

## INVENTORY

## JEWELRY

## Hello Friends!

We're on the road again for our Winter show series and will be headed to your area soon! This is a great opportunity to complete your holiday gift shopping .

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 been purchasing his jewelry on a regular basis. We just picked up 6 more of his ½ inch wide bracelets, 10 of his ¼ inch wide bracelets, and a whole lot of rings. We now have narrow and wide band rings in most sizes and lots of new earrings in a variety of different designs to include small overlay stud earrings.

These darling little studs are great for an accent earring for those of you with multiple earring holes.

Darren's work is perfection, and a great example of textbook Hopi work. Eric made numerous 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, including a huge variety of short turquoise necklaces which can be worn alone or paired with a pendant. Two great finds were an *Octavius & Irma Seowtewa* needle point necklace and earring set (these folks are major award-winners) and a magnificent *Raylan & Patty Edaakie* inlaid necklace and earrings set in turquoise, mother of pearl, coral, and jet. This is a large and impressive necklace! 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. For our purple fans - we picked up a beautiful raised inlay sugilite bracelet by Navajo artist *Lester James* and a magnificent micro mosaic sugilite ring by *Carl and Irene Clark*.

Also new is a large 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! Additionally, we just acquired 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 these pieces were a great find. We also purchased a new style of earring from **Johnathan Nez**; typical of his work with silver balls incorporated, but larger and longer – very impressive. These won't last long! **Nelson and Mary Lou Begay** stopped by for a nice visit with us (Mary Lou and Tamara talked shop tools  $\odot$ ) and we purchased a few new pairs of earrings and three bracelets.

Speaking of earrings, we have a massive selection this time out, including two fabulous pairs of earrings by *Alex Sanchez*. Alex is another artist whose work we haven't had for a while, so it's a treat! Also new are a few more pairs of earrings from *Kee Yazzie* and one of his narrow bracelets with the extra cut-out design work on the inside.

**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. These are a rare find, 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 and pendants. One necklace showcases beautiful Royston turquoise we purchased direct from *Dave Otteson* (mine owner) and another long necklace with gorgeous shades of orange and red spiny oyster shell. He also made several pendants in white buffalo, lapis and turquoise. Alton is currently working on two more spiny oyster shell necklaces, a lapis necklace and a white buffalo & onyx necklace. Also in the works, we hope to have two large fossilized dinosaur bone bolo ties soon. Another Alton specialty - one of his all-sterling silver heavy link style bracelets is available as well as three 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 (they can double as belts too ), an 18" chain, a heavy 18 ½" loop-in-loop chain choker, as well as various rings, two pair of earrings, and pendants. Work is never-ending, 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, and beaded lighter cases, all of 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 show series we added more from private collections of jewelry. One collection showcases works from the 1980's and the 90's, most of which are rings. There are, however, two nice older bolo ties 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 rare, 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* and a beautiful *Jack Tom* necklace with Sleeping Beauty turquoise and hand-made beads.

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 (and gorgeous!) 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, Sherian Honhongva, 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 well-known, 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!

