



Jack Metzger

A Sterling Moment

19th century portrait frame (back side), painted wood background, 19th century brass scale face, vintage clock hands with sterling silver accents, red cast iron door pin, 15" x 13" x 1.5"

Opening bid: \$1200

Artist Statement: As I thought about the Goddard clock, and marveled at its beauty, a light-hearted thought crossed my mind which was, "All time, whether it is noticed or marked in any way fundamentally comes down to a string of moments. This moment...as I look at this clock or at my watch or the walls surrounding me...all of life is now. Whether I am remembering or experiencing, it is still happening now, in this moment."

Artist Biography: Through the years I have gathered bits and pieces of history. A shape, texture, design, or color would catch my eye; it could be a rustic finial from a 19th fence post, an 18th century broken stoneware crock, or an antique wooden farm implement with old repairs that I would feel the need to save. Many of the things that I've collected have been broken, lost, or discarded, and these eventually become a part of my art.

There is something about putting pieces, each with its unique history, together and seeing how one supports and compliments the other to create something new that is deeply satisfying to me.

There is also a cooperative element in my work that I hope can be seen and felt by others. I will sometimes find a box of vintage odds and ends on my porch...things that someone (often I never find out who) thought I would like, and synchronistically there will be a piece in the box that is exactly what I have been looking for.

On a very personal note, over the past few years, I've also begun to create collaborative pieces of art with my wife, artist Mary Muncil, and this has been deeply rewarding. At the most basic level, I believe that all of us want to be happy...even in this uncertain and continually changing world that we live in. We want to lead meaningful lives and if my work can contribute in any way to the happiness of others then the reward is doubled.

“Life is a series of natural changes. To resist them is to open the door for sadness to enter.” *Paulo Coelho*