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Miss Laura Gilpin
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Dear Miss Gilpin,

I am an amateur photographer living in Ft Worth. I have just been discharged from the military after returning from overseas and hadn't visited the Amen Carter Museum of Western Art for over a year when I went the other day;

You know of course, that you have a large shown on exhibition there.

I just wanted you to know how much I enjoyed your photographs. I never have written anyone on this sort of basis and am a bit awkward. Your photographs, to me, have all the things that make great photographs, the essentials ~~of~~ that moves photography from the snapshot area to art. Your pictures have all the essentials of what I consider to be good art (I hate to mouth ~~ancient~~ ancient platitudes, but I am just stubborn enough to think that there are some essentials to good art, such as line, shape, movement, etc.) and are technically flawless.

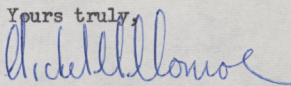
I suppose that I could ramble on and on about the things that I like, but you know them infinitely better than I do.

I wish that my opinion was worth more and in that, my appreciation might mean more. But I really did enjoy your work a great deal and have encouraged others to go see and to enjoy.

Mr Mitchell Wilder had a few spare moments and told me a few things about you and your work, and sends his regards.

Thank you for your time and again, thank you so much for your pictures.

Yours truly,



Michel M Monroe