

**DEFINE ART....
IN SEARCH OF THE MEANING OF ART
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***What is Art?
One person's viewpoint***



***Creature Comforts USA
"What is art?"***

Art is not a necessity of life. Art is the necessity of pleasure in a life. "Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness " is one of the most famous phrases in the United States Declaration of Independence. These three aspects are listed among the "inalienable rights" of man. I think the wording should be the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of Art. It is not easy to define Art or to comprehend the meaning of Art. Conceptually, it is the quintessence of humanity and spirituality.

Traditionally, the term Art was used to refer to any skill or mastery. This conception changed during the Romantic period, when Art came to be seen as "a special faculty of the human mind to be classified with religion and science". Generally, Art is a human activity, made with the intention of stimulating thoughts and emotions. Beyond this description, there is no general agreed-upon definition of Art so one is challenged to define Art and search for the meaning of Art as best they can as I have in writing this article.

Art can describe several things:

- a study of creative skill,
- a process of using the creative skill,
- a product of the creative skill,
- or the audience's experience with the creative skill.

The creative Arts (Art as discipline) are a collection of disciplines (Arts) that produce Artworks (Art as objects) that are compelled by a personal drive (Art as activity) and echo or reflect a message, mood, or symbolism for the viewer to interpret (Art as experience).

Art has a beneficial and therapeutic effect for both the creator and the viewer, it heals the body and spirit, and promotes peace, progress, and productivity. Artworks can be defined by purposeful, creative interpretations of limitless concepts or ideas in order to communicate something to another.

Art is something that stimulates an individual's thoughts, emotions, beliefs, or ideas through the senses. It is also an expression of an idea, and it can take many different forms and serve many different purposes. Although the application of scientific theories to derive a new scientific theory involves skill and results in the "creation" of something new, this represents science only and is not categorized as Art.

1.. Experience of the mysterious

Art provides us with a way to experience ourselves in relation to the universe. This experience may often come when we appreciate Art, Theater, Dance, Music, or Poetry allowing our soul and spiritual being to restore, refresh, and refine.

"The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true Art and Science." -Albert Einstein

2.. Expression of the imagination

Art provide a means to express the imagination in non-grammatical ways that are not tied to the formality of spoken or written language. Unlike words, which come in sequences and each of which have a definite meaning, Art provides a range of forms, symbols and ideas with meanings that are malleable.

3.. Universal communication

Art allows the individual to express things toward the world as a whole. Earth Artists often create Art in remote locations that will never be experienced by another person.

Art, at its simplest definition, is a form of communication.

In my childhood Arts and Crafts were one and the same thing. I feel that Arts embraces Crafts and not vice versa with Craft being specific knowledge and skills of various media of choice used to create Art.

Being a fine Craftsman may not always mean being a fine Artist but surely a fine Artist is always a fine Craftsman.....



I choose to live for the future for the present so quickly becomes the past.

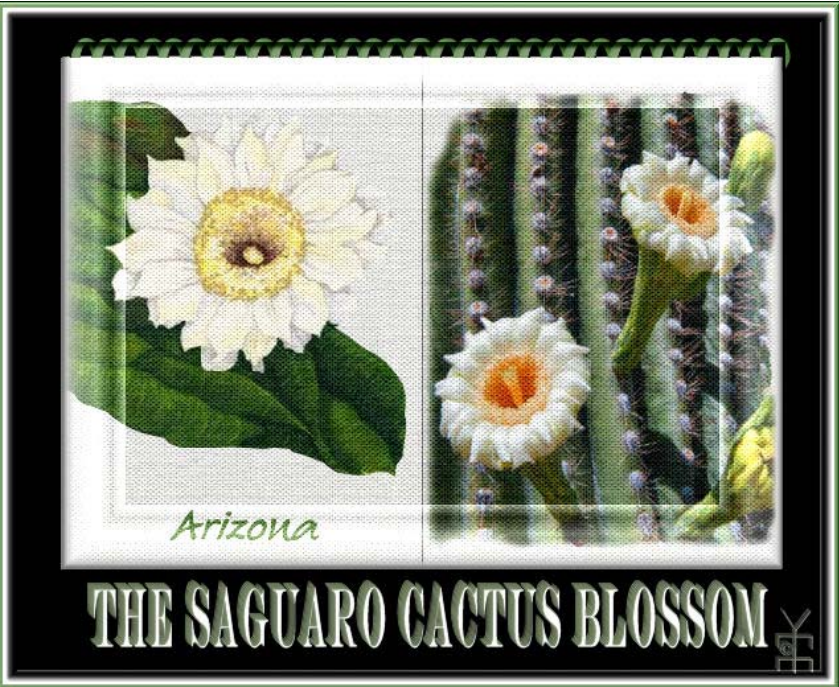
I choose to look to the future for that is where I will be the rest of my life.

I will gladly rejoice in the present....., (Sounds Soft Now, Intl).

And finally, in conclusion,

"Art is not a NECESSITY of life...???"

**Art is the necessity of happiness in life
With less wasteful worrisome strife !"**



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