

INVENTORY

JEWELRY

Hello and Happy New Year everyone!

Thank you for being a part of our family and continuing the journey with us as we enter into our 52nd year in business. We appreciate each and every one of you, but even more the artists appreciate you. Your purchases are what keep them working and help keep their unique and vibrant Native art culture alive. We couldn't do it without you! We look forward to serving you in the coming year and hope that it holds many blessings for you and yours.

Our upcoming shows in the DC Metro area and Riverside, CA come just in time for *Valentine's Day shopping*, and on the heels of a whirlwind weekend at the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show. We barely scratched the surface of all that is fabulous and amazing at this world-renowned event, but in our short

time there we met new folks and mingled with some of the biggest legends in turquoise mining history. One such legend was **Dave Otteson** of the famous Royston mine in Nevada (one of several he owns). His mine is where White Buffalo comes from, along with the famous Royston Ribbon, and other amazing stones. His newest finds are a slightly different version of White Buffalo he calls "White Lightning", and a new vein of turquoise called "Tree Frog". Both are gorgeous! We purchased about a dozen beautiful cabochons of White Buffalo along with some great Bisbee turquoise, as well as some rough White Lightning and Tree Frog for Tamara to cut. These stones should be in jewelry for the April-May show series. Not to worry, however, as we also purchased seven new pairs of white Buffalo earrings and a bracelet, which will be available at this month's shows.

This series kicks off with another fantastic selection of beautiful jewelry and arts. For the avid collector, we acquired from several collections some rare and highly sought-after pieces of jewelry. We're talking vintage pieces unlike any on the market today!

We concentrated on stocking up on new Navajo and Zuni made earrings, rings, and pendants. And, of course there is lots of great jewelry in a wide range of turquoise colors from blue to green. We also have earrings in lapis, coral, spiny oyster shell, mother of pearl, onyx and other various shell and stones, plus more stamped sterling silver "kite" earrings from the Tahe family. We picked up some more short Sleeping Beauty turquoise necklaces, which can be worn alone or with a pendant. This makes them very versatile and can really bring some additional "wow" factor to your pendants. Although Hopi jewelry has always been harder to find, we did manage to find a great selection of silver overlay band style rings in various sizes to complement our already decent size selection of Hopi jewelry, a great Hopi eagle dancer necklace with handmade beads, a silver dollar sized Hopi spinner pendant by Cheryl Wadsworth and two half-dollar sized Hopi spinner pendants. We also found some great small Hopi earrings. James Bahe (Navajo) created two beautiful hinge style sterling silver and turquoise bracelets (a departure from his usual all-sterling silver style) and another one of his three panel short necklaces. Alton Bedonie made two more of his unique heavy sterling silver link bracelets upon request. Albert Nells made us another one of his beautiful pendants and a pair of all silver earrings. There is also a stunning onyx and sterling silver squash blossom necklace and earring set which was just made by Navajo artist LaRose Ganadonegro. And don't forget that basic jewelry wardrobe staple: CHAINS! We have a robust selection of Italian sterling silver chains

From several collections we were able to obtain some fabulous jewelry, much of which is rare and sought after by collectors: *Mary Marie Yazzie* Pilot Mountain turquoise pendant with her handmade bead necklace, a three-strand bird fetish necklace carved by *Lavina Tsikewa Kaskalla* with coral and angel skin coral birds and strung on Kingman turquoise heshe, a beautiful 1980's *Sammy and Esther Guardian* hummingbird and cardinal spinner pendant, a *Christin Wolf* sterling silver bead necklace with inlayed sugilite beads, a fivestone Bisbee turquoise bracelet from 1979, a very cool raised inlay bracelet with a fantastic Red Mountain turquoise stone created by *Daniel Benally*, and a mint condition 1970's shadowbox chip inlay bracelet with three turquoise



and coral stones. Another unusual item is a 72-inchlong single strand treasure necklace with natural coral beads. We found a small Zuni needle point squash blossom necklace with matching earrings (perfect for those who can't wear heavy necklaces) and a rare inlayed Sugilite and Australian opal double sided bear pendant by Navajo artist Cecil Ashley.

These are just some of the pieces from the collections that we will have at the show. From our own in-house stone carver **Tamara** we have four very special dinosaur bone pendants and one amazing birds' eye ryolite pendant, all of which are set in sterling silver by award-winning artist **Alton Bedonie**.

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

We picked up some more of the smaller Navajo weavings which are great for wall hangings and table tops, including a couple of rare, round rugs. There is a great selection of the smaller sand paintings and sand painting boxes (which make lovely and unique gifts!). All of our sand paintings are completely handmade, matted, and framed by Navajo artists.

Our fabulous inventory of high-quality Mata Ortiz pottery is sure to dazzle! Many of these pieces have complex, fine-line detail artwork and are hand-coiled. 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 *Florentine Martinez*, a multi award-winning Zuni carver. There will be something in everyone's price range, so be sure to stop by and see us!

See you there!

