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*Adaptation* (detail) by Frank Gonzales.

Frank Gonzales/Photo by Lynn Trimble

*Adaptation*

## Frank Gonzales

Tempe artist Frank Gonzales was born in Mesa, where he's now a preparator at Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum. *Adaptation*, an acrylic painting created in 2012, is one of the artist's many works inspired by desert life and natural forms – including birds, flowers, and cactus. Classically trained in painting at Mesa Community College, he recalls being inspired at a young age by "the unbelievable stillness and separation" of taxidermy birds in natural history museums. This piece was recently featured in "Frank Gonzales: A Vivid Gaze" presented by Scottsdale Public Art and Scottsdale Public Library in the Appaloosa Library exhibition space.



*Hawkbit* by Christy Puetz.

Christy Puetz/Photo by Lynn Trimble

*Hawkbit*

**Christy Puetz**

Christy Puetz, a Phoenix artist who creates elaborately beaded creatures inspired by mythological settings and historical events, was recently featured in the "Hare" exhibition at **Practical Art**. The exhibition included more than a dozen works described by the art space as "tactile stories made of tiny glass beads." Puetz's works for this exhibition were inspired by the