

Wintery Pikes Peak. © Visit Denver. Photo by Chris Gilbert.

ith an abundance of natural beauty, Colorado is unquestionably a destination for artistic inspiration and for outdoor adventures. The Southwestern state is filled with natural wonders such as the Rocky Mountains, Pueblo dwellings, several national forests and a diverse landscape that includes snow-capped peaks, rushing rivers and desert scenery. Such splendor has culminated in lively arts centers, events, museums and galleries in the Western genre. From the vibrant capital of Denver, to the smaller winter destinations of Vail and

Aspen, there's no shortage of art activities for the Western collector.

Starting with the American Museum of Western Art in Denver, visitors will see a large collection of historic and contemporary Western work, ranging from 19th century to present day. The museum is home to the popular Anschutz Collection, consisting of over 600 drawings, paintings and sculptures, illustrating the history of the American West. Denver is also home to one of the largest art museums in the country, the Denver Art Museum. They represent a variety of cultures in 12 different collections, including

a collection known as the Petrie Institute of Western American Art. The collection contains paintings, sculpture and works on paper dating from the early 1800s to the present.

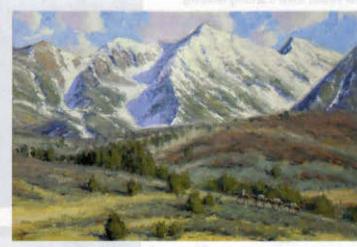
The Coors Western Art Exhibit & Sale is an event and gallery exhibition that happens every January in Denver, alongside the National Western Stock Show that runs for 16 days. The work ranges from a mix of styles and mediums by renowned and new-to-the-scene artists. While the Stock Show has canceled this year's events due to Covid-19, The Coors ventured online to showcase their Western works.



Moments of Light on view at Ann Korologos Gallery. Pictured: Dinah Worman, Peter Campbell, Sabrina Stiles and Michael Wisner.



Ann Korologos Gallery, Off Trail, oil on linen, 34 x 46", by Andy Taylor.



Ann Korologos Gallery, Heading to Basecamp, oil on panel, 16 x 24", by Dan Young.

Ann Korologos Gallery

211 Midland Avenue, Basalt, CO 81621 (970) 927-9668, www.korologosgallery.com Ann Korologos Gallery, located 20 minutes from Aspen in the historic town of Basalt, is the premier source for contemporary Western art. More than 30 nationally acclaimed painters, sculptors, printmakers, mixed-media artists and photographers at Ann Korologos Gallery tell the stories of the American West in their own unique language and style. Clients and artists alike share a passion for the beauty of the magnificent landscapes and timeless frontier culture.

"Contemporary artists offer not only their

work, but their artistic evolution," shares long-time collector and gallery owner Ann Korologos, who purchased the gallery in 2008. "Watching the process of an artist continuously sprouting and unveiling intent, technique and subject is an opportunity to connect on a deeper level. As the artists learn, we are privileged to learn alongside them, a journey we joyfully share with clients. Every visit, in person or virtually, is an opportunity to learn something new."

In reflection of the last year, Korologos shares the quote from Twyla Tharp, "Art is the only way to run away without leaving home." And with a home as beautiful as the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, local and regional artists such as Andy Taylor, Dan

Young, Terry Gardner, Michael Wisner, Leon Loughridge and Sean Wallis, have no shortage of inspiration. Nationally and internationally acclaimed artists include Sarah Lamb, Tomas Lasansky, Dinah Worman, Lloyd Schermer, Nathan Solano, Angus Wilson, Donna Howell Sickles, and more.

On view through March 6 is Moments of Light, exploring the power of light to create or alter a mood or perception, and featuring Kate Starling, Sabrina Stiles, Peter Campbell, and Deborah Paris. Observations in the Clearing will open on March 11, 2021, and will highlight the work of Ewoud de Groot, Mike Weber, Paula Schuette Kraemer, and Sherrie York as they examine the character and connection of wild animals and mankind.