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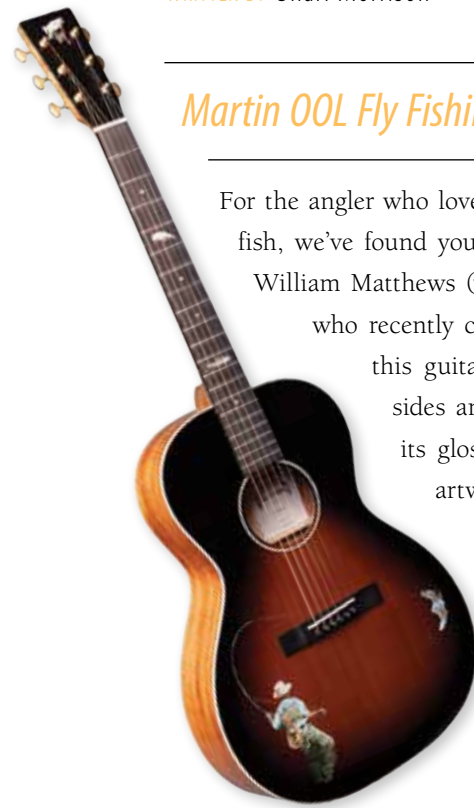


THINGS WE LOVE

From heirloom furnishings to artful guitars and a colorful collection of handmade glassware, WA&A editors select their favorite *objets d'art*

WRITTEN BY Shari Morrison

Martin OOL Fly Fishing Guitar featuring William Matthews



For the angler who loves to play guitar, or the musician who loves to fly fish, we've found you quite a gem! Painted by the *artiste extraordinaire* William Matthews (who loves to fly fish and play guitar himself, and who recently created the cover art for Vince Gill's new release), this guitar is one musical *pièce de résistance*. Its back and sides are crafted from the hardwood Gonçalo Alves, and its glossy front is made of Sitka spruce. The fly-fishing artwork is by Matthews, and we love the additional details of the pearl inlay trout on the fingerboard and headstock. Produced in cooperation with Martin Guitar Company, this artful instrument is part of a limited edition of 100.

\$4,399

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Turquoise and Gold Jewelry by GURHAN

Sleeping Beauty turquoise is highly sought after for its flawless appearance. This pure sky blue stone is set in 24-carat gold to make for a stunning necklace and earring set. Master jeweler Gurhan Orhan, who produces artful jewelry under the tradename GURHAN, designed this one-of-a-kind treasure. The necklace holds an impressive 50-plus carats of turquoise cabochon, accented with .70 carats of diamonds. The earrings are nearly 14 carats of turquoise and feature .64 carats of rose cut diamonds. The set is available at the Broadmoor Jewelry Company inside the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. The company represents other fine jewelry designers, including Roberto Coin, John Hardy, Marco Bicego, and many others.



Necklace: \$26,000

Earrings: \$6,500

broadmoorjewelryco.com

Cabin Style by Chase Reynolds Ewald with photos by Audrey Hall



One's idea of how a cabin should look will likely change after reading *Cabin Style*. Written by award-winning author Chase Reynolds Ewald, with photography by Audrey Hall, this 224-page book will surprise and delight by offering a fresh look at curated cabins from traditional to transitional to modern. Interviews with professionals and homeowners from Napa to Nashville fill the pages with stories that enchant and inform. An invaluable source of inspiration for renovations or new construction, *Cabin Style* is sure to provide an escape for one dreaming of living among nature in a hand-crafted abode.

Hardcover, \$50

gibbs-smith.com

Contemporary Ceramics by Everett Studios

As a dynamic mother and son duo, Colleen and Nick Everett create vibrant ceramics in a variety of styles and colors. Colleen's work resides in a collection at The White House and has been exhibited at the Smithsonian, among other museums and galleries. She's also an avid supporter of the arts in her community of Vail, Colorado, where she founded the Vail Valley Arts League and the festival, Art on the Rockies. Her son Nick, a traveler and musician, joined Colleen in the studio because he was inspired by her influence as a teacher and her engagement with the creative process. Today, they take their ceramic creations to welcoming audiences across the U.S. Even though many of their works appear in a brightly hued palette, we love these black and white pieces from their *Atomic Pinto* series.



Platters: 15 inches

Installation: 56 x 56 x 3 inches

\$2,700

everettstudio.co

Handcrafted Belt by Scott Hardy and John Willemsma

Two members of the Traditional Cowboy Arts Association (TCAA), Scott Hardy and John Willemsma, teamed up to create this carved leather belt with an engraved silver buckle. Each employing their skill sets, Hardy created a cornucopia of flowers in silver while Willemsma hand-carved floral patterns into the leather. The buckle is sterling silver with 14-carat gold overlays, and the centers of the flowers are delicately colored in 14-carat green gold. Hardy, a founding member of the TCAA, included the organization's logo on the back of the buckle. Willemsma's reputation as a saddle-maker has spread across the U.S., Canada, and into Europe, and his exceptional talents are demonstrated in the belt's etched leather. This accessory will offset any cowgirl's outfit with Western elegance and handcrafted artistry.



2.5-inch round buckle

\$8,500

tcowboyarts.org

Colorful Luxury Crystal by Cristallerie de Montbronn

Creating a poetic dinner setting with this collection from Cristallerie de Montbronn will ignite your dinner party with accolades. The French luxury brand of crystal has been around for 90 years, and their glassware is distinguished by a variety of cuts, from diamonds and bevels to more modern styles. Great care is taken during production, which includes hand-cut designs and inlaid 24-carat gold and platinum. Opting for several different colors makes for a vibrant table setting, or consider a more traditional approach with a set of red wine glasses rimmed with hand-drawn 24-carat gold.



From tumblers to stemware

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cristallerie-montbronn.com

Conoid Bench by George Nakashima Woodworkers

George Nakashima [1905–1990] said that his happiness came from working with trees, for he believed, like the Druids, that a tree has a spirit. As an artist, he felt he could give that spirit a second life, one that could last forever if cared for properly. Nakashima’s approach to furniture was to let the wood speak, working with its imperfections as well as its beauty. We love this



American black walnut Conoid Bench, with a spindled backrest constructed of hand-shaved hickory. Nakashima’s original design is re-created in a New Hope, Pennsylvania, workshop, and the bench is available in several sizes and wood types, including maple, Scottish elm, or East Indian rosewood. Well worth the year-plus wait, each bench is made to order. And while many of the famed woodworker’s pieces reside in museums, his daughter Mira explains that “Nakashima furniture is meant to be lived with as a member of the family.”



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