

Frank L. Garcia: Pojoaque, New Mexico

Bultos, Hide Paintings & Retablos



Born in Pojoaque, New Mexico, Frank's family ancestry goes back hundreds of years in Northern New Mexico. His grandmother's profound faith was his primary influence as a child. She collected many different styles of devotional art and religious icons, providing Frank with the opportunity to broaden his understanding of iconography.

Frank began sketching and painting as a child and has been a Spanish Colonial Market artist since 1998. He has developed relationships with other Santeros and Santeras who have encouraged him to learn more about Spanish Colonial art and to create pieces in the style of the period. Frank makes his own gesso from natural pigments and piñon varnish. His hide paintings are done on natural brain-tanned leather.

Frank has won numerous awards and honors including 1st Place – Poster Award at the 2004 Espanola Valley Arts Festival, 1st Place – Hide Painting at the 2006 Tesoro Spanish Colonial Market and Our Lady of Guadalupe Award at the 2006 and 2007 Spanish Markets in Santa Fe. In 2012 Frank won 3rd Place in the Bultos category and in 2013 he won 2nd Place at Tesoro's Spanish Colonial Market.

