



# Bear Creek Gallery

June 2009

Native America At Its Most Elegant!

## Art in Photography June 13—June 30, 2009



Immerse yourself in the beauty of the Southwest! This show is featuring local photographers whose goal and enjoyment is to capture the likeness of the scenery or the personality of the people. Experience the beautiful Southwest, its people and its culture through the lens of our professional and amateur photographers including radio traffic icon **Big John Gillis**, **David Kelly**, West of the Moon Photography, **Jim Nulty**, CEO & President of VSA arts of IN, **Dr. Jim Coffin**, Director of International Programs, Ball State Univ., Bear Creek's own **Chris Scott** and others. Photography will be on sale throughout the month of June.



**Featured Artist  
Dolores Purdy Corcoran**

Member of the Caddo Nation  
of Oklahoma.

"I remember listening to the stories passed down by family and found them enthralling. The stories of my ancestors are always on my mind as I do my art".

Dolores is a gourd artist and watercolorist. Her ledger art work is with old ledger paper and colored pencils used during the reservation period. Ideas for her gourd masks and gourd dolls comes from her research on the ancient ones, the "Mound Builders". The Caddo people are direct descendents of the Mound culture with pottery and a mound site named as such. "Each gourd has its own personality and spirit and will reveal itself to me as I work on them".

Her works can be seen at various galleries and museums across the country including the Smithsonian. In 2002, the Governor of Kansas asked her to make a ornament for the White House Christmas tree which is now in its permanent collection.

### Now you know:

#### Pueblo Pottery

There are 14 tribes under the umbrella of the Pueblo Nation in New Mexico and Arizona. Some pottery sherds found today date back thousands of years. Pottery was made at about the end of the basket era around 600 AD. Potters use natural clay, minerals and plants found within their homeland. Temper used include ground pottery sherds, black basalt, and volcanic lava. Large pots continue to be made by coiling the clay using simple tools such as gourds and stone. Designs are handed down through the generations by clan or family. Most designs include rain, clouds, birds and other animals. Pottery today has a household use whether it is to grace the home, bring resonance or simple utilitarian use. Stop in and see some of our pottery from the Southwest.

### *Catch the Spirit!*

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[www.bearcreekgallery.com](http://www.bearcreekgallery.com)**

Bear Creek will ship in-stock items immediately. Special Orders and non-stocked product will be shipped from the factory to your home.

For powwow listings go to:  
[www.americanindiancenter.org](http://www.americanindiancenter.org)

### Nighthsteya

"Father" in the Acoma language.

Father's Day is June 21. Chiefs Sitting Bull, Seattle, Joseph are among the many fathers of the Native Americans. Lets all remember our own special fathers who have helped nourish us and paved the path for our future including those serving in the armed forces to protect this wonderful country of ours.

To all dads:

**Happy Father's Day!**

**Native American Heritage  
Day—August 29, 2009  
Garfield Park  
Stay tuned for details!**

**All Native American  
pottery in stock  
25% off  
throughout June**

### Jewelry Repair

Lost an earring? Make it into a pendant! Lost a stone? Have it reset! Resize rings! Most repairs are under \$20.00