

## **Native American Art Exhibits, Book Signings and More**

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Described as the “Superbowl of Native American Art,” **The Marin Show: Art of the Americas** celebrates its 28th consecutive year at the Marin Civic Center in San Rafael, California, on Feb. 25-26.

Each year since its beginning in 1984, hundreds of top art dealers, collectors, artists and the culture-curious have been drawn from around the world by the array of antique Native American, Pre-Columbian, Spanish Colonial, antique and contemporary American Indian art, Western art and collectibles.

The show’s main floor is dedicated to antique Native American material. The adjacent hotel ballroom showcases contemporary Native and Latin art and artists. Art exhibits include jewelry, textiles, baskets, pottery, sculpture, beadwork, paintings, books and photography for sale, ranging in price from hundreds to thousands of dollars.

Educational lectures and premier book signings will be held throughout the weekend. On Saturday, Feb. 25, Jeb Taylor, associate editor for Prehistoric American and author of “Projectile Points of the High Plains” will present “The Initial Settlement of North America.”

Author and anthropology professor Betty Goerke will speak about “Feathers and Beads: Unique Ceremonial Regalia of the San Francisco Bay Area.” Author Mark Winter of Toadlena Trading Post will sign his book, “The Master Weavers,” later in the afternoon.

On Sunday Feb. 26, author, art history professor, and research specialist in Native American woodland art Ruth B. Phillips will lecture on “18th Century Native American Art from the Great Lakes Region: A Legacy of Diplomacy, Warfare, Fashion and Curiosity.” Jody and Ned Martin will sign their book, “Horses and Bridles of the American Indians,” during the afternoon.

Other educational elements include a display by the Marin Museum of the American Indian that relates to Native American history in the area.

For the third year, the Opening Night Preview on Friday, Feb. 24 at 6:30, benefits Homeward Bound of Marin, a shelter for homeless families and individuals. Last year, the preview raised \$3,500, which went to provide shelter and residential services to approximately 1,500 people.

Additional information about the Marin Show and Opening Night Preview is available at [www.marinshow.com](http://www.marinshow.com).