

# INVENTORY

## JEWELRY

#### Hello Friends and Fans!

We'll soon be back on the road again, and can't wait to see everyone! While we were able to see you six months ago, it's a relief to know we can still travel as things continue open up and conditions improve.

First and foremost, we want to send best wishes to you all for your continued safety and health, and hope that everyone is doing well. Although circumstances brought most travel to a halt last year, we learned we could still visit (albeit virtually) with you and continue to bring you the best of the southwest. We sure appreciate all the love and support from everyone on our Facebook Live

events. Thanks to your support, we were able to continue to purchase from artists and help them out. We are thankful and grateful to all of you for your support and kindness. Thank you  $\mathbf{v}$ .

We have been very busy these last few months with on-going buying trips, meeting with artists and taking in a few collection pieces. Additionally, we just returned from a whirlwind buying trip to the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show. It was a last-minute decision to go as we weren't sure if it was going to be cancelled. While scaled down with many international vendors unable to travel, we still saw many gorgeous works of art (and got some too!). There are so many great new pieces and lots of new designs. If you are a fan of large necklaces, we have two that are stunning – one is a long necklace with large cluster style settings of very dark purple high-quality spiny oyster shell, and another is an impressive squash blossom necklace set with deep red coral. Truly amazing works of art to behold! Tamara found an amazing array of stones and gem dinosaur bone, so we should see those incorporated into both her and Alton's jewelry in the future.

On Eric's most recent trips to Gallup and Zuni he found all kinds of new styles of earrings, pins and pendants, inlayed link watch bands, bracelets and earrings by **Raylan and Patty Edaakie**, as well as so many new styles of Zuni earrings in hoops, dangles and posts. **Smokey Gchachu** made a stunning abalone and turquoise necklace and earrings set - a combination not often seen. **Bev Etsate** created a one-of-a-kind three-piece necklace with earrings set with a new style of mudhead kachina done in coral. There is also a very elaborate sun face necklace set by the **Massie** family. Our hand-carved animal fetishes have been fully re-stocked to include those strung on necklaces and those for display. Stone Weaver artists in Gallup provided some more of their amazing raised inlay pieces (cobblestone style) which we had to have. Sleeping Beauty supplies are still available but continue to dwindle so we snapped up some beautiful pieces with this iconic sky-blue turquoise. We have some lovely small nugget necklaces that Eric strung and finished with hand-made sterling silver hook & eyes.

We have earrings galore! Navajo, Hopi, Zuni and Santo Domingo (Kewa) pieces have all been re-stocked an include fabulous new designs. And, of course, *Alton* kept busy and made some beautiful pieces for us, including a multi-colored necklace and pendant that are just fantastic. They are guaranteed to brighten your day!

We will also have more collector pieces from a private collection that Eric was able to clean and prep during our downtime, including some very nice squash blossom necklaces, a large **Robert Becenti** story concho belt, a beautiful Zuni needlepoint link bracelet in coral and lots of rings and earrings. This collection also contains jewelry from some of the most famous award-winning artists: **AI Nez, Howard Nelson, Alvin Vandever, Phil Poseyesva, Na Na Ping, Sammy and Ester Guardian, Harlan Coonsis, Bev Etsate and more.** 

The result is another fabulous inventory for this show, including many budget-friendly gift items (think *Mother's Day* in May, or upcoming birthdays and special events).

Tamara will have some Argentium Sterling Silver pieces for sale: lightweight and comfy to wear earrings, some fabulous rings, a hand



woven Argentium choker, a chain and a must-see necklace/earring set. Many stones (gem fossilized dinosaur bone, fancy agate and some faceted stones) were acquired on our trip to Tucson, so you'll see some of those items being incorporated into Tamara's work in the future. Currently, she is super busy working on custom orders, so there is a little backlog. The hope is to get more chains, pendants and rings made for the fall or winter series. Be sure to like and follow our Facebook page (facebook.com/americanaindianshows) for any postings of her jewelry, as items usually sell quick.

Other fabulous artists whose work we will have at the shows are: AI Nez, Howard Nelson, Duane Maktima, Tom Jim, Mary Tom, Gibson Nez, Jack Tom, Jacob Livingston, Phil Poseyesva, Tom Jackson, Kee Nez, Vernon Haskie, Boyd

Tsosie, Edison Cummings, Alvin Yellowhorse, Carl and Irene Clark, Harlan Coonsis, Smokey Gchachu, Lavina Tsikewa, Albert Nells, Rebecca and Darryl Dean Begay, Herman Cohan, NaNa Ping, Sunshine Reeves, Jake Livingston, Kerry Begay, Stewart Billie, Alvin and Lula Begay, Don Dewa, Virginia Quam, Albert and Dolly Banteah, Amy Quandelacy, Fadrian Bowannie, Connie Seowtewa, and many more.

## CARVINGS, POTTERY, RUGS AND MORE

Still available are some more of the smaller Navajo weavings which are great for wall hangings and tabletops, as well as for gift-giving. We also have a nice new selection of Navajo sand painting boxes (which make lovely and unique gifts) along with a good variety of the smaller sand paintings. All of our sand paintings are completely handmade, matted, and framed by Navajo artists.

While in Tucson we struck gold and found a major supplier of Mata Ortiz pottery. Our inventory of high-quality Mata Ortiz pottery is now restocked and sure to dazzle! Many of these pieces have complex, fine-line detail artwork and are hand-coiled. Some have detailed geometric relief patterns and others have very detailed carvings. The price for this quality of work is incredible. We have a great pair *Martha Appleleaf* and *Carmelita Dunlap*, black on black feather pattern pots as well as several much sought-after pots from *Bob Lansing*, including one in a large size. Some of our fabulous acquisitions from private collections include three *Maria Martinez* pots as well as pieces by *Phyllis and Marlene Hemlock*. This collection also contains several great miniature pots and a miniature storyteller. Whichever piece of pottery is your favorite, the warm colors of Southwest art provide a distinct feel to any home.

Our large kachina collection continues to dazzle with an inventory that includes work from award winning artists such as *Laurence Dallas, Keith Torres, Raymond Chee, Marlin Pinto and Sterling McRae*.

We also have a large selection of Zuni animal fetishes on hand, including a **HUGE** lot of older, unique pieces from a private collection we obtained. Many of these carvings are by well known, award winning artists and are crafted from an assortment of stones and organic material. *Marvin Toya*, from the Jemez Pueblo carved several mid-size pieces that measure in the six to eight-inch range and some smaller inexpensive gift sized ones, including eagles, owls, corn maidens and others. Other not to miss pieces are some stunning carvings by Zuni fetish carvers. There will be something in everyone's price range, so be sure to stop by and see us!

### See you there!

