

INVENTORY

JEWELRY

Hello Friends!

Well, that was fast! Summer is behind us which means we're on the road for our Fall show series and will be headed to your area soon! It's a great opportunity to get a head start on your holiday gift shopping ⁽³⁾.

This summer at the Museum of Northern Arizona Cultural Festival we picked up a great all silver belt buckle from *Mary Tom* and met a wonderful Hopi overlay artist - *Darren Soweyestewa*. It was such a pleasure meeting this very nice fellow and his fiancé. Since the show we have purchased 15 pair of his dangle earrings, 12 band style rings, 10 bracelets, 2 pendants and about 25 pair of the smaller post earrings. The work is perfection, and a great example of textbook Hopi work.

Over the summer Eric made five separate buying trips to Zuni, Gallup, Shiprock and the surrounding

areas, adding significantly to our already great selection of earrings, bracelets, pendants, and rings. There are lots of new necklaces this time out, including a huge variety of short turguoise necklaces which can be worn alone or paired with a pendant. We have beautiful new Santo Domingo pieces in seashell, turquoise and all the colors of spiny oyster shell (orange, red and purple), one magnificent 2-strand coral necklace and a new 6-strand coral heshe necklace, both with handmade sterling silver cones. There are some beautiful new Navajo handmade chains including two very heavy handmade chains as well as a magnificent Patty and Raylan Edaakie coral inlay necklace. Also new is a lariat style necklace made with High Grade Kingman turquoise as well as a smaller style squash blossom necklace that is made to be lighter and shorter, but maintains the fanciness and impact a squash blossom necklace should have. A must-try for those who can't wear "regular" squash blossom necklaces due to size or weight of the necklace. They look great on! Also, we just picked up two new Johnathan Nez necklaces. One has turquoise in the center pendant and the other one is a choker style necklace with coral cabochons. Not something we've seen much of lately, so his works were a great find.

Additionally, our earrings have been restocked, and we also obtained two fabulous pairs of earrings by *Alex Sanchez*. We haven't had any of Alex's pieces for a while, so it's a treat! *Carl and Irene Clark* also visited us and we got one of their "ID" style bracelets with incredible heavy links and intricate micro-mosaic inlay. We don't get these very often, so if you've been wanting one, here's your chance!

For fans of **Alton Bedonie's** top-level work we have some new necklaces. He created one necklace with the very nice Royston turquoise we purchased direct from **Dave Otteson** (mine owner) and is currently working on a necklace with various shades of orange and red spiny oyster shell. Alton also made two of his all-sterling silver heavy link style bracelets and three of the beautiful multi color long dangle pendants.

Tamara continued her silversmithing activities at a furious pace to add more items to her Argentium inventory. Already completed are a fabulous, heavy 35" chain, a lighter 34" chain, an 18" chain, and two loop in loop chain chokers as well as various rings, earrings, and pendants. Work is neverending, so stay tuned for more items in the future!

If you like pins, pendants, and rings we restocked there as well. We found quite a few all-silver bracelets by Navajo artist *Tom Hawk, Leonard Nez, Albert Jake* and the *Tahe* family. A few have over-the-top impressive stamp work on them. There are several new Hopi bracelets as well as Hopi earrings and Pendants. We also have money clips and key rings and, yes, even the beaded key rings, which make nice affordable gifts.

We have, by far, the largest collection of concho belts that we have ever had. We just added two more: a Zuni inlay link belt by **Raymond Boyd** with half dollar size conchos and a Navajo concho belt on leather with beautiful large Royston turquoise stones by **Dean Sandoval**.

At the end of our last series of shows we picked up several collections of jewelry. One collection showcases works from the 1980's and the 90's, most of which are rings. There are, however, three nice older bolo ties; one is an eagle dancer from the 1960's and the other two are from the 1970's. This collection also has one fantastic late 1970's-early 80's spider web turquoise bracelet with heavy silverwork and a beautiful green turquoise bracelet by Navajo artist *Alvin Tso*. The other collection contains an amazing



15 necklaces. There are two beautiful necklace and bracelet sets by **Brian Tso**, one of which is set with Pietersite and the other with Morenci turquoise. There is an incredible Pilot Mountain turquoise necklace by multi award winning artist **Kee Nez**. The collection also contains a very hard to find short inlayed necklace by **Erwin Tsosie** and a hand stamped bead necklace by **Marie Yazzie**. There is a very nice short necklace in Sleeping Beauty by **Geneva Apachito** and a handmade bead necklace with a double drop center pendant with Kingman Water Web turquoise by **Larry Pinto**.

On-going preparation work of prior collections continues and many pieces should be ready for sale by show time. One group of jewelry contains a bracelet with three beautiful Bisbee turquoise stones and some nice Navajo overlay pieces. The other collection has and all sterling silver squash blossom necklace with handmade stamped beads

and a very small mother of pearl squash blossom necklace.

The range of spectacular jewelry is huge and includes works by artists such as AI Nez, Don Dewa, Donnie Supplee, Lee Yazzie, Vernon Haskie, Edison Cummings, Howard Nelson, Carl and Irene Clark, Ervin Haskie, Harlan and Monica Coonsis, Lavina Tsikewa, Ruddell and Nancy Laconsello, and many more.

Other award-winning artists' works include:

Charles Supplee, Tommy Jackson, May Tom, Jack Tom, Kee Yazzie, Octavius Seowtewa, Charlene Reano, Daniel Coriz, Chris Nieto, Nelson Begay, Michael Garcia, Olivia Whitethorn, Alvin Vandever, Dina Huntinghorse and Duane Maktima.

CARVINGS, POTTERY, RUGS, SANDPAINTINGS AND MORE

Sand painting Christmas ornaments are here! They are a great addition to your holiday decorations and make unique, affordable gifts as well. Navajo artists use manufactured ornaments which they decorate with a variety of sand painting styles and designs to create these charming southwest decorations. Available are beautiful Navajo sand paintings depicting Monument Valley, the Four Corners area, and still life scenes. As well, we have a great new selection of smaller sand paintings and sandpainting boxes which make great gifts.

As for Zuni fetish carvings, we have a great collection of about thirty pieces, so there are lots of items from which to shop. Many of these carvings are by wellknown, award-winning artists and are crafted from an assortment of stones and organic material. And remember, fetishes are not just for table-top display; be sure to check out the jewelry sections as we also have some fabulous animal and bird fetish necklaces.

Our pottery inventory is robust with a large selection of amazingly detailed and beautiful Mata Ortiz pottery. These pieces of pottery, combined with our existing pieces will provide a great variety of affordable, hand-made works of art. 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. In Navajo and Jemez pottery, we have a nice selection of new Navajo hand etched pots and some wonderful hand-made Jemez Pueblo spiral melon pieces. There are also a handful of wonderful storyteller pots from the *Lucero* family on Jemez.

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*.

There will be something in everyone's price range, so be sure to stop by and see us!

See you there!

HUGE SAVINGS