

## INVENTORY

## JEWELRY

## Hello Friends!

We want to thank everyone who came to visit us during our fall series. It was great seeing everyone again after our long summer off, and we look forward to seeing you during our holiday series.

We'll be on the road again starting at the end of October, and with a long series ahead we've stocked to overflowing to ensure there will be SO much great jewelry and art for everyone to meet their holiday shopping needs. In addition, Alton will be making more jewelry as we're on the road, and Eric will do some buying between shows when he is out west.

We have an incredible selection of Navajo, Zuni,

Santo Domingo and Hopi jewelry, in price ranges and pieces to satisfy everyone's tastes and budgets. We have a mix of great jewelry from our buying trips, from various collections and from artists who came by our house with their fabulous jewelry.

There is a massive new selection of new earrings and styles this time which just so happens to be one of our best selling items for holiday gifts. We bought about 40 pairs of earrings from the **Tahe family** and about the same number of tapered dangle/waterfall earrings from **Pauline Armstrong** (Navajo). These fabulous earrings are not only affordable, but are contemporary enough to wear with just about any outfit! We also purchased 10 new pairs of White Buffalo earrings. We should say "they are Great White Buffalo earrings" as the artists did an excellent job of matching up the stones ;). We also have a vast selection of new Zuni and Santo Domingo earrings to round out this huge earring inventory.

The new Golden Hills turquoise has really caught on and as a result has become a little hard to get. We did manage to pick up some small bracelets, necklaces and a couple of rings. With one more major buying trip planned we will see if we can find more. Short of having a contact in Kazakhstan who can get stones or rough material for us, this fabulous high-grade turguoise may become harder and more expensive to get. We'll keep trying to find more though! It's very labor intensive to mine, and according to a supplier the next shipment will see a price increase. Part of that cost is also due to the quality of this material, which is very dense and therefore needs no stabilizing. It's completely natural, and very hard, and has an unusual lead and strontium content that gives it it's vibrant blue to lavender blue color. These same elements can also be found in some high grade turguoise from the China/Tibet region. As we go to press, Alton Bedonie is working on creating another necklace with Golden Hills turquoise for us, but no confirmation on when it will be completed. It will most likely be shipped to us along the way with other new jewelry that has come in.

In other jewelry news, we picked up some fantastic new bracelets from *Derrick Gordon, Guy Hoskie, Darryl Cadman and Albert Jake,* two *Jack Tom* hand-made bead necklaces and a stunning Mediterranean coral squash blossom necklace. New *James Bahe* bracelets are available in an exciting new hinge-style. *Kee Yazzie* came by and brought us three new rings and a bracelet. He is also making us four pendants with his newest design. *Tamara* cut some gorgeous stones over the summer: dinosaur bone in several colors, crazy lace agate, birds eye rhyolite and more. As a result, Alton created several masterpieces incorporating Tamara's stones, to include a large dinosaur bone pendant and a bolo tie with blue dinosaur bone, a ladies blue dino bone ring, a stunning pendant with birds eye ryolite and a very innovative reversible three-stone pendant designed by Tamara using stones she cut. He also made a heavy lapis bracelet and several men's turquoise rings. His current project includes more rings, pendants, a



turquoise necklace (the aforementioned Golden Hills) and possibly another dinosaur bone bolo. **Nelson and Mary Lou Begay** also brought us some of their jewelry featuring new designs as well. We purchased three men's rings, four bracelets and two pairs of earrings. Nelson took two of the crazy lace agate stones that Tamara cut and we are eager to see what he makes. Naturally, it will be beautiful! **Alex Sanchez** made us one of his fantastic wide sterling silver butterfly bracelets. It's a stunner!

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 Posevesva, 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, Michael Little Elk, Steve Arviso, 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. There is a great selection of the smaller sand paintings and sand painting boxes (which make lovely and unique gifts!). We also have a few of the sand painting clocks and are hoping to have more by show time. All of our sand paintings are completely handmade, matted, and framed by Navajo artists. If you are looking for something unique as a small and affordable gift for yourself or others, check out our sandpainting Christmas tree ornaments. They are super affordable, and not something you see every day.

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 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!

HUGE SAVINGS