



Stark Museum of Art  
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**The Stark Museum of Art**  
**Explore Treasures of the American West in Orange, Texas**

The Stark Museum of Art houses one of the **finest collections of 19th and 20th century Western American art and artifacts in the country**. The collection focuses on the stunning land, dramatic people, and diverse wildlife of the American West. The Museum also holds a significant collection of American Indian art as well as collections of glass and porcelain, and rare books and manuscripts.

Located at 712 Green Avenue in Orange, Texas, The Stark Museum of Art is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information, call 409.886.ARTS (2787) or visit [www.starkmuseum.org](http://www.starkmuseum.org).

**Western American Art**

The Stark Museum of Art's Western Art collection conveys the artistic interpretation of the western region over two centuries. Explorer-artists of the 19th century, such as **George Catlin**, **Alfred Jacob Miller**, **John Mix Stanley** and **Paul Kane** recorded and documented the American West and American Indians in portraits and scenes of their customs. Subsequent artist, **Albert Bierstadt** and **Thomas Moran**, showed the grandeur of the frontier in Western landscape art. **Frederic Remington**, **Charles Marion Russell** and others created enduring iconic images of the Wild West in their paintings and sculptures portraying cowboy life and Indian imagery at the turn of the century. In the 20th century, artists formed colonies in Taos and Santa Fe, New Mexico, bringing new interpretations to the concept of the West through the works of artists **Joseph Henry Sharp**, **W.H. Dunton** and **Georgia O'Keeffe**.



Frederic Remington (1861-1909), *The Bronco Buster*, 1909, Stark Museum of Art in Orange, Texas.



William Herbert Dunton (1878 – 1936), *Philosopher of the Hills*, N.D., Stark Museum of Art in Orange, Texas.

**Rare Books and Manuscripts**

The Rare Books and Manuscripts collection includes *The Birds of America* by naturalist **John James Audubon**. These five double elephant folios, which depict the birds of North America, belonged to the artist. The groundbreaking publication is widely regarded as one of the finest illustrated books of all time. In addition, the Museum houses letters and journals by Audubon and artist Paul Kane, seven **Books of Hours** manuscripts and more rare treasures.

**Decorative Arts**

The Decorative Arts collection features primarily glass and porcelain. It includes numerous items from **Steuben Glass**, including the only complete set of *The United States in Crystal*, a series of bowls engraved with scenes representing each of the 50 states as well as Puerto Rico and the Union. Another highlight is a series of porcelain birds by artist **Dorothy Doughty**. The collection holds the entire series, including unpainted versions.

**American Indian Art**

The American Indian collection consists of objects created the tribes of the **Great Plains**, **Southwest**, **Eastern Woodlands** and **Northwest Coast**. The collection includes excellent examples of Plains clothing, body ornaments and beadwork, such as elaborately beaded moccasins.

The museum also exhibits baskets from major basket-producing cultures in the West: Pueblo pottery, including blackware by the world renowned Maria Martinez; kachina dolls of the Zuni and Hopi; and an outstanding collection of Navajo rugs and blankets.

**The Nelda C. and H.J. Lutchter Stark Foundation**

The Stark Museum of Art is a program of the Nelda C. and H.J. Lutchter Stark Foundation, a private operating foundation, whose other programs include the Frances Ann Lutchter Theater for the Performing Arts, Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center and The W.H. Stark House. The Nelda C. and H.J. Lutchter Stark Foundation is a private operating foundation established in 1961 to encourage and assist education and to improve and enrich the quality of life in Southeast Texas.