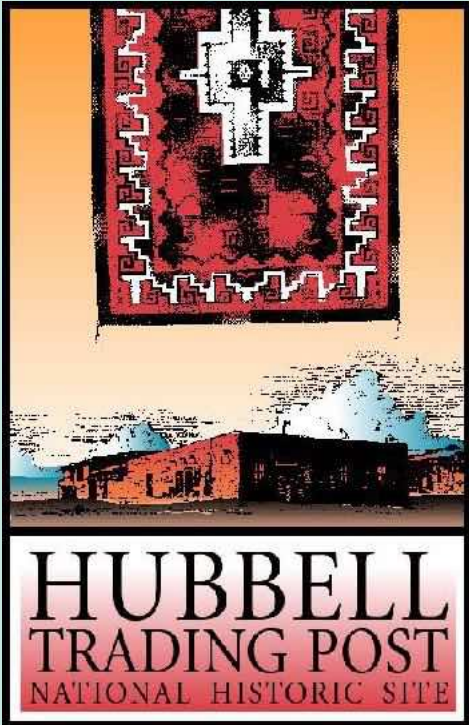


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Chairman's Report

It was a pleasure to return to Gallup in late September and get back into the auction swing.

The Friends of Hubbell auction was a welcome activity for weavers, artists, buyers and our corp of volunteers who did a great job in accommodating everyone. We had zero COVID issues and all the participants should be congratulated for a very safe, yet exciting atmosphere.



Frank Kohler
Chair, FoH

Approximately 400 items crossed the auction block and just over 60% of those sold to waiting buyers.

We had the pleasure of having our #1 Scholarship award winner, Mathew Goodenough, join us for the auction before returning to New Mexico State University where he is majoring in engineering.

Look forward to seeing everyone in Gallup on May 7, 2022 for our Spring auction.

Frank Kohler
Chair, FOH



Donate if You Can

Friends of Hubbell Supporters:

Y'a'at'e'eh (Hello), my name is Geneva Werito. I am a Navajo Community member of Prewitt, New Mexico, located in the eastern part of the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico.

Prewitt is a small area approximately 40 miles East of Gallup, New Mexico on Interstate 40. The community of Baca (Prewitt) is a community of Navajo families who are mostly of low-income who live from paycheck to paycheck. The family member who does work mostly makes minimum wage and travel anywhere from 25 to 100 miles one way to put food on their tables. Because of this, our community members struggle to make a decent living and fall short on their monthly bills. Especially last year when this was due to the stay home order that continues, which in many cases our families stayed home with their children and some parents lost their jobs because of a crisis that was out of their control. Some lived in the cities that had to move back to the reservation when they could not afford to pay their rent anymore causing hardship on these families.

I have been fortunate to work with Sister Maureen through St. Paul Church out of Crownpoint, New Mexico to help my community in supporting the community of Baca with firewood. We have been delivering firewood to the elders, disabled adults, and single parents at this time a year. The people who are assisted with the firewood are given 1/3 of a load which only lasts a few days. Most of the recipients are unable to get firewood themselves due to health issues or they do not have transportation.

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Donate if You Can

Sister Maureen give me \$300.00 that was 3 loads at \$100.00 a load but, now that has increased to \$125.00 a load. Three loads will help 9 households. When I need more firewood, I pay out of pocket to get more firewood if I can afford it which is tough to do but it needs to be done.

We do take pictures of the firewood when delivered and of the recipients if they will allow us to take their pictures. I do take their names and explain to them who is donating the firewood and ask the person who receives the firewood to send a note or call the church to thank them for their generosity.

Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Ahe'hee (Thank you)

Send contributions to:

St. Paul Catholic Church
c/o Patrick J. Sandoval
PO Box 268
Crownpoint, NM 87313-0268

Indicate the donation goes to the **“Baca Project”**

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Sandoval:
(505) 786-7640 or leave a message at (505) 786-5376



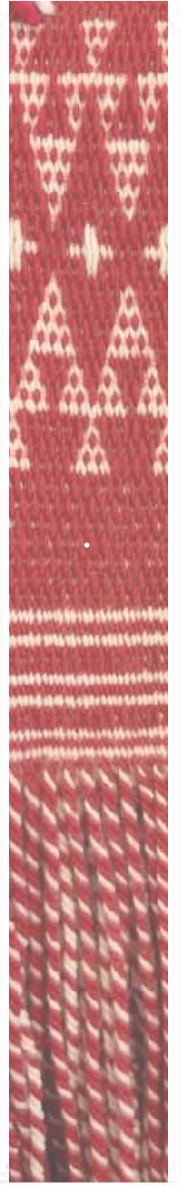
Auction Volunteers Needed

Friends of Hubbell appreciates your ongoing support. Putting on the auction requires volunteers to perform a variety of tasks.

Some roles are very active and others are more sedentary. If you would like to help, put on the auction, or have any questions, please send an email to :

friendsofhubbelauction@gmail.com so we can provide you with more information.

Please note that being a volunteer at the auction does not preclude you from buying.



Scholarship Report

Bonnie Else, Scholarships

Scholarship Recipient - Matthew Goodenough Attending New Mexico State University, Las Cruces Mechanical Engineering

Matthew is the recipient of the \$3000 scholarship for the upcoming school year.



The Sheri Burnham Memorial Scholarship, presented by the Friends of Hubbell, is a new award in 2021. Among the six awards this year, the Sheri Burnham Scholarship is awarded to the top ranking applicant.

Matthew's major is Mechanical Engineering, minoring in Geomatics, and obtaining a Welding Associates Degree. He is from Gallup, New Mexico.

His career goal is to work as a mechanical engineer contributing to his community by helping to build new housing complexes and constructing structures in support of the Navajo Nation.

Scholarship Report

Bonnie Else, Scholarships

Scholarship Recipient - Lauren Smith

Attending UNM School of Medicine in Albuquerque
Medicine Laboratory Sciences

Lauren Smith is from Gallup and the recipient of a \$2500 scholarship from the Friends of Hubbell. Her education goal is to graduate with a BS in Medicine Laboratory Sciences and continue to pursue a master's degree. MLS's are a vital part of helping physicians determine the best treatment for patients through scientific testing. In completing her education, she will help eliminate Native American health disparities in her community. Accomplishment of Lauren's educational studies which, will make a difference in her community and support future generations.

Scholarship Recipient - Thea Benally

Attending University of NM in Albuquerque
Exercise Physiology

Thea Benally is from Yah-Ta-Hey, New Mexico and is majoring in Exercise Physiology, with a minor in Navajo Linguistics. Upon completion of her degree, she would like to apply to graduate school and specialize in Physical Therapy. She is the recipient of a \$2500 scholarship from the Friends of Hubbell.

