

ARTS BEST BETS



Ola, a Brad Sells sculpture made from the stump of a koa tree, is on view at Two Moon Gallery. SUBMITTED

Fallen trees tell tales

Two Moon Gallery highlights wood sculptor Brad Sells' local creations

Brad Sells has gained a national reputation for his elegant free-form sculptures made from the wood of fallen trees. Though he sometimes travels as far away as South Africa or Hawaii to collect his source wood, his current exhibition at Two Moon Gallery is much more local in origin.

Two Moon owner Hal Pickel first learned of Sells from family friends who'd commissioned the artist to create pieces using downed trees on their land. When Pickel and his wife Rachel opened their gallery, they knew Sells was one of the artists they wanted to represent.

The gallery's concept includes concentrating on a small number of artists, occasionally featuring them in one- or two-person shows. Work by the other

artists remains on view during the shows; paintings will still hang on the walls while Sells' sculptures are highlighted on pedestals — some brought from his own studio and gallery — on the gallery's two floors.

Along with bowls and vessels, Sells will also be exhibiting larger pieces such as *Love Bird*, a tête-à-tête loveseat whose shape resembles both a heart and a bird.

Wood sculptures by Brad Sells will be featured at Two Moon Gallery through Sept. 16. The gallery is at 2015 12th Ave. S., Ste. 108, and is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free. For information, call 942-5342 or go to www.twomoongallery.com.

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