

COLLECTABLE SPIRITILES: THE PERFECT GIFT FOR ALL OCCASIONS

The Gallery will be placing a new shipment order of Spiritiles just in time for Christmas. Please feel free to browse their <u>website</u> and let us know if there is a work you would like us to order for you, just in time for the holidays!

Spiritiles are made with the ancient process of vitreous enamel, the art of glass heatfused to metal. Each piece 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" the 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 and consists of an image with a corresponding quotation wrapped around the edge of the work. All pieces can be hung on the wall or placed on a flat surface.



Epic Tales "A reader lives a thousand lives." - George R.R. Martin



Chrysalis "A possibility was born the same day as you." - Marcus Solero



American Heros "Never was so much owed by so many to so few." - Winston Churchill



Day to Come "All of the flowers of all the tomorrows are held in the seeds of today." - Indian Proverb



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



Sterling "We have always been and always will be friends. That in itself is a tremendous thing." - A.A. Mine & E.B. White



Wanderlust "I haven't been everywhere, but it's on my list." - Susan Sontag



Tandem "Where you are, that's where I want to be, and through your eyes, that's all I want to see." - Carlos Santana



Hello! "To have a child is to make the decision that your heart will forever walk outside your body." - Elizabeth Stone



Brush Stroke "Life is a work of art. It begins blank and every day is another brush stroke." - Unknown



Drive "You can figure it out if you have the drive to do it." - Carroll Shelby



Ride the River "Life can be a long ride without a friend or two for company." - Unknown



Euphony "Art is how you enrich your space. Music is how you enrich your time." - Unknown



The Range "The power of the mind is directly proportional to the quality of the coffee." - Sir James Mackintosh



Schooling "While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about." - William Saroyan



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



Stellar "There is always something you can do and succeed at. Where there's life, there is hope." - Stephen Hawking



On Point "What seems challenging now will someday be your warm-up." - Unknown

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