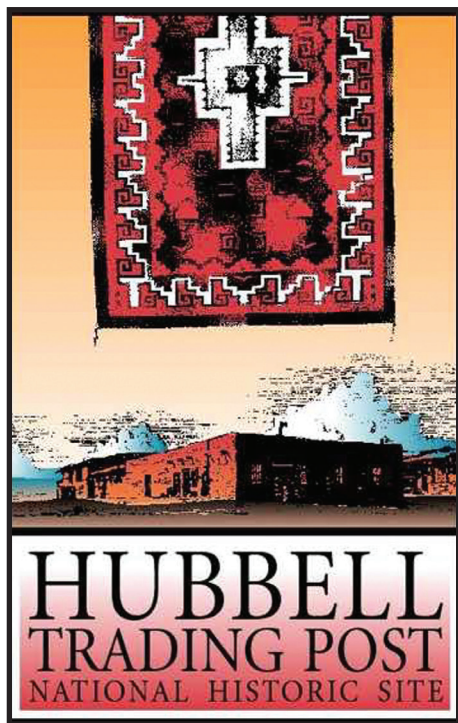


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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

We are looking forward to continuing to provide more record-setting auctions in Gallup during 2024, as we continue to support the Native American community. Since the founding of Friends of Hubbell in August 1990, we have returned 85 cents of every dollar spent through auction bids to the artist.

Our September 2023 auction in Gallup produced just shy of \$100,000 in total sales. Additionally, we benefitted from a large percentage of donated items and direct scholarship contributions.

Our FoH Board of Directors is pleased to announce that we have increased our scholarship donations to now include three graduate-level awards. Our initial graduate-level scholarships were awarded this past July, along with our 10 undergraduate awards to Native American students. We were pleased to have four of our 13 scholarship recipients for 2023 attend our September auction and updated us on their collegiate efforts.

We thank our consistent and very generous buyers and donors for their continued donations year-after-year to fund these scholarships. Friends of Hubbell has NEVER missed a year of awarding scholarships since records have been kept, starting back in 1994.

We have also started discussions with WNPA (Western National Parks Association) to partner and support more events at J.L. Hubbell Trading Post in Ganado, AZ.

Throughout our auctions in 2023, we had the very capable and helpful children from the Manuelito Children's Home in Gallup serve as rug runners. We plan to have them back for our 2024 auctions. We always welcome interested volunteers to help us with the mechanics and logistics of our auctions. It's a behind the scenes look at the workings of our auction.

We hope to see you in May 2024. No sitting on your hands. Buy what you like, love what you buy.

Frank Kohler
Chairman FoH



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Chairman FoH



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR FRIENDS OF HUBBELL 2023 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Friends of Hubbell awarded 13 academic scholarships for the 2023-24 scholastic year. Throughout the coming issues of our newsletter, we will spotlight our richly deserving awardees and provide readers with a little insight to their background, aspirations and motivations

Necole Begay



Necole received a \$2,500 award gifted by a Friends of Hubbell Anonymous Donor. She is in her third year of studies and is attending University of Oklahoma. She studied her first year at the University of New Mexico before transferring to OU. Originally from Shiprock, NM, and raised on the

Navajo Reservation, Necole is the first in her family to attend college and is self-supporting her studies in Mechanical Engineering.

“One of the most pressing issues for many Native communities is water access. Forty percent of the homes on the Navajo Reservation lack running water and must haul from windmill sources to their homes,” Necole said. “In middle school, I conducted a science experiment on the water from our windmill and after 3-days of testing, I was able to determine that the water was contaminated and full of bacteria and unsafe for consumption.”

Nicole is also taking Indigenous Mapping courses in order to bring new technologies, including Artificial Intelligence. Her goal is to address long existing problems on the Navajo Reservation such as voting, gaining access to state documents, improving availability to First Responders support, and improve access to clean water and other public services.

“Being awarded this scholarship (from Friends of Hubbell) will help me strive to complete my engineering degree. This scholarship will also help me better balance my job and schoolwork. Most importantly, this scholarship will help fund my tuition so that I can help my Indigenous people,” she said.

Brittany Jim



Brittany is among the first recipients of our \$3,000 FOH Graduate Studies Scholarships. She is currently studying in the Master of Public Health Nutrition Program at Northern Arizona University. Previously, she earned her bachelor's degree in Exercise Science-Physiology from Fort Lewis

College and is presently working for a Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Program where she is focusing on patients battling various stages of diabetes and other metabolic health conditions that branch off from this disease.

