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Gotta Itch
Longhorn steer
Bronze
16.5 x 24 x 17

Texas longhorns and their history have always fascinated me. I am intrigued by their assortment of long, wide and corkscrew horns as well as their vast array of hide coloration. The longhorns of today are descended from Spanish cattle brought to the Americas by Columbus in 1493. They finally made their way north to Texas by 1690 and vigorously flourished in their new environs. Yet, the breed is a product of natural selection (like other wildlife) evolving in a wild state on the plains of Northern Mexico and South Texas. This has given them some other unique characteristics such as longer legs, better heat and drought resistance, and birthing very small calves for an animal of that size.