

# SAGE MOON

**A** little over two years ago, Morgan MacKenzie-Perkins and her husband Jim were both retired when “on a kind of whim” they decided to open Sage Moon LLC, a fine art gallery.

“We just wanted to do something that would be fun and that would be something different from anything we’d ever done together,” she recalls. “We decided that looking at beautiful art everyday is a wonderful way to spend the rest of our lives and that Charlottesville is an up and coming art community that we wanted to be part of.”

“It’s great and so much fun,” Morgan enthuses. Just moments earlier, she was meeting with a new artist. “We’re getting some blown-glass sculptures which we haven’t had before, and they’re just beautiful,” she says, her voice almost breathlessly ecstatic. “We’re really thrilled to have those.”

In addition to glass, the gallery also carries bronze, marble and alabaster sculptures, as well as a wide array of oil, watercolor and

acrylic paintings. All of it can be found and purchased on Sage Moon’s website.

Sage Moon’s extensive varied collection makes it a natural for First Fridays Artwalk, Charlottesville’s monthly opening of art galleries on the Downtown Mall and elsewhere. We always have an opening and it is a great time to feature new art,” Morgan says. “We’re constantly bringing new art into the gallery.” To that end, Sage Moon Gallery is currently negotiating with a gallery in Tuscany and will soon import art from the birthplace of Michelangelo and Da Vinci.

So does Morgan have a favorite among all the art she is surrounded by? “It changes daily,” she says. “You think, ‘Oh well, this is my favorite,’ and then you come in the next day and you see something and say, ‘Ah, maybe I like this one better.’”

As a result, Morgan and her employees regularly play a game at the gallery. “All of us say, ‘Okay if you can only pick one thing and

take it home with you, what would it be?’ And we always find out it changes constantly,” she says. “They all have something different to offer.”