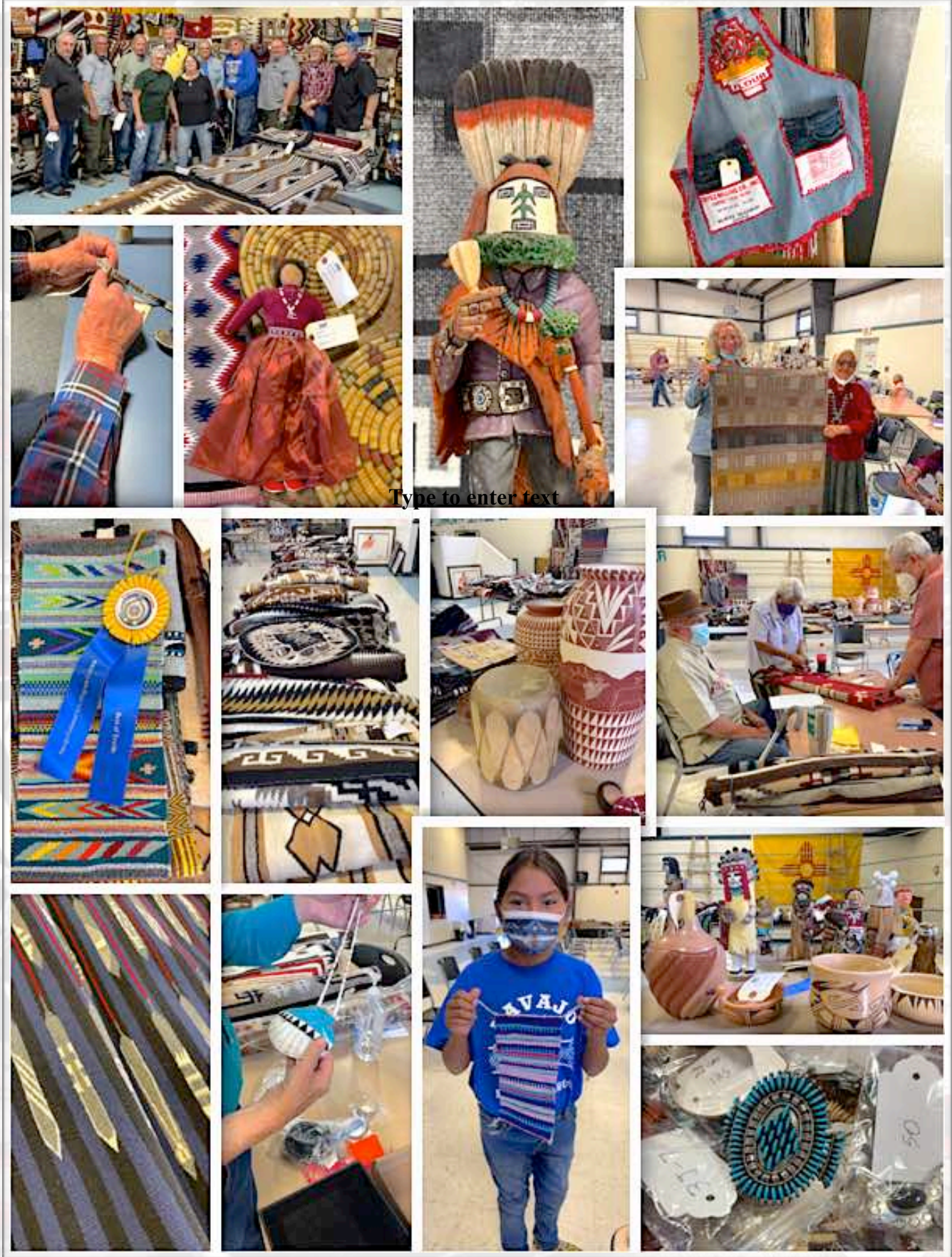
Thea is inspired to continue her academic journey in Exercise Science and chronic disease prevention in the Navajo community. She hopes to bridge the gap in American Indian communities between western medicine and cultural background. By portraying cultural humility and professional care of patients, it will allow her to offer proper treatment. She is determined to continue her academic journey in Exercise Science and chronic disease prevention in the Navajo community.

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FRIENDS OF HUBBELL THANK YOU

SEPTEMBER 2021 AUCTION



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“One Person’s Trash” A True Story!

By Tom Surface

You have probably heard the old proverb – “One person’s trash is another person’s treasure.” Well, this is true and it really happened to me!

My good friend and mentor Don, a World War II veteran and later in life a professor at American University in Washington, DC, had a peculiar hobby. Don enjoyed driving his little Toyota pick-up truck through the alleys and back streets of the neighborhoods in DC and took part in “dumpster diving,” basically picking up perfectly good stuff thrown out for the garbage man. It was amazing to see all the very usable items he would collect including tables, chairs, lamps, and other furniture of all types, rugs, tools, clothing, sporting goods, tapes, DVDs and records, auto parts, and various other home décor items. Don would collect all his “keepsakes” and put them up for sale at one of his semi-annual yard sales. His yard sales were much anticipated events in his neighborhood and he made some pretty good pocket change turning trash to cash.

