



## JEWELRY

# INVENTORY

#### Hello all! Welcome to our fall sales series!

After a lovely summer off and lots of buying trips, we're hitting the road again. Now is the perfect time to start shopping for the holidays. Hard to believe it's only four months to the end of the year!

First up, we have two beautiful turquoise necklaces made by the multi award winning Santo Domingo artist **Ray Lovato**. What makes Ray's necklaces so special? Ray uses only natural turquoise to create his pieces, and every bead is hand cut and drilled by Ray himself. His pieces are truly a labor of love!

We have an amazing selection of both new and older jewelry for this show series. There is a lot of new turquoise jewelry from the many Navajo, Zuni and Santo Domingo pueblo artist we buy from. We also picked up another great collection of jewelry with some of the big name artists as well as a few museum quality pieces.

From this collection are about ten Santo Domingo necklaces, a large squash blossom necklace by *Larry Begay,* and a great old coin necklace with an Isleta cross at the bottom. The Isleta cross, also called dragonfly & Isleta cross, is associated with the Isleta pueblo. The symbol is believed to have originated with Moors & Spaniards. Because it resembled their dragonfly symbol, the indigenous peoples easily adopted the symbol into their culture when the Spanish first arrived in the southwest. The symbol at the bottom is a "partial heart", also known in Catholic culture as "bleeding heart" which alludes to Christ's heart ("Sacred Heart"). It is suggested that the Puebloans, however used the symbol because they felt it represented the generous heart of the dragonfly who loved the people. For more information, there's a book available through Amazon called "Heart of the Dragonfly" documenting the history of cross necklaces of the Pueblo & Navajo peoples.

From the same collection comes a museum quality 1950's Box bow squash with Bisbee turquoise. It's a stunner! We also have another 1950's era child's box bow necklace with #8 turquoise which makes a stunning ladies short necklace. There is a wide row style bracelet by Agnes Bowekaty (Zuni) with spider web turguoise. From one of the collections there is a beautiful Tom Jim bracelet with two large pieces of high grade Morenci turguoise and a beautiful overlay bracelet by Phil Poseyesva (Hopi). There are a number of great clip earrings to include a pair by AI Nez with high grade Morenci turquoise and a pair of all silver earrings by Howard Nelson. Most of these earrings have the Omega style clips and I believe they are all relatively easy to convert to posts if desired. The going rate at Jeweler's Repair Shop seems to be about \$20 to \$25 dollars for the conversion. This collection also contains a number of rings to include pieces by Howard Nelson, Kee Nez, Tom Jim, Abraham Begay, and Socorro & Vincent Johnson. As if these fabulous vintage pieces aren't enough, we have more great Santo Domingo necklaces and well as some beautiful turguoise nugget necklaces. There are also guite a few pairs of large earrings. Kay tries to pair up the earnings with necklaces that go well together, so make sure you check all the cases - you might just find that pair of earrings you have been searching for.

We have lots (pounds and pounds!) of beautiful new turquoise necklaces both short and long styles as well as single and multiple strands created by Navajo and Santo Domingo artists. We also have a couple of very nice Lone Mountain turquoise necklaces finished with 14kt gold.

**Alton Bedonie** kept busy creating more beautiful jewelry to include several pendants with dinosaur bone (stones cut by Tamara), four pendants with high grade Kingman turquoise, a very heavy silver and lapis bracelet, and a bunch of new rings - both men's and ladies'. **Jack Tom** came by with a very nice dragonfly necklace; **Mary Tom** made us some of her gorgeous earrings and **Albert Nells** provided us some more of his wonderful contemporary design earrings a long beautiful inlayed pendant and we acquired two fabulous tufa cast bracelets by Navajo artist **Stewart Billie**.

Our buying trips in Arizona and New Mexico over the summer helped us put together a fantastic selection of new turquoise and silver Navajo rings, earrings and pendants mostly featuring Kingman and Sleeping Beauty turquoise. We also picked up a great assortment of the colorful Santo Domingo earrings with turquoise and shell work. The Zuni artists were very busy creating lots of new inlayed rings, earrings and pendants, so we'll have plenty of that great work. The jewelry cases are really packed

with all kinds of new treasures!

And if that wasn't enough, the new silver chains are here! These are quality .925 (sterling silver) chains made in Italy. We have been waiting to get many of the 24 inch chain styles as well as some of the other length chain that were sold out. Included in this large selection are some new lighter weight chains that I think will look really good on some of the smaller pendants. One of the new styles is a heavy 2.5mm box chain in 18, 20 and 24 inch lengths. These are great for larger pendants and they are pretty enough to be worn by themselves. Oh – the other really nice thing is that all these chains were ordered back when silver was around \$13.00 per ounce, so the prices are really great!

## CARVINGS, POTTERY, RUGS AND MORE

We have a great selection of medium and small sand paintings and several larger sand paintings as well as some small sand painting boxes (which make lovely and unique gifts!) and a few sand painting clocks. All of our sand paintings are completely handmade, matted, and framed by Navajo artists.

Our large kachina collection is strong with an inventory that includes work from award winning artists such as *Laurence Dallas, Keith Torres, Raymond Chee, Marlin Pinto and Sterling McRae.* 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.* Recently we acquired three *Maria Martinez* pots from a collection as well as pieces by *Phyllis and Marlene Hemlock.* This collection also contains several great miniature pots and a miniature storyteller.

We have a large selection of Zuni animal fetishes on hand, including a HUGE lot from a private collection we just 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!