“In my present position, I coordinate large community fitness events for my people, and I see the physical struggles these people face on a daily basis because of unhealthy nutritional choices and sedentary lifestyles,” Brittany said. “They have insulin resistance, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, fatty liver, and low self-esteem. I made the decision to apply to the MPH-Nutrition Program at NAU because this will give me the education I need to better help Native people in need of nutritional healing. Upon completion of my studies, I plan to work with an Indian Health Service hospital as a Registered Dietician to work with children, adults and elderly of my community in a private health care setting. I believe many of our Native people today are in a constant battle with their health and specifically with food,” she added.

“I thank the Friends of Hubbell for this scholarship that helps to create this great opportunity for me and our Native people.”

Vetasha Smith

Vetasha is the recipient of the Friends of Hubbell inaugural Sheri Burnham Memorial Scholarship for \$3,000. Vetasha, hails from Crownpoint, NM, and is one of four children raised by a single parent. She is the first of her family to attend college. She recently earned an Associate's Degree in Computer Information Systems. Vetasha has transferred to the University of Arizona where she will continue her pursuit of a Bachelor of Science degree, specifically focusing on STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

“During the COVID-19 pandemic, I began to see more newspaper articles from back home where the internet was the topic of discussion because it was very much needed but not as accessible as it would be in towns and cities. In many rural areas on the Navajo Reservation, the telecommunications structure for cellphone towers and internet access is scarce. Tribal and community leaders on the reservation understand and acknowledge how restricted internet access is throughout the reservation. After I earn my degree, I plan on moving back to the reservation in New Mexico to help build a better infrastructure for cellphone, internet service, and improve general technology resources,” Vetasha said.

Vetasha plans to apply her scholarship money toward tuition, student fees, books and technology supplies. “My income does not fully cover my cost of living and my family is not always able to contribute.” She has an anticipated graduation date of December 2024 and looks forward to making her mother proud.

Erin Cleveland

Recipient of one of Friends of Hubbell's \$2,500 scholarships funded from auction profits, Erin Cleveland from Window Rock, AZ, is a senior attending Dine' College and majoring in Biology. “I love attending Dine' College in person because they incorporate a lot of traditional values such as Navajo language and culture along with providing a higher education to the Navajo people,” Erin said.

Erin has studied at Dine' College for over five years and has already earned two associate degrees in health occupation and public health. Her goal is to graduate in the spring of 2024 with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology.

“Upon completing my bachelors, I also plan to enroll in the Master's Program in Biology at Dine' College. With my degrees, I plan to enroll in Northern Arizona University's Dental Hygiene Program and explore going into orthodontics or pediatric dentistry,” Erin stated.



*Pictured at the September 2023 auction: Far left (smiling): **Kyra Capitan**, Undergraduate Scholarship (Biology); Middle: **Casity James**, Undergraduate Scholarship (Mechanical Engineering); Right (speaking): **Berlinsea Kee**, who received the Dr.Jim & Marcia Sherman Scholarship (Education)*

SAINT JOSEPH MISSION – 95-YEARS-OLD – GOING ON 400!

CATHOLIC CHURCH AT KEAMS CANYON, ARIZONA, LAST CATHOLIC MISSIONARY OUTPOST ON THE HOPI RESERVATION

By Tom Surface and Clay South

The history of the Catholic Church on the Hopi Reservation in northeastern Arizona dates back to 1629 – nearly 400 years ago. During much of this time, the church and the Hopi have shared a tragic history greatly influenced by the Spanish and US Government's conquests in these areas. After the Pueblo Rebellion of 1680, no missionary efforts took place throughout the region for quite some time.

Fast forward to present day Hopi -- only the St. Joseph Mission in Keams Canyon, Arizona, remains.

The current history of the church on the Hopi Reservation started with Mother Katherine

Drexel, the Foundress of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. In the late 1800s, she requested missionaries to settle and minister to the Navajos in Arizona. She was able to persuade the Franciscan Order that this missionary effort would benefit both the Navajo and Hopi people.

In 1898, the first group of Franciscans made their way to St. Michaels, Arizona, near the New Mexico state line. In the early 1900s, this mission also began serving the needs of the Hopi people to the west. Finally, on May 4, 1926, a site for a mission at Keams Canyon was approved to minister to Hopi and Navajo Catholics in the area along with children attending the Boarding School at



