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Menominee Metal



I am a Menominee Native American and am native to Fort Collins Colorado. I love Colorado and enjoys being outdoors, especially the fact that you can golf here almost year-round. “Colorado/Native American” is a fitting description for my metal artwork as I am inspired by the beauty in nature, color, texture, and in freedom and simplicity. I go by the motto “Life is in the details.” And paying attention to details is what enables my audience to truly feel my creations.

Each work begins with flat metal usually steel or copper, it is then manipulated by a heating method which gives the piece a distinctive edge. The metal is further

refined by using a hammered or sanded effect. I also weld pieces together to create dimension. I like to use copper as an accent, and I find it gives my work a softness that is needed.

The final stage involves color which can be the most fun and creative way to make the piece my own. I use a variety of methods: heat, patinas, variety of paints, and miscellaneous objects all of which give it the “ta-da” effect.

My work can be found in an Estes Park Gallery called Inspirations and I do several shows during the year including The Santa Fe Indian Market, Colorado Indian Market, Bernalillo Indian Market and several local markets including Loveland Art in the Park.

