



FACES OF LODO



CURTIS BIRD OLD MAP GALLERY

To Curtis Bird, owner of the Old Map Gallery at 1746 Blake Street, LoDo's historic legacy is akin to "a puff of smoke that could vanish if not cared for." And he should know something about protecting historic material. Owner of the Old Map Gallery for six years, Bird spent about nine years learning the trade from its original owner. "We view ourselves as a service", Bird reflects. "We have a custodial role in dealing with history."

Enter the Old Map Gallery and enter the past. The shop, one of the oldest businesses in LoDo, brims with antique maps and prints for sale gleaned from finite sources from around the globe. Hand-colored maps from the 1700s are displayed alongside vintage almanac selections. Serious collectors and those less so can find something suitable in the impressive collection. And Old Map Gallery customers rest assured that their purchases are authentic since Curtis Bird has spent over 15 years learning "what's real, what's fake and what's rare."

Like many Lodoites, Bird is a patron of other neighborhood businesses, especially the Tattered Cover Bookstore where he finds "the essence of LoDo." When asked why he is a member of the LoDo District, the answer comes quickly. The key to preserving that "essence" that he finds at the Tattered Cover and elsewhere is "to have an organized vision for the neighborhood." Visit the Old Map Gallery in person or at www.oldmapgallery.com .

GET TO KNOW CURTIS BIRD AND OTHER LODO DISTRICT MEMBERS
BY CALLING (303)628-5428 OR VISITING WWW.LODO.ORG FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION