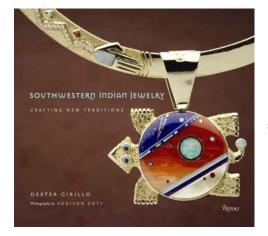
CALENDAR/EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Indian Craft Shop and the Interior Museum U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20240

Interior Museum Contact: 202-208-4743 Shop Contact: 202-208-4056

Presentation at the Interior Museum Friday December 12th, 2008 at 12:00 noon and Saturday, December 13th, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.



Dexter Cirillo author of the newly released Southwestern Indian Jewelry: Crafting New Traditions

will give a presentation discussing her research and findings from interviews with over 80 artists, shedding light on the cultural traditions behind the craft

and designs of their jewelry. The artists represent the "new" generation of jewelers who have emerged within the last twenty-five years, with originality of design,

innovative technique and use of materials.

This presentation is offered in conjunction with The Indian Craft Shop's

INNOVATORS IN SOUTHWEST AMERICAN INDIAN JEWELRY SHOW

December 11 - 13, 2008

Meet Guest Artist Lyndon Tsosie (Navajo), an award winning artist who is known for his lapidarist and tufa casting skills and recognized as one of today's innovators combining traditions and culture with cutting edge designs and techniques.

Meet Lyndon Tsosie

December 11 – 13th, each day from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Dexter Cirillo Presentation at the Interior Museum:

December 12th, 12:00 noon followed by a book signing at the Shop until 4:00 pm

December 13th, 1:00 pm followed by a book signing at the Shop until 4:00 pm

From December 11 – 13th, 2008, The Indian Craft Shop will showcase contemporary American Indian jewelers from the southwest, many of whom represent the "new generation" of jewelers. Lyndon Tsosie, the award-winning artist known for his exceptional lapidary skills and the great thought he puts into his designs, will be the guest artist for this show. Acclaimed author Dexter Cirillo will provide a presentation that encompasses the innovations in American Indian jewelry over the past 25 years. She will share information gathered from interviews with over 80 artists from eighteen tribes including the Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, Apache and Rio Grande Pueblo that are featured in *Southwestern Indian Jewelry: Crafting New Traditions*, 2008, Rizzoli International Publications, Inc. Their stories and the pathways leading them to jewelry and their creations are captivating.

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The Indian Craft Shop, managed by Guest Services, Inc., represents authentic American Indian arts and crafts from over 50 tribal areas within the United States. Established in 1938, the Shop is celebrating 70 years in American Indian arts. For additional information, call (202) 208-4056, email IndianCraftShop@GuestServices.com or visit the website at www.indiancraftshop.com. For information about the Interior Museum exhibits, tours and programs, contact (202) 208-4743.

A photo ID is needed for access to the building. The public entrance to the U.S. Department of the Interior is at 18th & C Streets, NW. Handicap Access is available at 18th & E Streets. Shop hours are M - F from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the third Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.