

Built to Last: Celebrating DuPage County's Historical Architecture

Artist statement

Historical architecture is a testament to the creativity, innovation, and ingenuity of humanity through the ages. In addition to its functional aspect it is often a work of art, designed to inspire values and ideals. Drawn to the artistry in older buildings, my goal is to portray the character, grace and values found in the aesthetic of another era.

Presenting the images in black and white reveals the formal elements of art and conveys a timeless aspect. A unique perspective or a detail that creates new appreciation is not soon forgotten. I invite you to reflect on these buildings and consider what the architecture communicates. What message does a particular style say about the values and aspirations of the time? How does that speak to us today?

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