

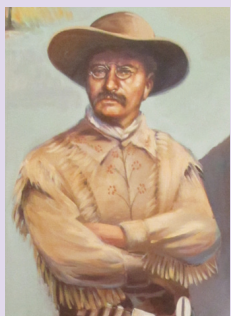


Scavenger Hunt Presidents' Day

Find these objects in the galleries and return to the Visitor Services Desk in the museum lobby to receive a stamp in your Autry Explorers Passport.

○ Where's Teddy? This trust-busting, Nobel Peace Prize-winning, cowboy president is hiding somewhere in the museum. **Can you find him?**

Hint: Teddy is hiding on the lower level of the museum.



○ Did you know that Ronald Reagan got his start in politics as the head of the Screen Actors Guild? Before he was president, Ronald Reagan was an actor with 79 credits to his name, seven of which were Westerns. You too can be a Western actor! **Go to the Imagination Gallery to see yourself on the big screen.**



○ Be on the lookout for Teddy's spurs. Metal spurs are worn on the back of boots that cowgirls and cowboys use to move horses forward. President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt wore these personalized spurs at his ranch in North Dakota.

Spurs, circa 1883, owned by President Theodore Roosevelt. Acquisition made possible in part by Paul S. and June A. Ebensteiner. Autry Museum; 85.5.4

○ When artist Albert Bierstadt traveled to the Yosemite Valley in 1863, much of the United States was engulfed in a brutal Civil War. Viewing Yosemite as an empty, ideal place, Bierstadt produced a series of paintings, some of which toured Eastern cities and provided many with their first glimpse of Yosemite. On June 30, 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed legislation that granted Yosemite Valley to the State of California. Images of Yosemite produced by artists like Bierstadt helped to convince American leaders and the public that Yosemite needed protection against future development.

Hint: I'm hanging out with other landscape paintings on the upper level of the museum.



Albert Bierstadt, *On the Merced River*, circa 1865. Oil on canvas. California Historical Society Collections at the Autry Museum; X57-716-1-2; T2005-131-1



○ In 1848 gold was discovered in the waterways descending from California's Sierra Nevada mountain range. Many people thought that the stories of gold were rumors until President James K. Polk confirmed the discovery during his 1848 State of the Union Address.

"The accounts of the abundance of gold in that territory are of such an extraordinary character as would scarcely command belief were they not corroborated by the authentic reports of officers in the public service." — James K. Polk, December 5, 1848.

By 1849 tens of thousands of people from around the world traveled to California hoping to find their fortune.

Go outside to the Gathering Circle to strike it rich!

What is your favorite object?

Use the space below to draw a picture or describe your favorite object in the museum.