St Joseph Mission at Keams Canyon as it looks today. Photo Credit: Clay South

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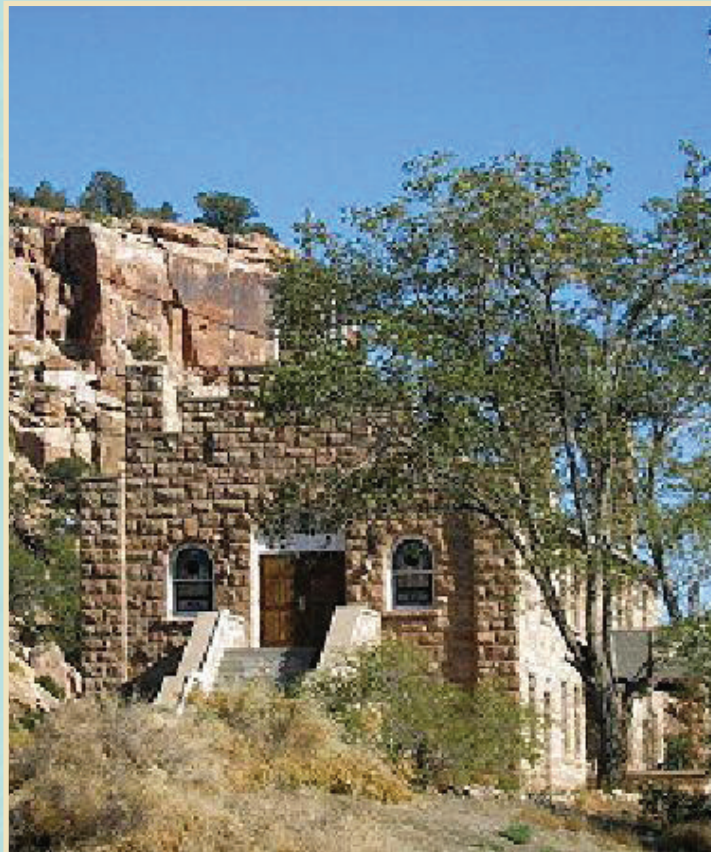
Keams. Exactly one year later, the project began with the erection of an 11' by 18' frame shack that was used as the living quarters during construction of the church. It received the name "Chicken Coop" because the lumber used in it was taken from a chicken coop at St. Michael School.

By January 1928, the four stonewalls of the church were erected and the roof was ready for shingles. Throughout this year, mass was said in the school's assembly hall and Fr. Mathias, the pastor, lived in the "Chicken Coop." The building, with the church upstairs and living quarters for the priest downstairs, was completed on October 21, 1928, and was dedicated to St. Joseph. The pastor of St. Joseph soon became responsible for ministering to the needs of Catholics in many surrounding Hopi and Navajo communities including Greasewood, Pinon, Cornfields, and Steamboat. His territory also extended as far away as Winslow and Low Mountain, more than 80 miles away. During World War II, the parish also attended to the needs of the Japanese Internment Camp at Leupp, Arizona, on the Navajo Reservation.

Early in 1949, there was a big snowstorm that isolated many Hopis and Navajos. The Navajo Indian Service called in the US Air Force for help. St. Joseph's pastor, Father Silver Meyer,



St Joseph Mission at Keams Canyon as it looks today.
Photo Credit: Clay South



was called upon to be a "spotter" because he was familiar with the western part of the reservations. Many Hopis and Navajos have him to thank for receiving food, fuel, and hay for their livestock during that disastrous winter.

Yet another story of the church's historic survival took place in July of 1997 when a "BIA controlled fire" threatened the church. Winds caused the flames to surge out of control and sweep down the canyon. Father Clayton Kilburn fought the fire for three hours losing only some trees, along with the roof and items stored in the adjacent "Navajo Hotel." The "Navajo Hotel" provided lodging for many relatives bringing children to the Government Boarding School or patients to the Keams Canyon Hospital when mules and wagons were still the means of transportation. The church building and adjacent cottage were saved although the flames licked the back walls of the structure.

Even though the congregation is small and the pastor now resides in Holbrook, Arizona, some 70 miles away, St. Joseph Mission continues to serve as a vital religious link to a large area. Today, St. Joseph Mission stands as the last remaining outpost for the Catholics on the Hopi reservation and the final active symbol of the original Spanish Missionary quest of the 1600s.

AN OVERVIEW OF NAVAJO (DINE') RUG PATTERNS AND DESIGNS: PART2

By Kary Dunham and Tom Surface

Have you ever tried to figure out the origins, patterns, designs and identification of Navajo (Dine') weavings? This is Part 2 of our series where we will try to provide some information and examples of Navajo weavings and show examples of some of the most popular and currently woven designs.

Native American weaving in the Southwest originated with the New Mexico Puebloans but due to increased Spanish influence in the 1600s and early 1700s, shifted their textile making to meet a growing European demand. As this American art diminished among the Pueblos, it became established among the Navajos. Initially, they wove out of necessity, for blankets, robes and clothing and floor coverings in their hogans. Nowadays, the Dine' are synonymous with weavings as a distinctive artform specifically, Native American rugs. Today, along with some Hopi textile weavers, the Navajo have taken weaving to new levels of fine art.

