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On the Alert
Coyote
Pyrography
18 x 16

Clever and evasive, the coyote's extraordinary ability to adapt to change in varied environmental conditions makes him a consummate survivor. Captivated by this animal's calm and calculating demeanor suggesting his next diversion, I sought to capture his grandeur in compelling detail. Because color is not present in this pyrographic depiction, he is represented only with tone and value in order to distinguish shape, form and texture. As I "paint with heat," I feel a certain parallel between the wild and natural spirits that inspire and embody my subjects and the organic and distinctively exigent nature of my medium.