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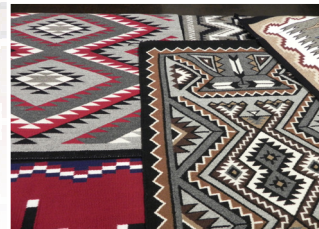
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# INVENTORY

## JEWELRY

Hello Friends!

We are so excited to be returning to Oaks, Pennsylvania and to reconnect with all of you! So much has happened since our last show there! We found a new Hopi artist whose works in traditional Hopi overlay style are nothing short of miraculous.

We met **Darren Seweyestewa** and his fiancée Evanette at an event in Flagstaff and instantly had a connection. Darren makes a lot of earrings and rings, and his pieces are very affordable. In a surprise twist, Tamara learned to silversmith during the lockdowns and has turned out some unusual, unique pieces, many one of a kind never to be repeated.

She learned from videos, online classes, and from experts such as **Mary Tom, Alton Bedonie** and **Gerald Lomaventema** and his wife **Yvette**. Tamara works exclusively in Argentium (considered "The Finest Silver"), which has more silver content than traditional sterling (.935 and .940), is twice as hard as .925 sterling, has tarnish resistant properties and is slightly whiter and brighter. After Mary's tutelage, she made her first beads necklace, and it was incredible! Chains and rings are her favorites to make. Another pandemic development was the use of Facebook Live shows to continue to bring the best of the Southwest to you when we were unable travel.

Sure, we got off to a rough start, not being experienced in that sort of thing, but with each event we improved (such as getting rid of the scammers who tried to extort money to join our feed) as well as improvement in streaming quality.

A major feature of these events is the opportunity to win a gift during the event, as well the grand prize (drawing after all sales conclude) which is usually a fabulous pendant by **Alton Bedonie** or a heavy Argentium chain by Tamara. In June it was a fabulous two-tier **Alton Bedonie** pendant with beautiful Royston turquoise. What will it be next? 😊. Some of you joined us for that journey, and we want to thank you for your support during those tough times. We couldn't have done it without you! If you haven't checked us out on FB Live, the events are lots of fun and we hope you can join us in December for the next one.

Other things new are the sheer amount of vintage and highly collectible pieces added to our inventory from private collections. Honestly, more vintage, high-end pieces than we've have in a long time. Amber in a notable quantity is another recent addition to our inventory. While not Native made, we find that Polish-made amber jewelry is a big hit and want to continue to provide that line of jewelry. We made great connections at the Tucson Gem & Mineral show and have been buying ever since. You will still find, however, some Native American jewelry that incorporates amber and Tamara's inventory has a bracelet with some amber as well. More details of that, as well as new and vintage pieces to follow.

Now you know – so get your shopping list ready! We are headed east and will see you soon for the start of our winter, 2023 show series. It's time for fun holiday shopping (can you believe it – only two months away!?) that for sure beats going to crowded shopping malls. And don't forget to treat yourself to that special beauty you've been wanting!

We did it again – another impressive haul from a shopping event in Las Vegas in May and wow did we do some re-stocking! This was our first time at this event and it provided a great opportunity to acquire items we cannot get when shopping locally. More



specifically, amber jewelry from Poland. So many unique items in fabulous Baltic amber and sterling silver – pins, pendants, earrings and more! Usually by this time of year we are running very low so this gave us the opportunity to make sure we had plenty for this series. We still have plenty available after our September and October shows.

But don't think Polish amber jewelry is the main event. Not at all! Amber is just a fun addition to our traditional and HUGE inventory of Native American jewelry and arts. For our upcoming Pennsylvania show there are so many new necklaces, including a huge variety of short turquoise necklaces which can be worn alone or paired with a pendant, as well

as plenty of earrings, rings, bracelets and more. We have beautiful new Santo Domingo jewelry in seashell, turquoise and all the colors of spiny oyster shell (orange, red and purple) including new, colorful Daniel Coriz earrings. There is a magnificent 10-strand coral necklace with hand-made sterling silver cones and a hard-to-get **Tommy Jackson** bolo. For our purple fans - **Alton Bedonie** made two double sugilite pendants. As you know, sugilite is becoming very rare and expensive so we sourced some at the Tucson Gem & Mineral show in February and gave stones to Alton to make some fabulous pieces for us. This is an excellent opportunity to add to your collection at prices you won't find elsewhere. We also obtained more wonderful rings, pendants, and earrings with much-sought-after White Buffalo.

For fans of **Alton Bedonie's** top-level work, check out his newest creations -two fabulously long necklaces with orange and reddish spiny oyster shell, two gorgeous sterling silver and lapis necklaces, and some ladies' turquoise rings. Additionally, he managed several pendants which feature sugilite, turquoise and lapis. He also made two beautiful bracelet and ring sets: one with Bisbee turquoise and the other with Lone Mountain turquoise. He added a good number of rings and we just picked up a couple more on our way east, as well as some pieces from **Kee Yazzie**, including a three-layer overlay bracelet.

Tamara continued her silversmithing activities at a furious pace to add more items to her Argentium inventory. Time has been tight, but despite the challenges there are still great pieces to be had. Included in her collection are earrings and several rings, as well as a 34" chain (it can double as a belt too 😊) a heavy and intricate necklace in what she calls "ancient Rome" style and another necklace with abalone, tourmaline, rubies, 22kt gold and lab-grown rutiles (dubbed "Crown Jewels") with matching earrings. This last one is like nothing she has done before. It was originally for entry to a contest but time did not allow for making the deadline. Also added in the last couple of weeks are two necklaces – one a robust choker with "paperclip" style links and a smaller chain in a similar style. 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. We were sure to stock up on the **Tahe** stamped "kite" style earrings which are very popular and sell out quick, as well as the **Pauline Armstrong** earrings with dangles. They make such great gifts; we can't get enough! There are several new Hopi bracelets as well as Hopi earrings and Pendants. We also have money clips and key rings, all of which make nice

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affordable gifts.

On a sad note, it was confirmed that Zuni artist **Nancy Laconsello** passed away (almost two years ago now), and **Ruddell** sustained an eye injury that left him unable to work. This award-winning team is famous for their intricate and detailed inlay work (usually of birds) in mirror-finish silver. It is truly a bitter loss for the world of Native American jewelry. We currently have some fine pieces by **Ruddell** and **Nancy**, but once they are gone any new items can only be obtained from fast-dwindling stock at trading posts as well as private collections.

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**.

By the end of our last show series, we had added more from private collections of jewelry. In fact, at our last show we acquired a **Calvin Begay** inlay necklace and earrings set, a silver, gold, and turquoise ring by **Arland Ben**, a Hopi bracelet by **Bradley Gashwazra**, several Hopi bolo ties, and a very nice heavy turquoise bracelet made with coin silver. Over the summer we took in even more magnificent collections. All we can say is "wow"! There are collector-quality pieces from some of the top Navajo, Zuni, and Hopi artists to ever make jewelry. This is by far the largest selection of rare and vintage jewelry we have had in a very long time. You will not want to miss this show. Bring your wish list!

There's not enough room in this newsletter to describe everything, so here is a brief listing of some of the artists:

Necklaces by: **Alvin Vandever, Don Dewa, Alvin and Lula Begay, Jack Tom, Mary Tom, Alvin Tso, Brian Tso, Dinah and Peter Gasper, Frances Moses Begay, Larry Moses Begay**, and many more.

Bolo Ties by: **Gerald Lomaventema, Michael Perry, Lionel Bahe, Michael Sockyma, Sammy and Esther Guardian, Raymond Boyd, Daniel Benally** and other Navajo, Zuni, and Hopi artists. There is also a belt buckle by **Phil Poseyesva**.

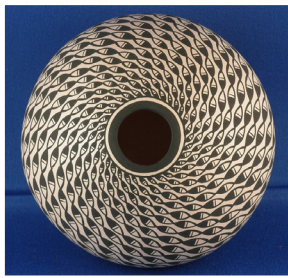
Pendants by: **Bruce Hodgins, Andrew Dewa, Wilbert Manning, Kee Yazzie, Alton Bedonie, Cecil Ashley, Fadrian and Vivica Bowannie, Benny Ration** and various other Navajo and Zuni artists.

Bracelets by: **Phillip Sekaquaptewa, Alvin and Lula Begay, Cecil Ashley, Alvin Tso, Ronald Wadsworth** and more.

In these collections there are also rings, earrings, pins, pendants, bracelets, bolos, and necklaces ranging in dates from the 1930's to almost present day. There is even a nice little selection of beautiful clip earrings. These collections are large, so work will continue for some time making them ready for sale. If there is something you are specifically looking for, please be sure to ask. This show will truly be a treat for the eyes!

In all, this is one of the largest collections we have ever had at one time. The range of spectacular jewelry is huge! It includes works by artists such as **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, Bradley Gashwazra, Arland Ben, Calvin Begay** and many more.

Other award-winning artists' works include: **Charles Supplee, Tommy Jackson, Sherian Honhongva, Charlene Reano, Daniel Coriz, Chris Nieto, Nelson Begay, Michael Garcia, Olivia Whitethorn, Dina Huntinghorse** and **Duane Maktima**.



## CARVINGS, POTTERY, RUGS, SANDPAINTINGS AND MORE

We restocked our Navajo sand painting boxes and our framed sand painting selection. The new designs are gorgeous!

Sand painting Christmas ornaments are also available. They are a great addition to your holiday decorations and make unique, affordable gifts as well. These are sometimes hard to find, and when we do get them, they go quick. So, when

Eric found more on a recent shopping trip, he snapped them up! The Navajo artists use manufactured ornaments which they decorate with a variety of sand painting styles and designs to create these charming southwest decorations. We also have beautiful Navajo sand paintings depicting Monument Valley, the Four Corners area, and still life scenes. These ornaments, sandpainting boxes and framed sand paintings all make great gifts!

As for Zuni fetish carvings, we have a great collection of about forty-five 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 impressive, with a large selection on hand. All our pieces are from the Southwest, ranging from hand etched, air brushed Navajo pots to natural clay that is hand coiled, stone polished and fired outdoors. A great example of these latter pots is the Mata Ortiz pieces. 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. We restocked this year with a HUGE selection of these fabulous works of art.

The village of Mata Ortiz traces its origins to those of the Mogollon Culture. These early Native Americans existed at the same time as the more well-known Anasazi and the lesser-known Hohokam. All three of these cultures based their livelihoods around farming. It was the development clay vessel crafting that helped these early Native American communities to not only transport water from springs, creeks, and rivers, but allowed them to securely store their vital seed supplies between each harvest and the next planting season.

With time, these simple, utilitarian vessels became more ornate and decorative. Nowadays some of the finest, most detailed pots are from this region. 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 couple 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**