

WALL HANGING, PERUVIAN “NACIMIENTO” (Nativity)

OVERVIEW OF THE OBJECT

Repository:	Crandall Public Library. Folklife Center Glens Falls, NY.
Creator:	Unknown artist
Title:	Wall Hanging, Peruvian “Nacimiento” (Nativity)
Dates:	1990s
Quantity:	1 item
Identification:	Folk Art

INDEX TERMS

Topics:	Folk Art Textile Art Christmas
Places:	Peru Santa Fe, New Mexico
Form/Genre:	Folk Art

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Preferred Citation:	Wall Hanging, Peruvian “Nacimiento” (Nativity) Folklife Center Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls, NY.
Accession Information:	Purchased by Erica Burke at a gallery in Santa Fe, New Mexico, 1995 – 2000. Donated to the Folklife Center May 2019.
Processing Information:	Arranged and described by Erica Gonyea, May 2019.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT

This colorful textile piece measures 17 inches high by 19.5 inches wide. The scene depicts the Nativity, with the holy family, Kings mounted on camels? Llamas?, and shepherds bringing their gifts. The scene is set in a busy mountain village, full of people and animals: cows, goats, sheep, donkeys, ducks, a goose. There are villagers also bringing gifts. An angel watches over the tent-like "stable" where the child lays, and in the starry sky there is one huge shooting star.

The piece uses a large array of fabrics, and various techniques including applique, trapunto, and embroidery.

The back of the piece is a natural colored coarse woven cotton. There is a label which says "Made in Peru/100% cotton." There is also a small pouch containing a note:

"Lima – Peru

Grupo Imagenes de mi pueblo

Este cuadro representa aun nacimiento donde vemos al pesebre y a los 3 reyes magos llevando sus regalos y los pastores llevando sus ofrendas,

Lima – Peru."

The gallery from which this piece was purchased had a considerable selection of similar items, including depictions of Noah's Ark, of village activities, and of villagers engaged in x-rated pursuits.