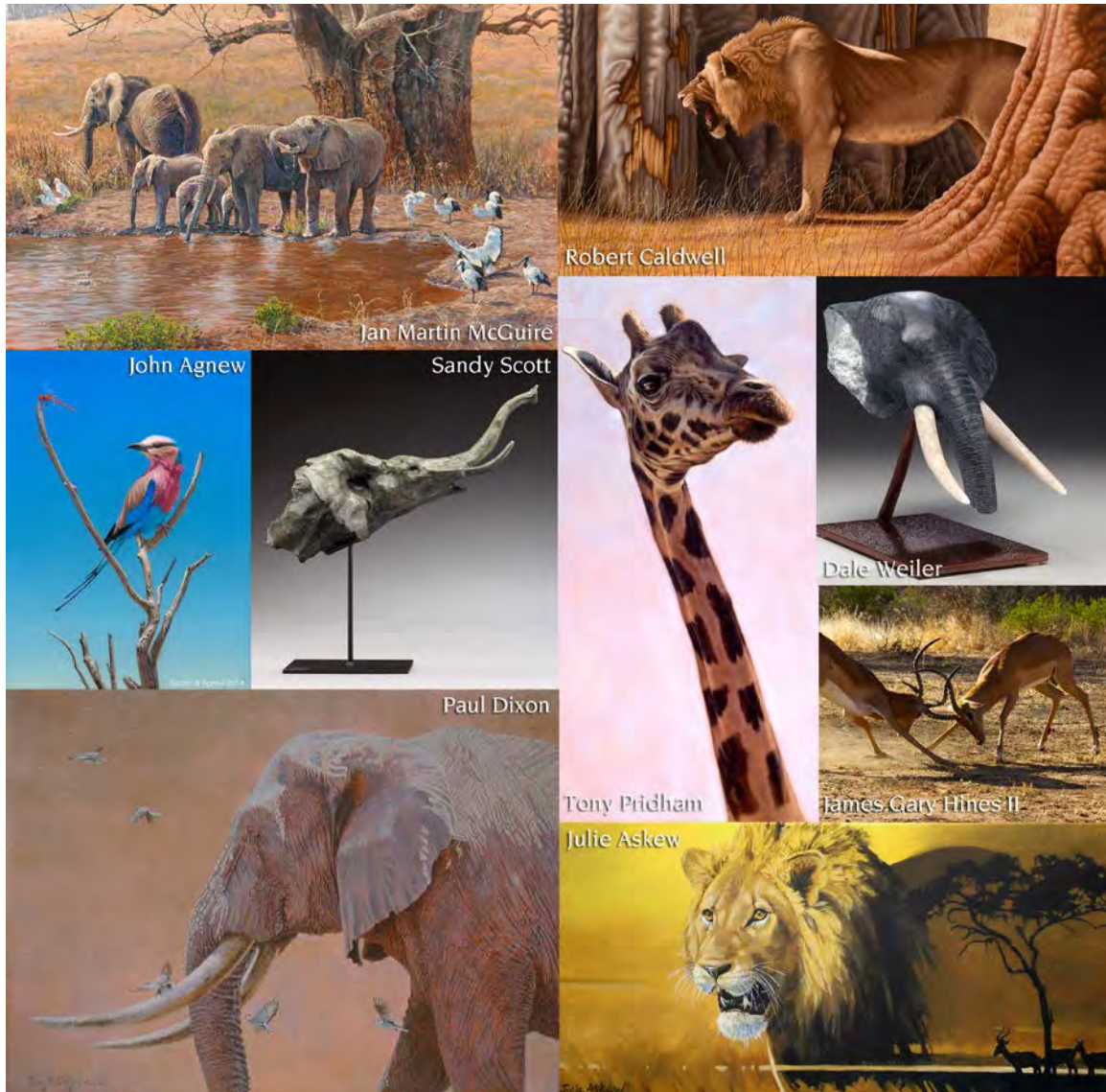
Exhibiting AAAP Artists: John Agnew – USA Scratchboard and Oil Paint, Julie Askew – England Oil Paint, Robert Caldwell – USA Oil and Graphite, Paul Dixon –South Africa Oil and Pastel, James Gary Hines II –USA Fine Art Digital Photography, Jan Martin McGuire – USA Acrylic Paint, Tony Pridham –Australia Oil Paint, Sandy Scott –USA Bronze Sculpture, and Dale Weiler –USA Stone Carving.

