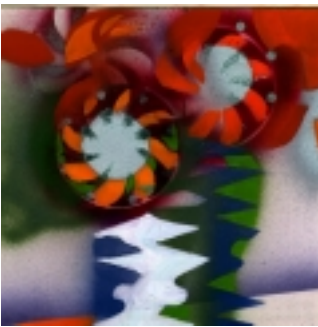


## About Commissioning Artwork



*Forest Song*  
montype



*Tree of Life*  
Hursky Collection  
mixed median on paper

Icons are often painted to commemorate passages, (*Birth, Christenings, First Communions, Weddings*).

*People often ask for a name-sake or a patron saint. Here's an abbreviated list.*

Starting an art collection, can be the result of interest in decorating, a family tradition or even an intellectual pursuit. Commissioning can be exciting for both the artist and the patron. Here artist and collector collaborate in order to create a work which encompasses the patron's ideas and the artist's individual style. Quite often the collector may even have a specific location or recipient in mind. For an artist commissions can be an invited challenge, and an opportunity to give shape to discourse between the collector and the artist.

Here are some things to consider when you are commissioning a piece of art.

- You should commission an artist whose abilities you trust.
- Take time to decide what it is you want. A successful commission requires forethought.  
*Is it for a particular place? Or for a particular person or for an occasion?*
- Pick a subject that has resonance for you and for the artist.
- Invite an artist who is suited to the task. One who has done similar work before.
- It's a wonderful way to commemorate a big occasion or a meaningful event in your life
- Art can be an heirloom that will be passed down to your children for generations.
- Respect an artist's limitations. If they tell you that something is outside their comfortable range, trust that. We like to be challenged, but we also like to do our best work upon request.
- Give an artist an appropriate amount of time to complete the work. Some techniques are laborious and require time.
- A commissioned work is conceived on behalf of the patron and to their specification. It is the utmost luxury.

### PATRON SAINTS FOR

Accountants	Matthew
Actors	Genesius
Architects	Barbara
Artists	Luke
Dentists	Appollonia
Journalists	Francis de Sales
Lawyers	Thomas Moore
Learning	Ambrose
Married Women	Monica
Musicians	Gregory
Physicians	Cosmas and Damian
Poets	David
Secretaries	Martha
Skiers	Bernard
Students	Thomas Aquinas
Teachers	Gregory
Theologians	Augustine



*Mother of the Sign*  
egg tempera on wood  
with 18k gold leaf  
Shevchenko/Goncharev Collection