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# Marin Show: Art Of The Americas Will Be Feb. 25–26 In San Rafael

SAN RAFAEL, CALIF. — On February 25–26, the annual Marin Show: Art of the Americas celebrates its 28th year at the Marin Civic Center. Considered the most significant ongoing showcase focused on a combination of antique American Indian, pre-Columbian, Spanish Colonial and contemporary American Indian art, the show attracts top dealers, passionate collectors, artists and the culture-curious from across the world.

Offering something for everyone, the show's main floor focuses on antique material, with the adjacent hotel ballroom showcasing contemporary Native and Latin art and artists. Exhibited art includes jewelry, textiles, baskets, pottery, sculpture, beadwork, paintings, books and photography for sale, ranging in price from low hundreds to thousands of dollars, offering authentic material for both the first time buyers and seasoned collectors alike.

The opening night preview will be Friday, February 24, from 6:30 to 9 pm, to benefit the local charity Homeward Bound of Marin for the third year in a row. Homeward Bound of Marin is Marin

County's chief provider of shelter and residential services for homeless families and individuals. Preview tickets are \$25, advance purchase suggested at [www.marinshow.com](http://www.marinshow.com).

The show will host 114 antique and contemporary art dealers. Founding and longtime dealers include Russell Kloer of Clear Sky known for fine baskets and rugs; Jim Conley of Jim Conley Ethnic Art; Bob and Darlene Seng of Transitional Arts Trading Co., noted for their high end jewelry; Michael Eros, a second-generation Native American art dealer; and seasoned dealer Mark Hooper, also a restorer.

Other longtime dealers include Mystic Warriors, specializing in Plains beadwork; Cowboys & Indians and Two Star Trading Co., known for Native American jewelry; Curtright & Son Tribal Art, known for Northwest Coast region items; and Ray Neumen, who specializes in antique Spanish Colonial pieces. Antique dealers new to the show include Glenn Smith, a collector turned dealer, and Joseph Alphabet who will feature his Native American baskets at the show.

Educational lectures and



**This Eighteenth Century Santa Santiago Matamoros will be offered by Rae and Joe Neumen.**

**Cochiti storage jar, circa 1875, 16 inches tall, courtesy of Summerhouse Antiques.**

book signings will be held throughout the weekend. Saturday highlights include a talk at 9 am on "The Initial Settlement of North America" by Jeb Taylor, associate editor for Prehistoric American, and author of *Projectile Points of the High Plains*;

1 pm lecture on "Feathers and Beads: Unique Ceremonial Regalia of the San Francisco Bay Area," by Betty Goerke, author and retired anthropology professor at College of Marin;

2 pm book signing for *The Master Weavers* by Mark Winter of Historic Toadlena Trading Post, surveying the textiles of the Toadlena/Two Grey Hills weaving region and; a

3 pm book signing for *American Indian Jewelry II: A-L* by Greg and Angie Schaaf, the first of two reference volumes for American Indian jewelry.

Sunday programs include:

10 am lecture, presented by Friends of Ethnic Art, "Eighteenth Century Native American Art from the Great Lakes Region: A Legacy of Diplomacy, Warfare, Fashion and Curiosity" by author Ruth B. Phillips,

professor of art history at Carleton University and a

1 pm book signing for *Horses and Bridles of the American Indians* by Jody and Ned Martin, featuring a comprehensive collection of Native bridles to date.

The Marin Museum of the American Indian will mount an extensive display honoring their rich history in the area and a Native American art and jewelry appraisal clinic will take place Sunday, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Presented by veteran show producer KR Martindale Show Management, the Marin Show: Art of the Americas works in association with the Antique Tribal Art Dealers Association, The Marin Museum of the American Indian, The Miwok Archaeological Preserve of Marin.

Show hours are Saturday, 10 am to 6 pm, and Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. The Marin Civic Center is at 10 Avenue of the Flags. Tickets are \$15 and includes the lectures. Visit [www.marinshow.com/discount-coupon2.html](http://www.marinshow.com/discount-coupon2.html) for discount coupons (\$5).