

“MONTANA’S LAST WILDERNESS” AT RYNIKER-MORRISON GALLERY

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Re: Ryniker-Morrison Gallery, Tech Hall
Rocky Mountain College
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Exhibit: Gary Little
Dates: October 8-November 3
Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Reception: October 8, 5 p.m. -7 p.m.
By appointment (Sally McIntosh at 259-6563)

BILLINGS- Gary Little knows what captures the attention of true Montanans. His show, “Montana’s Last Wilderness,” is dedicated to illustrating and educating the public on what makes this state so special -- its mountains.

“I chose familiar scenes to increase the odds of an ‘Ah-ha!’ moment of recognition, that moment when art mimics reality,” Little said.

The show opens October 8, 2010, and will be shown through November 3, 2010. A reception will be held October 8 from 5 – 7 p.m. in the Ryniker-Morrison Gallery.

Complementing Little’s exhibition, Corbin Howard will speak about climbing Montana’s Granite Peak “and the respect that our mountains deserve,” he said.

Howard’s presentation will take place on October 26 at 7 p.m., in Room 14 of Tech Hall.

Tech Hall is located between the library and the football field at Rocky Mountain College.

In his most recent endeavor, Little combines his passion for ceramic art with his love of mountains and creates a show unlike any before, according to Sally McIntosh, gallery director.

By sculpting friezes, Little familiarizes Montanans with the mountains they live in and around. He uses terra cotta clay to sculpt the mountain ranges. He fires the pieces, creating a three-dimensional canvas to work with. Little then carefully airbrushes the surface with acrylic paint in order to bring out all the details.

“I let gravity feed the colors into the surface just like nature does,” he explained.

The frieze technique has been used by artists for centuries and inspired Little to break free from the traditions of two-dimensional artwork.

A native of Montana, Little achieved success designing for businesses and events such as Montana Fair.

Howard has practiced family law for 34 years and manages the website: friendsofgranitepeak.com.

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Attached Image:
Title: Bear's Tooth
Size: 18.5" x 13.5