ART – THE ELEMENTS OF ART

The elements of art are line, form, tone, texture and the principles of art are proportion, balance, rhythm, variety, simplicity, dominance, and harmony. A work of art is therefore successful if the elements are well organized or arranged following the principles of art.

A line is very important in drawing. It is also to define objects and to describe shapes. It is also used to express movement and gesture. It has no physical existence of its own in nature. It is an inverted artists to define boundaries of the parts of an object or between objects in space so as to provide diagrams. It is the end of one area and the beginning of another. It is the mark made by the movement of the hand holding a pencil, pen or brush, etc., on paper, canvas, board, or wall and so on.

A line has the quality of being thin or thick, delicate or bold depending on the medium used in making it. There are also different types of lines. There are vertical lines, horizontal lines, diagonal or angular or oblique line and rhythmic line which include wavy lines, spirals, scrolls and loops.

Form is the visible appearance of a thing as it relates to the surrounding space. This appearance is usually recognized by the outline that compose the object or part of it. Form, therefore can be referred to as the composition with a line starting at a point and closing up at that point or near that starting point.

There are two types of form. Three dimensional [and two-dimensional] forms. Three dimensional form which is a form as found in Sculpture, Architecture, and other objects which have breadth, length and height and as found in their physical representation in lines of the physical objects on paper, canvas or is referred to as shape.

Texture refers to the appearance of surfaces and their quality of being rough or smooth when touched and felt.