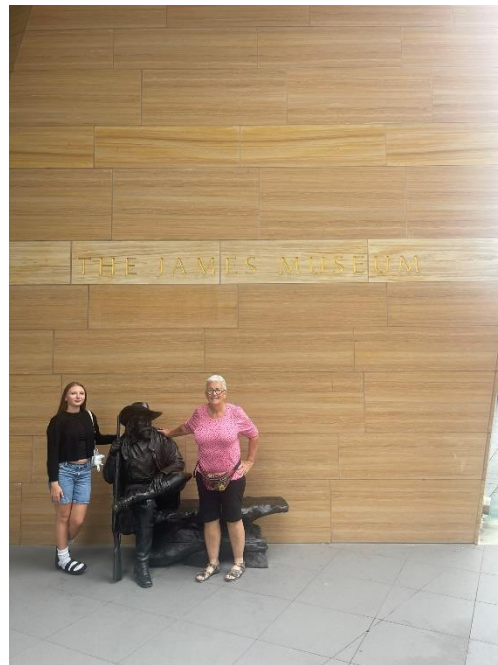
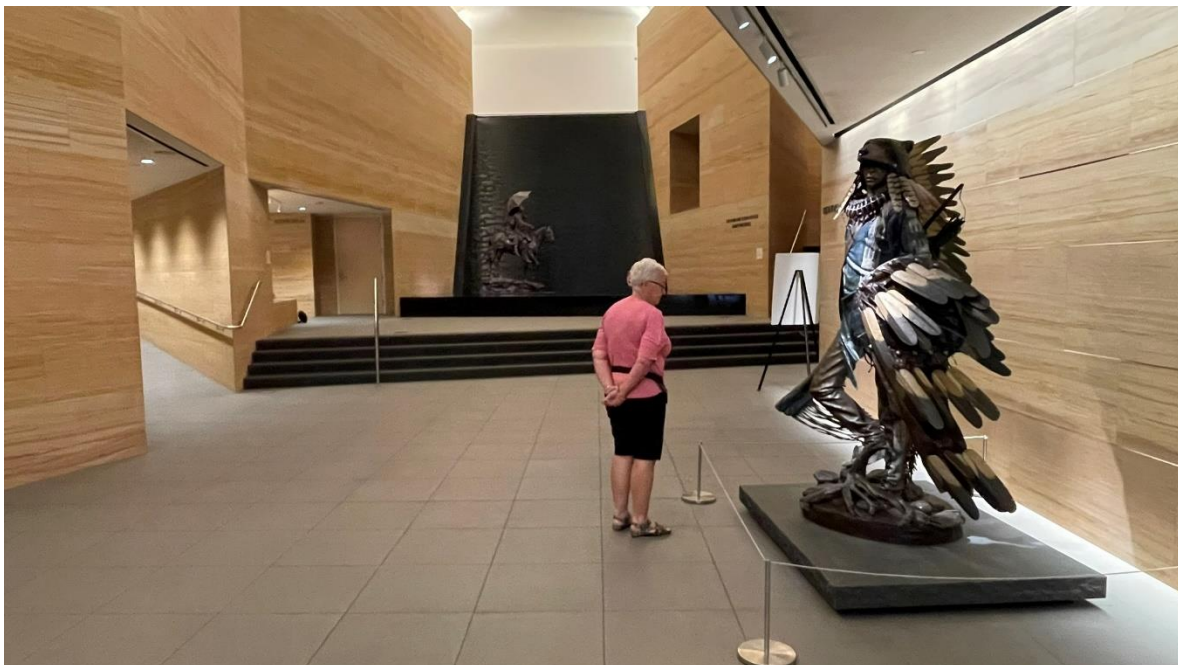


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The James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art is a museum] located in St. Petersburg, Florida. The museum was founded by businessman Thomas James, and opened in 2018. The museum has thousands of pieces from the James' collection, including both contemporary and traditional works.





Tom and Mary James spent \$75 million creating the Museum.

The building uses veined sandstone to mimic the look of American Southwestern canyons, with carvings reminiscent of Mese Verde cliff dwellings.

Weathered copper and turquoise panels evoke images of the Native American turquoise jewelry that is on display within the museum.

Its easy to lose 2-3 hours roaming the halls of this gem...you wont believe your eyes.





You really don't know whether to focus on the bronzes call the paintings , or the artifacts. There is something here for everyone. If you are a lover of the American West and that portion of history then this museum will be unforgettable for you.

I highlight some of the paintings here. There is a realism to them which defies your understanding. They really look like photographs but are in fact hand paintings. This collection is so complete car so wide and so deep that you will need multiple returns to the museum in order to even start to appreciate what they have displayed.



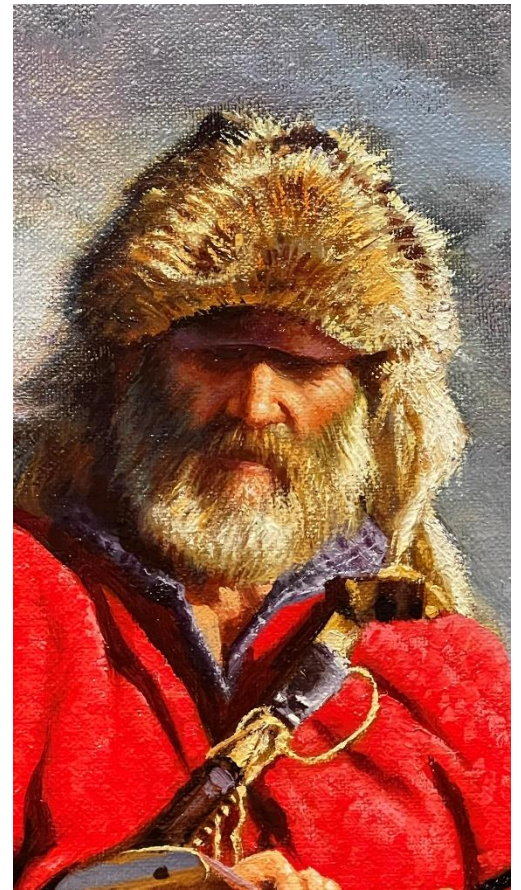


The art tells different stories depending on the media use. The bronzes are more heroic in stoic, projecting the warrior and masculine aspects of the Native American peoples they represent. The paintings are much warmer and organic. You look into them and feel for the people they captured and the lifestyles they followed





There is modern art here as well. Dancing Indian chiefs are beautifully done and portray traditional festivals in all their authentic vibrance. Images of mountain men and the Buffalo soldiers also round out the collection. The museum is faithful to the American West, the good the bad and the ugly. I think it does a more than fair job of representing every aspect of that point of American history. It's a must see location if you're coming to St. Petersburg FL.





So set aside at least two or three hours, even more if you can. If you live in the area a season ticket maybe what you want. I cannot see anyone coming here that can come back not doing so. They now have a restaurant which will open offering western fare. What more could we ask for. Enjoy.



THE END

