



*Men's Traditional Dancer
Donnie Dowd, 1995*



*Jingle Dress Dancer Briana
Johnson of the Tuscarora
Nation of Ontario, 1996*



*Grass Dancer Dennis
Shananaquet, 1995*

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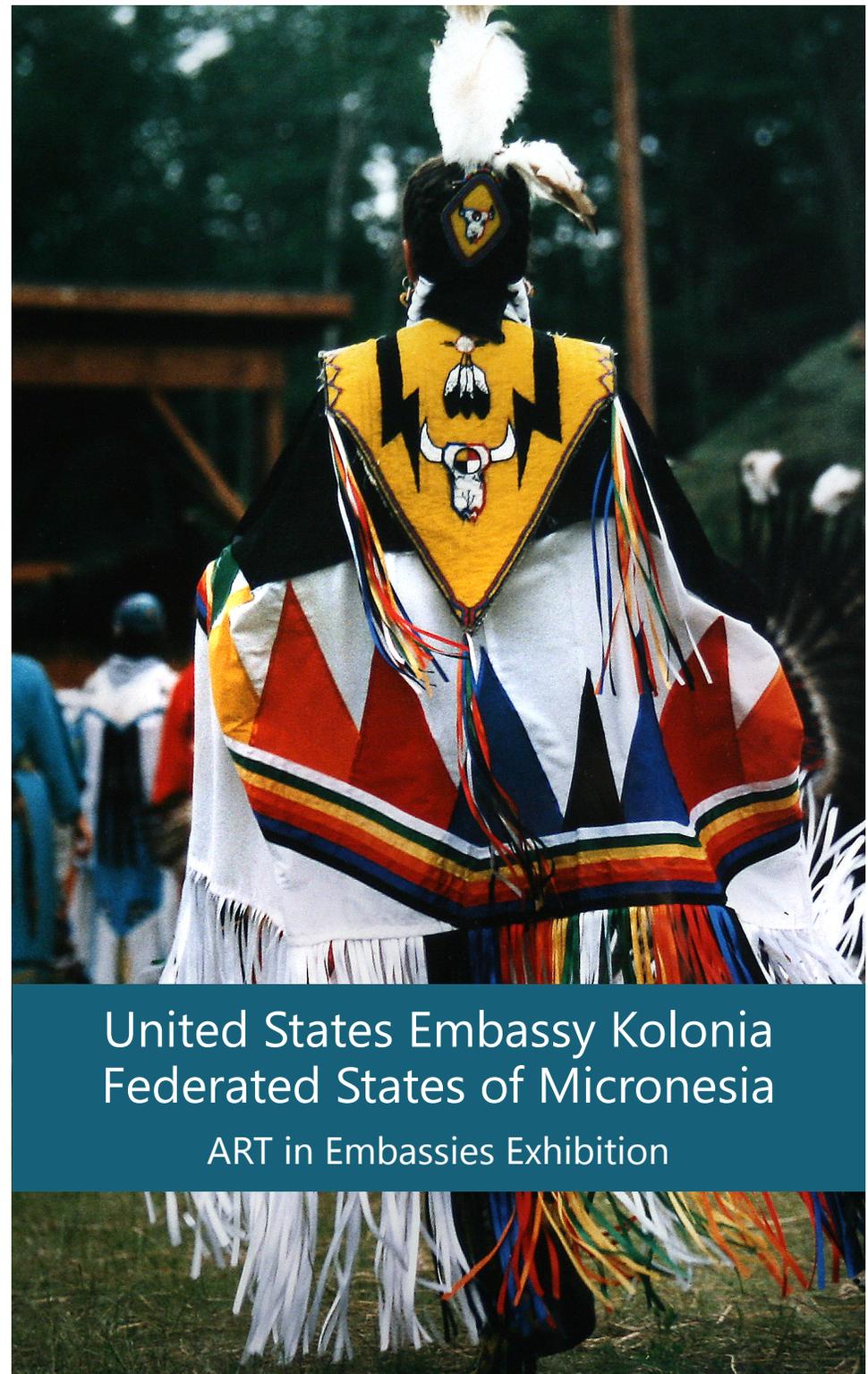
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Susan Pear Meisel
San Francisco, undated
 Lithograph (artist's proof)
 Courtesy of ART in Embassies,
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Welcome to the U.S. Ambassador's Residence in Nanpohnmal

My wife Amy and I welcome you to the Ambassador's Residence – our home – and invite you to enjoy art that recalls for us aspects of life in the U.S. At the entry are two watercolors by noted painter Reginald Marsh of scenes that would have been familiar to my parents, who lived in New York City in the 1920s- 30s. Marsh, a social realist painter, tried to create a unique American art not reliant on European tradition. Here he conveys the vitality and dynamism of New York Harbor.

Works by two contemporary artists hang in the living room. Susan Pear Meisel's signature scenes of San Francisco in the 1970s – when we lived there – show the distinctive cable car passing through Chinatown, and Fisherman's Wharf. Her style captures the city's joyful spirit. Patricia Palermino is a folk artist from Alexandria, Virginia (near Washington, D.C). Amy and I bought a home there, as we admired the city's proud history. Festivals and fairs are a part of daily life, with Ghost Tours a staple of evenings around Halloween. The Saturday Farmers' Market supports local growers. We actually first met the artist at the market and have been fans ever since – these images remind us of "home."

Photographs by Minnie Wabanimkee hang in our reception area. They capture the color and movement of traditional American Indian dance, at a Pow Wow in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. In dance regalia (according to *Contemporary Great Lakes Pow Wow Regalia*): "eagle feathers are presented only to those who have done useful things for the people;" the 365 jingle cones "represent each day of the year;" the shawl suggests butterfly wings "rejoicing for a warrior or loved one that is on his or her way to the spirit world;" and the long strips of material "mimic the flowing grasses of the Great Plains." These works remind us of the importance of honoring and preserving all our traditions and making them part of our lives.

Ambassador and Mrs. Peter A. Prahar
 Nanpohnmal, July 2010



Reginald Marsh (1898-1954)
Boat In Harbor - N.Y. Skyline, 1934
 Watercolor on paper
 Courtesy of ART in Embassies,
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Susan Pear Meisel
Fisherman's Wharf
 Lithograph, undated
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Patricia Palermino
Alexandria Farmer's Market
 undated
 Limited edition print
 Courtesy of the artist, Alexandria, Virginia

Patricia Palermino
Ghost Tours
 undated
 Limited edition print
 Courtesy of the artist, Alexandria, Virginia



Reginald Marsh (1898-1954)
Ferry Boat
 1927
 Watercolor on paper
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