

Joseph Skywolf: Teton Village, Wyoming

Apache

Traditional Arts



Joseph Skywolf is an Apache artist raised in Arizona. “Everything I know about my craft I have learned from the elders of my family,” says Skywolf. He recreates traditional bows and quivers, staying faithful to the original spirit and Apache design and Plains style of his people. He paints ‘old style’ war shields and fashions many other antique pieces of weaponry. His father trained horses all of his life while teaching Joseph to craft excellent pre-1800s style Apache horse gear including saddles, quirts, hobbles, bolos, and headstalls.

Joseph now lives in Jackson Hole, Wyoming and is truly inspired by life in the beautiful Jackson Hole Valley. “I believe the rustic beauty and the history of this area lets me put my work in bright perspective. I am able to feel the same rain, snow and wind and see the same sky, stars and mountains that those that came before me felt and saw”.

Skywolf’s work has received world recognition and is on display at the Smithsonian Institute and the Museums of Natural Science in London, Scotland, Venezuela, and Japan. The Scottish Archives own one of the largest collections of his weaponry. Joseph’s most recent awards are 1st Place at the 2005 Red Nations Art Show, and the President’s Award, Best of Class and Award of Merit at the at the Red Earth Art Show. He was awarded 1st Place - Ethnic Arts at the Tesoro Cultural Center’s 2004, 2005 and 2006 Indian Markets.

