

Kachina Dolls Take Center Stage on Newly-Launched Informational Website

KachinaDoll.net provides historical context, vivid imagery of timeless Kachina dolls.

Native American art has taken on many forms, sizes and shapes throughout the years. One of the most beautiful works of Native American art undoubtedly has to be Kachina dolls. Each of these meticulously crafted dolls holds a different significance and meaning, and most assuredly no two dolls are alike.

Now, a new site solely dedicated to the past and present of Kachina dolls is live on the World Wide Web.

“Kachina dolls hold a very special place in Native American history,” said KachinaDoll.net spokesperson David Stentson. “Our mission is to spread the word about Kachinas, much like the Hopi people have passed the stories down from generation to generation.”

The new site pulls back the curtain on these sometimes mysterious but always awe-inspiring Kachina dolls. Accompanying the essays are vivid pictures and examples of Kachina dolls. These photos illustrate the symbolism, creativity and mystique these coveted dolls embody.

Hopi Kachina dolls take center stage on the new site. Hopi literally translates to “peaceful”, and the dolls have spiritual significance. While Hopi Kachinas were once given as gifts and used for ceremonial purposes, today they are made to carry on a long line of Hopi traditions.

“Hopi Kachina dolls were first created in the mid-1800s and the doll-making tradition carries on today,” said Stentson. “While the designs and creation process have certainly changed over the years, their beauty and magnificence remains the same.”

While there is so much history, tradition and spirituality associated with Kachinas, they have also become quite the collector’s item. In fact, Stentson says that many Kachinas created between the 1940s and 1970s will sell for up to \$1,000. Some dolls from this same time period will fetch nearly \$10,000 at auction.

For more on the history, meanings, creation process and photos of Kachina dolls, please visit KachinaDoll.net.