

# Photo Gallery

## M.T. Liggett Visitors Center



M.T. at work in his studio  
Image: Larry Hatteberg

# M.T. ON MAKING ART

Once M.T. re-found his creative spark, he fanned it with a passion. That passion became a way of life that he not only embodied, but implored folks stopping by to explore. Are you making art? If not, why not? What's stopping you? M.T. also activated people, welcoming in a stream of creatives for unofficial internships, passing along the love of making big statement art.

*Everybody's got a niche, you know, something they can do. And everybody is creative. There is no such thing as a non-creative mind.*

*A good artist will never ask you how you like something, because he doesn't give a shit. They don't care whether you like it or not, they do it to satisfy themselves. It reflects one man's view of life.*

M.T.'s urge to create was unstoppable, driving him to work at the studio for long stretches of time. He once told friend and reporter Larry Hatteberg that an artist doesn't have a reason to do anything, it's there to do, and you've got to do it. M.T. was always working on the next one, a better one. He wasn't worried about getting something done by a deadline, but running out of time to continue making more.



M.T. with apprentice Emily Schlickman  
Image: Liggett personal archives

## Touchstones

M.T. understood the power of a touchstone – a physical 'thing' that sparks memory, sparks recognition, sparks storytelling. An ordinary object made extraordinary through its symbolic nature. These purple cow figurines are the touchstones that speak to the foundation of M.T.'s art, his rebellion against uninformed authority, and the need to counter the teachings of a culture bent on stomping out creativity.

These figurines were purchased at auction, and became one of M.T.'s storytelling tools. If you engaged with M.T. at the studio in an extended conversation that moved beyond the initial FAQs, and continued into the realm of being an artist, M.T. would go to the main workbench, reach up, and gather these purple cows to hold as he told the story of the Purple Cow.



“ YOU SEE, WHERE YOU'RE AN ARTIST, YOU CAN JUST DO ANY DAMN THING YOU WANT TO DO. AND YOU'RE A DAMN FOOL IF YOU DON'T. ”

M.T. LIGGETT



## Upstairs Studio Apartment

Living Room/Kitchen







Bedroom









Bathroom



Laundry Room



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*Open studio on Mondays and Wednesdays.*