

TACOMA ART MUSEUM

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A Roundup of New Western American Art Exhibitions open in time for Thanksgiving Weekend

Tacoma, WA – Two new art exhibitions open in [Tacoma Art Museum's](#) Haub Family Galleries, celebrating the one-year anniversary of the museum's grand expansion. [\(Re\)Presenting Native Americans](#) and [Artists Drawn to the West](#) open on Saturday, November 21, arriving just in time to treat visiting family and friends over the holidays. These two exhibitions round out a set of four in the new wing, plus the sculpture gallery, and feature works of art and craftsmanship that can be appreciated by all ages. Bring your visitors for a day of art and culture at TAM, and be sure to check out the latest activities in the TAM Studio (free and stocked with art supplies).

(Re)Presenting Native Americans includes 25 works by Native and non-Native artists, and asks visitors to consider questions such as "What is American identity?" Artists include Catharine Critcher, Sally Farnham, Joe Fedderson, James Lavadour, Marie Watt, Shaun Peterson, John Nieto, Frederic Remington, Charles Russell, and more. The exhibition focuses on images of Native Americans created from the mid 1800s to today, and considers how artists of different eras and backgrounds represent Indigenous cultures. It invites visitors to ponder how they would want to be represented.

Artists Drawn to the West will inspire your inner explorer through works of art by Albert Bierstadt, Thomas Moran, and other painters and sculptors who connected the art of the West to larger movements in American and European art. See how these different artists interpreted the vast western landscapes and scenes of daily life, reflecting artistic styles and trends from the Hudson River School to impressionism to modernism and more.

Also recently opened, [Northwest Cowboys in Art](#) honors the ranching and cowboy culture that has been part of the Pacific Northwest for more than a century. The exhibition includes works from a local favorite, painter Fred Oldfield, among a selection of Northwestern artists. [Saddles](#),

[Spurs, and Quirts: The Art of Leatherworking](#) spotlights the intersection between art and function through 31 beautifully hand-crafted works. Artisans and makers span from Argentina to Oregon, and the designs come from cultures as far-reaching as the Spanish Moors.

These exhibitions mark the first change from the inaugural exhibition, [Art of the American West: The Haub Family Collection](#), which has been attracting visitors since November of 2014. During this year, TAM welcomed approximately 98,000 visitors, and over 3,000 students with school tours. TAM held 16 programs related to western American art with nearly 2,700 participants, and its first Symposium, a tradition that will continue in spring 2016.

For more information, visit <http://www.tacomaartmuseum.org/>

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John Nieto (born 1936), *Plains Warrior with Breastplate*, 1998. Acrylic on canvas, 60 x 48 inches. Tacoma Art Museum, Gift of Christopher and Astrid Forbes in honor of Erivan and Helga Haub, 2013.16.

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About Tacoma Art Museum

Celebrating 80 years, Tacoma Art Museum has become an anchor in the city's downtown and a gathering space for connecting people through art. TAM's collection contains more than 4,500 works, with an emphasis on the art and artists of the Northwest and broader American west. The collection includes the world's largest retrospective museum collection of glass art by Tacoma native Dale Chihuly on continued view; the world's largest collection of jewelry by Northwest artists; key holdings in 19th century European and 20th century American art; and one of the finest collections of Japanese woodblock prints on the West Coast. TAM recently welcomed a gift of 295 works of western American art in the Haub Family Collection, one of the premier collections in the nation and the first major western American art museum collection in the Northwest.

HOURS – Tuesdays–Sundays 10 am–5 pm

ADMISSION – Adult \$14; Student (6-17), Military, Senior (65+) \$12; Family \$35 (2 adults and up to 4 children under 18). Children 5 and under free. **Third Thursdays free from 5–8 pm.** Members always free.

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