



## INVENTORY

## JEWELRY

## Hello Friends and Fans!

It's good to be back on the road again and continue our normal travel schedule. It was great seeing everyone in April and we look forward to returning to Highlands Ranch again for our summer show and sale.

We have an exciting variety of new inventory for this Denver area show. Since our last trip we have acquired four great collections and of course we are still adding new jewelry from collections that came in last year. Also, there are lots of new pieces and new designs from our recent buying trips throughout Arizona and New Mexico.

One of the collections includes 10 necklaces

from well known artists to include *Charlene Reano, Johnathan Nez, Ruddell and Nancy Laconsello, Fadrian Bowannie, Smokey Gchachu and Joe* and *Susie Reano*. Another collection includes about 20 beautiful and very unique men's watchbands, 25 rings and 12 great bracelets. All these pieces were well cared for and most of them are inlayed, raised inlay or overlay work with inlayed stones. These pieces are by artists such as *Calvin Begay, Kenneth Bitsie, Charlie Bowie, and Ray Jack*. There is also a rare men's watchband by *Don Dewa*, a beautiful reversible lapis necklace by *Christen Wolf*, and a silver and gold pendant by *Myron Panteah*.

One of the new pieces is from Tamara's collection; it is a gorgeous Ruddell and Nancy Laconsello wide bracelet with exquisite inlay of a bird (we think it's a Lazuli Bunting) and flower. Tamara will have some Argentium silver pieces for sale that she made: lightweight and comfy to wear earrings, some fabulous rings, and a necklace/earring set with garnet cabs. Argentium is a higher carat sterling silver which is impervious to fire scale and more resistant to tarnishing than traditional sterling silver. It has a whiter, brighter shine than sterling when polished, and when it does tarnish tends to be more grey or yellowish, while traditional sterling goes more brown/black. When heat hardened It's twice as hard as sterling so rings in particular resist scratching and wear for much longer. It's a fascinating and luxurious metal! Currently, she is super busy working on custom orders, so there is a little backlog. There is a necklace with coral in the works, which could be posted on Facebook when done so be sure to like and follow our Facebook page (facebook.com/americanaindianshows) for any postings of her jewelry, as items usually sell quick.

There were also two more collections that came in which included very high-end pieces by the some of the nation's top award-winning artists such as Lee Yazzie, Charles Supplee, Larry Vasquez, Donnie Supplee, and Dina Huntinghorse. These collections include several magnificent rings and pendants by our friend and Goldsmith Brian Clark which he created using Australian Black opal, sugilite, amethyst or red coral. We also picked up two very special pieces from one of our friends, which include a five strand Edward Aguilar hand drawn square silver bead necklace and a fantastic bracelet with a magnificent Lone Mtn. turquoise stone.

This "old" new inventory is full of vintage and rare collectible pieces that are not often seen on the market. To maintain a good mix of old and new (as well as a stunning variety of pieces), we also have plenty of newly crafted items from our recent buying trips. We found a great selection of new earrings, pendants and pins. There were quite a few new designs from Zuni and Navajo artists. We also focused on the shorter summer neckwear with some nice bright colors. *Kee Yazzie* stopped by and brought over some of his new jewelry so we picked up a bracelet and two rings.

Earrings are always popular so our selection is continually changing as we re-stock this section frequently. This time out, in



addition to newly made earrings by the Navajo, Zuni and Santo Domingo artists, we have quite a few older earrings from collections. As you look around the room, be sure to check all the cases because we try to match up earrings with necklaces or other pieces that look good together.

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, SANDPAINTINGS AND MORE

Still available are some more of the smaller Navajo weavings which are great for wall hangings and table tops, 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.

Our inventory of high-quality *Mata Ortiz* pottery is robust 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 impressive 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 newly re-stocked 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. Be sure to check out the jewelry sections, as we also have some fabulous animal and bird fetish necklaces. 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!

HUGE SAVINGS