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**Gnomeland | the Evolution of *Gnomus sapiens***  
**Group Exhibition | January/February 2012**  
**Elroy Artspace @ The Original | 300 SW 6<sup>th</sup> (Downtown PDX)**  
**Opening Reception – First Thursday, January 5th, 5-8pm**

**Elroy Artspace Gallery Announces ‘Gnomeland | the Evolution of *Gnomus sapiens*’, a group show in Portland, OR of fine art inspired by imagery of the ‘Master Species’**

**Portland, OR (December 16, 2011)** — Elroy Artspace Gallery is pleased to announce **Gnomeland | the Evolution of *Gnomus sapiens***, a group exhibition of art inspired by the imagery and tradition of the fabled Gnome, the most gifted and beloved of the Elvish races.

Today’s garden gnomes as we know them spawned out of 19<sup>th</sup> century Europe, where their forefather “Gartenzwerge” originated in Thuringia, Germany. Thriving throughout Mid-century America in the decades following WWII, they have protected and assisted their human-keepers’ plots as night watchmen and nocturnal gardeners, secretly lending their hands at some lawn tending and weeding.

“Gnomeland | the Evolution of *Gnomus sapiens*” group exhibition will feature the original fine art of local and national artists Brooke Weston, Carolina Seth, Tripper Dungan, Britton Walters, Jonathon Hill-Jacquard, Candy Weil, Chrissie Hart and others inspiring the continued evolution and perpetuation of these fine little fellows.

[Elroy Artspace](#) is curating this show at its gallery within [The Original](#) (located at 300 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. in downtown Portland, OR). Elroy Artspace is a gallery whose mission is to enhance the human experience by introducing fine, modernist art to fans, professionals and others concerned with bringing color and beauty into the home and workspace.

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