



## Ben Allgood Fine Art

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Being an artist able to express myself through sculpting is a God given talent. I continually expand on that by studying with the masters of sculpture. Art is a personal expression of what is around me and the experiences I have had in life. Growing up in Arizona and New Mexico and traveling throughout the West, the culture of the American Indian and the western style of life influenced me the most. Having learned facial anatomy with some of the more renowned sculptors, I have expanded my work to create commissioned portraits of adults and children.

Studying sculpture and the detail of famous works by James Earl Fraser, Remington, Rodin and others revealed to me the true artistry of making a piece of art look and feel as if were real and alive. When commissioned to create a bust, I work to capture the expression recognizable through the eyes. Working with water based clay allows me to "feel" the figure coming to life through my hands. When completed and fired, the pieces are hand painted and are one-of-a-kind originals.

The bases upon which the sculptures rest are handmade ... I embellish the Southwestern works with materials of nature I have collected from the desert, old buildings or natural stone. To honor the masters that came before me, I attach coins that those masters engraved and were used by the U.S. mint, such as Fraser's Indian Head Nickels.

I hope you enjoy viewing my work and visit my website.

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