

# **New Website Celebrates the Popularity of Native American Art**

*New Native-American-Art.org puts incredible works, pieces in spotlight*

On the great plains of North America, heroes were born and legends were created. The Native American tribes left an indelible mark on world history and continue to be a source of inspiration, guidance, and reverence in today's world. One of the most important ways which the values and wisdom of Native American tribes convey their message is through art.

Today, interest in studying and collecting Native American art is steadily rising. In response to the demand for knowledge about the subject, a new website, native-american-art.org, has risen to the forefront for providing facts and resources for anybody interested in expanding their knowledge about Native American artwork.

According to native-american-art.org spokesperson Janet Wilts, people young and old are drawn to Native American artwork because of its universal concepts and deep ecological ties, which is a rarity in much of the modern artwork being put out.

"There is something about Native American pieces which satisfy a very basic esoteric need of people which other, more contrived styles of art, simply cannot," states Wilts. She goes on to say that against the backdrop of the current digital age, when oneness with nature seems a far-off concept, Native American artistic representations are like "food for the spirit and the soul."

Native American art comes in many mediums. Popular representations include jewelry and intricate bead work, paintings, baskets, pottery and clay, and dream catchers. Wilts urges people not to place Native American art in a box.

"The scope of artwork," she says, "is wide and vast, ranging from something as simple as a set of earrings or a basket to large rock art cave murals." In fact, popular types of tribal art include gourd art, in which gourds are decorated with paints and oils, and even converted into birdhouses. When it comes to the methods used to create art among the tribes, she is quick to note that unlike modern artistic movements, "nature itself seems to be both the inspiration and the canvas."

Wilts sees the passion for Native American styles continuing to rise in future years. "If you look at many of the recent collections coming out of the trendy fashion labels," she is quick to point out, "you notice a very strong Native American undercurrent in their patterns and use of textures. Even teenagers today are walking around with fringe bags and seed bead earrings, it's becoming part of everyday street apparel."

The website native-american-art.org is an authoritative and comprehensive source for everything related to Native American art.