

Sam Nettles



Sam Nettles is a nationally recognized representational sculptor specializing in portraiture and figurative art. His accolades include the National Sculpture Society's *Walter and Michael Lantz Award* and *Roger T. Williams Prize*. In addition, he has been featured in both *The National Sculpture Review* and *The Masters of American Sculpture*.

He has been commissioned to sculpt noteworthy people such as John Glenn, Pappy Boyington, Ernest Hemingway, Christa McAuliffe and the NASA Challenger Crew. His work is in private and public collections including churches, universities, the Buehler Challenger Center, and the National Museum of Naval Aviation, which has commissioned 27 separate bronzes. Among his monumental sculptures are a heroic jaguar created for the University of South Alabama, *The Hawkshaw Lagoon National Missing Children's Memorial* and seven over life size bronzes that make up *The Santa Rosa Veteran's Memorial*.



Nettles has recently been selected to create a life size Virgin and Child for The Cathedral of Sacred Heart in Pensacola, Florida, an over life size sculpture for the Joe Cain Society of Mobile, Alabama, and a monumental abstract composition for the City of Gulf Breeze, Florida. He has taught life drawing and artistic anatomy, as well as creative, life and portrait sculpture. Currently he is teaching in Pensacola, Florida at the First City Arts Center and Pensacola State College.



left middle: Study of an Old Man. bronze. 1990
left bottom: Head of a Pawn. Stoneware. 2012