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Pasco Arts District

SPIRITILES: THE PERFECT FATHER'S DAY GIFT



Houston Llew started enameling in a hot Atlanta garage in 2008, after finding himself unemployed in the middle of the great recession and in need of an artistic medium of his talents. Through fortuitous circumstances, Houston met the master enamelist Zingaro and followed him around, shadowing the artist around his studio until he gave Houston the keys to enameling that would later evolve into his first work - Spiritiles.

Each Spiritile is crafted first by laying powdered glass, or "frit," onto a perfectly cut copper canvas, using a series of stencils for each layer of color, playing cards, and hand sifters to carve out the design. Once delicately aligned and layered, the glass and metal is carefully placed in the red-hot kiln to keep the glass from shifting, and timing is of utmost importance. Once fired, the enameled piece is removed from the kiln and cooled under a planchet. The natural "crazing marks" that occur in enamel increase the luminescence of the glass. By rolling a pin over the surface of each piece after cooling, the light refraction in the glass increases and the enamel becomes malleable enough to frame. Discovering how to wrap enamel in three dimensions around a frame was one of Houston's most significant design achievements. By using a thin sheet of copper and precisely aligning the glass edges, each Spiritile is molded and affixed to a solid wooden frame, wrapping the story, author, and Houston's signature around the sides.

All Spiritiles are 8 1/2 H x 5 1/2 W x 1 3/4 D in.



Sea Worthy

"A ship is safe in harbor - but that is not what ships are built for." - John A. Shedd
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Corduroy

"Life is a matter of waiting for the right moment to act." - Paulo Coelho
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Tidal

"Dear Ocean, Thank you for making us feel humble, inspired, & salty all at once." - Unknown
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Temptation

"Lead us not into temptation. Just tell us where it is, we'll find it." - Sam Levenson
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Vintage

"Just like wine, good friends improve with age." - Italian Proverb
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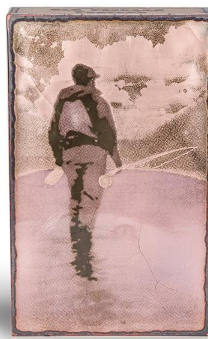
Sancerre

"What matters more than the wine is the moment and the friends with whom our wine is shared." - Oliver Magny
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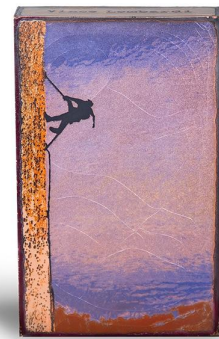
Guiding Light

"Yours is the light by which my spirit's born: yours is the darkness of my soul's return - you are my sun, my moon, and all my start" - E.E. Cummings
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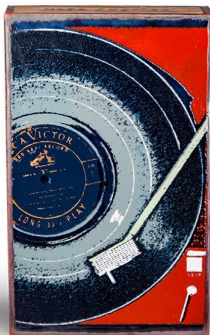
Angling

"Drink like a fish. Think like a fish." - Old Fishing Proverb
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Aspire

"The man on top of the mountain didn't fall there." - Vince Lombardi
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Cue Up

"Music is my refuge. I crawl into the grooves." - Maya Angelou
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Global

"To the world you may be just one person, but... to one person you may be the world." - Dr. Seuss
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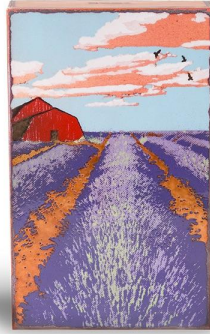
Incandescent

"If your curiosity could be turned into electricity, it would light up the whole world." - Nikola Tesla
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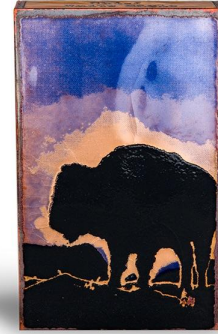
Parenthood

"Parenting: The best thing you can
do is keep up." - H.M. Rider
\$175



Elysian

"Out beyond the ideas of right and
wrong, there is a field. I will meet
you there." - Rumi
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Into the Mist

"So long as mist envelopes you, be
still until sunlight pours through." -
Chief White Eagle
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