



GARLAND A. WEEKS

SCULPTOR

ARTIST'S BIOGRAPHY

Born in Amarillo, Texas, in 1942, reared in Wichita Falls, and graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Garland traces his direct roots in Texas back 6 generations to 1835. He realized two of his primary professional sculpting goals by being elected to full membership in the National Sculpture Society and to the National Academy of Western Art in 1990. As extra kudos, he was selected as the Official Sculptor of Texas in 1995 by the Texas State Legislature and was advanced to the status of "Fellow" by the National Sculpture Society in 2004, advancing further by being elected to the Board of Directors of the NSS in 2009. In addition, he was honored by being selected to create a life-size monument of "Old Yeller" to memorialize the classic book's author, Fred Gipson and a life-size monument at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson, Kansas, memorializing the astronaut Gene Cernan (being the last man to step off of the face of the moon). Also, Garland was chosen to design and sculpt the half life-size icon for the Texas Medical Association in Austin and for the Shannon Surgery Clinic in San Angelo and to create a life-size commemorative sculpture for the Lake City Community Museum in Lake City, South Carolina. He recently unveiled a life-size WWII Infantry soldier memorial in Tyler, Texas, a life-size Revolutionary War memorial honoring General Francis Marion (The Swamp Fox) in Moncks Corner, South Carolina, as well as on the campus of Francis Marion University in Florence, South Carolina (to be officially unveiled in early 2010). He also created a ram's head fountain for Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas and a larger than life portrait bust of Mr. Preston Smith, former Governor of Texas. In early 2010, Garland will unveil a life-size portrait bust of Berlin G. Myers, the Honorable Mayor of Summerville, South Carolina, as well as the life-size figure portrait of legendary football coach Curtis "Dike" Rose at San Jacinto High School in Houston, Texas. Garland is currently engaged in commissions for a life-size portrait of U.S. Army General Adna R. Chaffee, a life-size family grouping of black-tailed prairie dogs, a one-and-a-third life-size Texas roadrunner, and a one-and-a-quarter life-size monument of early 20th century settlers north central Texas.

Garland is committed to the credo, "An artist sees what every man has seen and thinks what no one else has thought!" The natural forms, emotions, and nuances of Mother Nature in all Her radiant glory continue to serve as his source for new, creative, innovative sculpture. He sees, he thinks, he creates, and with his deep interests in literature, science, history and heritage, and social culture, he is never at a loss for new thoughts and grand ideas.

While Garland has spent over 40 years creating art based on his observations of Mother Nature's native wildlife, insects, pets and livestock, he is best known for and always returns to the human figure as his personal touchstone. The human figure and forms (Mother Nature's work at its best) are where he finds his real heart and soul and his most basic personal, emotive, artistic vision. He has successfully sculpted a diverse body of work ranging from life-size astronauts to life-size cowboys and soldiers; doctors, preachers, and firemen to pool players, nudes, and police officers; cats and mice to grandmothers and portraits; horses and dogs to grasshoppers and dung beetles; and literary figures from Rip Van Winkle to "Old Yeller." Mother Nature offers endless opportunities and possibilities!

"Art is a journey, not a destination, and it requires a never-ending search for knowledge and understanding on the part of dedicated artists-every day, every year, every decade-and that's the love we have for our chosen profession. I desire that my art communicates my inner-most passions, visions, observations and experiences of the world and cultural heritage around me."

**FELLOW
NATIONAL SCULPTURE SOCIETY**

ARTIST'S COMMISSIONS & COLLECTIONS

- **Benson Park Sculpture Gardens**, Loveland, Colorado
- **Berkeley County Administration Office**, Moncks Corner, South Carolina
- **Brookgreen Gardens** – Pawleys Island, South Carolina
- **Bond International Gold, Inc.**, Australia
- **Buckingham Palace**, London, England
- **Camp Fannin Veterans Memorial**, Tyler, Texas
- **Chamber of Commerce**, Amarillo, Texas
- **City of Summerville**, South Carolina
- **Clyde Vamvoras Memorial Bronze**, Lake Charles, Louisiana
- **Cutter Laboratories**, Shawnee Mission, Kansas
- **Dolph Briscoe Collection**, Uvalde, Texas
- **Foster Ranches** – Sterling City, Texas
- **Francis Marion University** – Florence, South Carolina
- **Frost National Bank**, San Antonio, Texas
- **Governor's Mansion**, Nashville, Tennessee
- **Holiday Inn Express**, Lubbock, Texas
- **Jiggs Beutler Memorial Bronze, Old Town Museum**, Elk City, Oklahoma
- **Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center**, Hutchinson, Kansas
- **Lake City Community Museum**, Lake City, South Carolina
- **LeGrand Alumni and Visitors Center**,
Angelo State University Alumni Center, San Angelo, Texas
- **Loveland Museum and Gallery**, Loveland, Colorado
- **Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport** – Lubbock, Texas
- **Lubbock Regional Public Safety Memorial**, Lubbock, Texas
- **M. Beven Eckert Memorial Library**, Mason, Texas
- **M. L. Leddy's Boot Company**, San Angelo and Fort Worth, Texas
- **Mercedes Boot Company**, Mercedes, Texas
- **Museum of the Big Bend**, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas
- **Museum of the Cherokee Strip**, Enid, Oklahoma
- **National Cattleman's Association**, Denver, Colorado
- **National Ranching Heritage Center**, Lubbock, Texas
- **San Jacinto High School**, Houston, Texas
- **Shannon Surgery Clinic**, San Angelo, Texas
- **Texas Cattle Feeders Association**, Amarillo, Texas
- **Texas Medical Association**, Austin, Texas
- **Texas Tech University**, Lubbock, Texas
- **The Old West Museum**, Cheyenne, Wyoming
- **U. S. Ag**, Lubbock, Texas
- **University Medical Center Foundation**, Lubbock, Texas
- **World Boxing Federation**, Mexico City, Mexico

