

Art-opinion paper



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and Number of the Teacher's ART: Opinion Paper Introduction This report is about a visit last Friday to the Great Western Art Gallery, LLC in Colorado, located in downtown Denver's Theatre District, on Curtis Street. The Great Western is a warm and friendly place, featuring a wide variety of fine art by both local and regional artists. The working hours of the art gallery are: from 10 a. m. to 7 p. m. on week days, 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. on Saturdays and from Noon to 5 p. m. on Sundays.

Discussion

The Great Western Art Gallery is a contemporary museum of fine art, with a comprehensive collection of art work from various genres, besides traditional Western and Native American art. The visit to the art gallery was a memorable one, since one could devote sufficient time to browsing and discussing unique aspects about the art pieces with the helpful attendant on duty at that time. Also, since the visit was during afternoon hours, there were few visitors around, and a leisurely viewing was possible.

The glass-fronted facade of the gallery permits an exciting view into the interiors, which are well lit with the help of numerous focus lights from the dark ceiling. Inside the gallery, the interiors are designed for displaying art pieces at their best. Backgrounds in pastel shades such as peach walls and surfaces, and sky-blue stands hold Western contemporary and abstract paintings, graphite and pastel drawings, sculptures, photography, raku pottery, bowls, designer jewellery and blown glass art pieces, each unique and distinctive. The eclectic collection of art in several mediums and genres from various sources, artists and craftsmen, is representative of some of the best in creativity from the western world. All the artists associated with the art gallery are local and regional Denver artists who are highly talented,

some of whom have been nationally and internationally recognized for their artistic abilities. These original art works are infused with the energy, knowledge and spirit of the artists whose creative skills are captured as a moment in time. Artists develop their distinctive style or technique over several years of formal and informal training while progressively mastering their craft.

The paintings of wild animals in their natural habitats such as a doe and her young fawn, those of nature, country scenes and extraordinary sky-scapes compete for space with urban life depicted through towering sky-scrapers and buildings. All the art works are worthy of gracing any distinguished home, office or other space. The intrinsic value of fine art increases progressively and is a good investment for the future. However, it is important to select only those which are one's personal choice, capable of providing enrichment and enjoyment, and being the one that "one absolutely cannot do without".

Some of the services offered by the gallery include a framing shop on site which provides custom archival framing, and a fine art installation service.

The Great Western Art Gallery is a member of the Professional Picture Framers Association (PPFA) with the Mountain and Plains Chapter. The Fine Art Liquidation and two Websites provide information to understand the artists and their works, and to buy art online.

Conclusion: The visit to the Great Western Art Gallery in Denver, Colorado was a memorable, educative and rewarding experience.