

Laakso continued

later. I hope this site will help to define and give homage to their gifts and dedication. Because the Laakso's were Working Artists, continuing to create almost daily, there was an endless seam of Artwork and projects in the making. As it turns out there are works by both Laakso's that have been made and never were released for sale. In the case of George he was working on a sculptural interpretation of the Mythology of Finland, known as the Kalevala. This he defined as his Life's' Work and it was his final effort. We are fortunate to be able to offer this and many of Georges artworks, on this site. These works will be listed under at www.GeorgeLaakso-Sculpture.com/GalleryOfferings

Bill Osmundsen



See our Eco-Gifts for Earth day at:- <http://bronzesea.org>
EcoGifts

Earth day, earth week-

Everyday should be Earth day! It took a noble leader who won the *Nobel Prize*, to wake everybody up. *Kudos to Al Gore!* I believe, with a little effort provided by everyone, that this mess we have gotten into, environmentally, is reversible.

I started *Eco-Tips*, a weekly environmental cartoon, published in the Granite State Extra, while living in New Hampshire, in 1993. The town of Wolfeboro had also planned on adopting the characters of Emerald Moss, a frog and his side-kick Half-Shell, a clam to bring environmental consciousness to the area. As the years followed, recycling and environmental interest dwindled.

The *environmental* message is not really fun because it makes you do things you don't really want to bother with;- sort of like when your a little kid and you have to quit playing at night and come in and take a bath. But, good habits, like bathing take hold and so will follow recycling, reusing and rehabilitating our habitat.

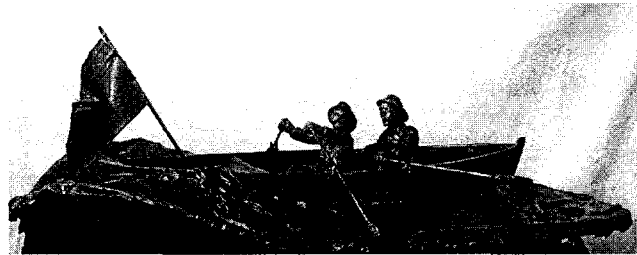
Happy Earth day, *BillOsmundsen*

See [http://bronzesea/Eco Tips](http://bronzesea/EcoTips)

The Voyage of the Fox

The Fox:- "The Voyage of the Fox". is a remarkable story of two men, who were Norwegian Immigrants who rowed across the Atlantic Ocean in 1896. I didn't know about this until my friend and collector of my work, Victor Samuelson returned from Norway in July of 2007 and called me to tell me the story of the Fox. Victor had a distant relative from Farsund, Norway, Frank Samuelson, who rowed across the Atlantic Ocean with another Norwegian who immigrated to America named George Harbo. Victor suggested this would be a great motif to add to my Bronzes from the Sea collection.

If you think about it, this adventure



"The Voyage of the Fox", sculpture Marquette
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it was nothing short of breathtaking, in fact even with modern means no one (and quite a few have attempted it) have even come close to the feat that Harbo and Samuelson accomplished. That's why we hope this project develops to the full. Monumental proportions we are currently planning. The sculpture work would give long overdue credit to this superbly brave and tenuous feat by two Norwegian-American Immigrants. Please watch my Web site to see this projects' progress.

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