ARTIST'S SHOWS & AWARDS

- **Friends of Brookgreen Gardens Curator's Auction**
– 1994-2010, Murrells Inlet, South Carolina
- **Sculpture in the Park** – 1984-2010, Loveland, Colorado
- **Sculpture In the South** – 2000-2010, Summerville, South Carolina
- **National Sculpture Society** – 1990-2010, New York City, New York
- **Haley Memorial Library Art Show** – 1992-2010, Midland, Texas
- **Stribling Art Extravaganza** – 2001-2010, San Angelo, Texas
- **Mountain Oyster Club Art Show** – 1974-2010, Tucson, Arizona
- **Texas Society of Sculptors** – 1985-2010, Austin, Texas
- **Southwest Sculpture Society** – 1985-2010, Corpus Christi, Texas
- **Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum Art Show** – 2004-2010, Canyon, Texas
- **The Museum of Western Art Roundup** – 2006-2010, Kerrville, Texas
- **Balance of Nature: Bronze Sculptures by Garland Weeks**
– 2007, National Ranching Heritage Center, Lubbock, Texas
- **O.S. Ranch Reunion** – 2004, Post, Texas
- **Kenan Master Sculptor In Residence**
– 2003, Brookgreen Gardens, Murrells Inlet, South Carolina
- **The Night of Artists** – 2002-2003, National Center for American Western Art
- **Cattle Raisers Museum** – 2003, Fort Worth, Texas
- **Trappings of Texas** – 1997-2002, Alpine, Texas
- **Trappings of Texas, Best of Show** – 1997, Alpine, Texas
- **Texas Sculptor of the Year** – 1995, Texas State Senate, Austin, Texas
- **Westward Ho! American Sculpture Show** – 1995, New York City, New York
- **Cowboy Rendezvous** – 1995, Enid, Oklahoma
- **Legacy of the West Art Show**, 1995, Jackson, Wyoming
- **Wichita Center for the Arts** – 1995, Wichita, Kansas
- **Settler's West Art Gallery Miniature Art Show** – 1994-1995, Tucson, Arizona
- **Texas Cowboy Artists Association**
– 1981-1995, Gold, Silver, Bronze Awards, Mercedes Boot Award, John Reynolds Award, Stetson Award
- **Governor's Invitational Art Show** – 1993-1995, Cheyenne, Wyoming
- **Professional Rodeo Cowboys Artists Association** – 1993-2000, Las Vegas, Nevada
- **National Wildlife Art Museum Miniature Show** – 1992-1994, Jackson, Wyoming
- **Danada Sculpture Gardens Show** – 1991-1994, Chicago, Illinois
- **National Academy of Western Art** – 1989-1994, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- **Bosque County Conservatory of Fine Arts** – 1993-1994-Clifton, Texas
- **Bosque County Conservatory, Best of Show** – 1993, Clifton, Texas
- **John Stevens Jones Fellowship Purchase Award** – 1993, Clifton, Texas
- **Southeastern Wildlife Exposition** – 1990-1991, Charleston, South Carolina
- **American Museum of El Paso** – 1986-1989, El Paso, Texas
- **Cowboy Artists of America Museum Show** – 1984, Kerrville, Texas

ARTIST'S GALLERIES

American Legacy Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri
Art on Texas Avenue – Lubbock, Texas
Keepsakes Gallery, Brookgreen Gardens, South Carolina
Pitzer's Fine Arts – Wimberly, Texas
Rutledge Street Gallery, Camden, South Carolina
Southwest Gallery, Dallas, Texas
Wild Horse Gallery, Steamboat Springs, Colorado

ARTIST'S PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Sculpture Society, Fellow
National Academy of Western Art
American Medallion Sculpture Association
British Art Medal Society
Texas Cowboy Artists Association
Texas Society of Sculptors
Southwest Sculpture Society
Society of Artists and Anatomists
Mountain Oyster Club of Tucson

PUBLICATIONS FEATURED

- *American Art Review*
- *Art of the West*
- *Art Talk*
- *Dictionary of American Sculptors, 18th Century to Present*
- *Leading the West*, published by Northland Press, 1997
- *National Sculpture Review*
- *Revue Magazine*
- *Southwest Art*
- *Texas Country Reporter*
- *Texas Highways*
- *Texas Monthly*
- *The Cattleman*
- *Ranch Record*, Ranching Heritage Association publication
- *The Texas Techsan*, Texas Tech Alumni Association publication
- *Western Horseman*