On one of his “diving excursions,” he came upon a bunch of records, books, pictures, small kitchen appliances, furniture and rolled rugs being thrown out. He knocked on the door of the house to be sure the owners were getting rid of the items and was told by the younger couple that their older relative had collected all this stuff during her lifetime. She had since passed and left them the house and they were getting rid of all the “old crap” so they could remodel. Don was invited to take whatever he wanted before the trash truck came! Don scarfed up all the usable items and took them home. He took the clothes and rugs to the dry cleaners and cleaned up the rest of the “old” items for his next sale that September.

At that time, I was active duty Army and stationed overseas but returned to the Washington area for meetings that October. Don knew of my interest in Native American arts and crafts. While at diner, Don told me about his latest sale and some Southwest-styled rugs he had found in the trash from that old house. He said he had found three but sold the nicest one for \$45 to pay for the cleaning. He still had one and his next-door neighbor had the other. After dinner he said I could take a look.

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(Continued) By Tom Surface

While he looked for his rug, I went next door to ask his neighbor if I could see his. Jim looked at me quizzically and after thinking for a moment said, “O, you mean that little brown and gray thing. I think the dog is sleeping on it.” He went over and yanked it out from under his pooch and showed it to me. It was an old Navajo weaving, Two Gray Hills pattern, about 25”x37”in size, and in superb condition. After I explained to Jim what it was and where it came from, he handed it to me and said, “Here you go, you take it. I don’t want it.” I thanked him, took it and kept it safe until we returned from my overseas assignment. I later showed it to Lee Anderson of Anderson’s Americana Indian Show out of Flagstaff, AZ. He confirmed that the rug was made in the early-to-mid-1960s and appraised the weaving at \$1100-\$1300! I ended up trading it to Lee for about \$950 worth of vintage Kachina Dolls that I wanted. But my story doesn’t end here.

Don showed me his rug. It was a beautiful Navajo-woven Teec Nos Pos pattern that was about 64”x42” and still had the trading post tag with the weaver’s name attached. This rug was also from the 1960s. Don held on to this piece for a couple of years and eventually gave it to me as a Christmas present. Not long ago, I had this weaving appraised at around \$2200!

My friend, Don, has since walked on to that “yard sale in the sky.” To this day, the Teec Nos Pos weaving is displayed on my wall – tag still attached. And Don’s gift to me, and the story of its rescue from the dumpster, still remains one of my favorite tales, as well as a great memory of one of my closest friends.



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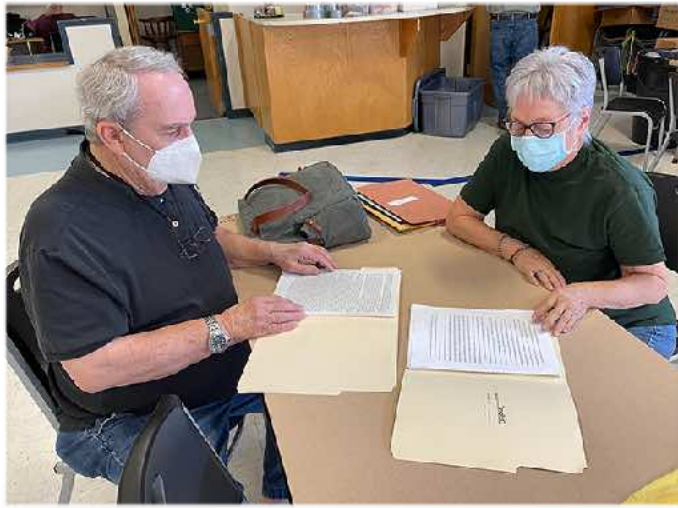
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"Everything that is good; the concepts in Navajo of beauty, perfection, harmony, goodness, normality, success, well-being, blessedness, order, and ideal."

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