Designs of Navajo weavings can represent patterns from regions on the reservation, such as Two Grey Hills, Wide Ruins, and Ganado and Klagetoh, Crystal, Teec Nos Pos, Storm (Tuba City) and others. Historically, trading posts owners also greatly influenced designs, patterns, colors and weaves, based on what was selling best to buyers. Don Lorenzo Hubbell promoted Ganado Red. Burnham encouraged the Burnham weave, Toadlena promoted expensive and tight weave Two Grey Hills while Teec Nos Pos promoted weaves that move closely resembled intricate Persian designs in many examples. There are also the rugs that reflect Dine' culture, family values, daily life and walking in beauty. Such designs include Yei and Yei-Bichai dancers, Tree of Life, Sand Paintings, Family Life, Animals and Patriotic Scenes, among many others. This is not a complete nor comprehensive list, but in this and coming issues of our Newsletter, we will provide some pictures of some of today's more prominent designs. We hope you enjoy some of our listings. And, if one or more "speaks" to you, consider attending one of our biannual auctions and purchase the weavings of your choice.

My personal thanks to Kary Dunham for assembling the pictures and identifying the weavings in this and coming Newsletters.



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KLAGETON



BISTI DESIGN



**MULTI-DESIGNS-
RUG IN RUG**



**NEW LANDS RAISED
OUTLINE WITH TEEC
BACK GROUND**



TEEC NOS POS



BURNTWATER



MEET SOME OF THE HUBBELL TRADING POST STAFF

It takes a specialized team of dedicated professionals to attend to the day-to-day operations of the Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site. The site, which is part of the National Park Service, is operated in partnership with the non-profit Western National Parks Association. Here are few of the team that work at the trading post and are responsible for its daily business operations. We extend a big “thank you” to Mindi Gusman, the senior operations manager for the Four Corners Region of the WNPC, for her assistance in helping us introduce you to some of the Hubbell team.

Tonita Yazzie, Weaver:

Hello, Mm name is Tonita Yazzie of Chinle Az. I am a weaver demonstrator for Hubbell Trading Post. I am 42 years old, and I love weaving rugs. I hope to meet you all one day. Please stop by and say hello on your next visit to the trading post.

Brigid Yazzie, Park Store Manager:

I moved to Ganado from Taos, New Mexico, a year ago and now live and work on the Hubbell Trading Post. I have a lifelong love for the rich cultural history of the Southwest, and its art. My official job title is Park Store Manager; however, it isn't work to me. Hubbell Trading Post is a place where poignant memories are made and kept, and I am fortunate to be a part of this every day.

Wallace James, Jr., Trader:

Yá'át'ééh shik'éeí dóó shidine'ée, Wallace James Jr yinishyé. Tse'njikini Nishlí, Naakai Dine'e bashishchiin, Honaghaahnii dashicheii, To'dich'ii'nii dashinalí Ákót'éego diné nishlí. Trader for Hubbell Trading Post.

Ahéhee' :)

Editor's Note: The first reader that correctly translates Wallace's statement will win a prize from the Friends of Hubbell.



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HUBBELL TRADING POST NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE EVENTS AND PROGRAMS FOR 2023-2024

(Provided by the National Park Service Contact the Trading Post for dates and times)

	EVENTS	PROGRAMS
November 2023	Naitive American Heritage Month Ribbon Skirt Making Sash Belt Demo Silversmith Demo Archey Demo	Hubbell Home Tours Community Cleanup
December 2023	Luminaria (Dec 14)	Hubbell Home Tours Reading Ranger Junior Ranger Camp
January 2024		Hubbell Home Tours Reading Ranger Star Party Navajo Ten Tournament TBD
February 2024	Navajo Shoe Game Skirt Making	Hubbell Home Tours
March 2024	Junior Ranger Archery Shoot Silversmith Demo Archeology Month	Hubbell Home Tours
April 2024	National Park Week Junior Ranger Derby Earth Day	Hubbell Home Tours Community Cleaup
May 2024	Sheep Shearing Day How to Clean Churro Wool	Hubbell Home Tours
June 2024	Ha'nilchaad Carding Hubbell Spin Off	Hubbell Home Tours Junior Ranger Camp Community Cleaup

SEPTEMBER 2023 AUCTION



Thank you for a successful September auction!

Thank you for making the Friends of Hubbell September 2023 auction a great success. Over 300 items were received for auction and sales topped \$100,000. Eighty-five cents of every dollar was received by Native artists for the items they submitted and were sold.

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"Everything that is good; the concepts in Navajo of beauty, perfection, harmony, goodness, normality, success, well-being, blessedness, order, and ideal."

Handbook of North American Indians Vol. 10 Southwest, Gary Witherspoon, Language and Reality in Navajo World View.

Mark your calendar for the **May 4, 2024 Auction in Gallup**