AWT's founder, Pratik Patel is building a very important new elephant orphanage "Ivory Orphans" in Tanzania. The poaching problem has escalated with up to 60 elephants a day being killed for their ivory to feed the status of a growing middle class in the rich Asian countries like China. Through our extensive importing of goods and services from China, we have nourished this huge upper middle class who desire to show off their 'wealth' by purchasing any item made from ivory; chopsticks, bangles, carvings, even decorations on cars; all at the great expense of elephant's lives. These gentle animals have been violently killed; their faces hacked off to get to their ivory tusks. They used to spare the younger elephants, but now they are even killing babies for what little ivory they have. It has been estimated that the African Elephant may go extinct in the wild within 5 years at the rate they are being poached. The Tanzanian Ivory Orphans' Sanctuary will protect some of these amazing animals and help to ensure a future. <http://www.ivoryorphans.org/>

**PRESS RELEASE ON IVORY ORPHANS**

<http://africanwildlifetrust.org/index.php/ivory-orphans-project-approved-by-tanzania-government/>

We recommend the National Geographic film “Battle for the Elephants” to learn more about this problem. <http://www.pbs.org/program/battle-elephants/>



**LOVELAND, Colo.** –Columbine Gallery’s 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Sculptors’ Guild Exhibition and Sale will feature nine additional artists from the Artist Ambassadors Against Poaching benefiting the African Wildlife Trust’s Ivory Orphans project.

NSG’s 25 members will exhibit over 100 garden pieces plus smaller works in the Gallery with 20 painters’ artworks on display. Sandy Scott will be unveiling 7 brand new pieces.

Show Hours are 9:00 am to 8:00 pm Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments will be served throughout the weekend and a reception will be held that Saturday evening from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Artists will be available to meet with the public throughout the weekend and Artist Demonstrations will occur each afternoon during the show.

Regular Hours are 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday through Saturday and is located at 2683 N. Taft Ave. Loveland, Colorado (southwest of Benson Sculpture Park). The Gallery is closed on Sundays and is available by appointment only on Mondays.

For more information and visuals, please visit our website: [www.columbinegallery.com](http://www.columbinegallery.com)  
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**About National Sculptors' Guild at Columbine Gallery:**

Representing some of the nation's leading sculptors, painters and fine-craft artists Columbine Gallery and the National Sculptors' Guild have consulted private and public collectors in the placement of fine art for the interior and exterior since 1992. The National Sculptors' Guild is an association of its design team and nationally recognized sculptors chosen for their outstanding artistic abilities and varied style with the primary objective to conceive and seek out monumental placements for the members' work. Headed by its design team JK Designs, Inc., including Executive Director, John W. Kinkade, NSG has installed monumental-scale artwork by Guild members in public and private collections throughout the world. Columbine Gallery is the exclusive representative of the National Sculptors' Guild and home to the renowned National Sculptors' Guild sculpture garden located in Loveland, Colorado.

Feed your creative spirit. We place work under the preface that fine art purchases should not be viewed as financial investments rather investments for the soul. Our Gallery and Garden provide a tranquil atmosphere for art appreciators wishing to reduce the external details of the world and indulge in the true essence of art ~ a world of visual play and internal moods. We invite you to allow the Guild and Gallery to assist in enhancing your art experience!

**Proudly Representing Local and National Artists:**

Gary Alsum, Daniel Augenstein, Carolyn Barlock, James Biggers, Ren Burke, Kathleen Caricof, Amelia Caruso, Tim Cherry, Dee Clements, Bob Coonts, Darrell Davis, Jane DeDecker, Clay Enoch, Edward Fleming, Dan Glanz, Carol Gold, Cathy Goodale, Bruce Gueswel, Denny Haskew, Lu Haskew Estate, Pat Howard, Sheldon James, Alyson Kinkade, Amy Laugesen, Mark Leichliter, Harold Linke, Juan Machicado, Matt McLeod, Ken Newman, Timothy Nimmo, Leo E. Osborne, Scott Peck, Jean Perry, Don Rambadt, Wayne Salge, Stephen Shachtman, Sandy Scott, Sherry Tipton, Teresa Vito, Tal Walton, Michael Warrick, Roy Wilce Estate, C.T. Whitehouse, and Pete Zaluzec.

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