

New Traditions Stephanie Hunter-Sorbel

Exhibition June 9th-August 11th, 2013

Stephanie Hunter-Sorbel is an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. Born in Denver, Colorado, and raised on the Pine Ridge Reservation, she currently she lives with her family in Kyle, South Dakota, where she is employed as the Director of the Pejuta Haka College Center.

Her interest in beadwork began while she was eight years old and continues to this day. Much of her work is produced for her family, many of whom participate in powwows. Other pieces are made for her extended family for social and ceremonial purposes. As an aspiring artist she studied doll making with Tilda Long Shoulder-St. Pierre, beadworking with Shirley Mesteth-Sherer, and quillworking under Lynda Earring.

Inspiration for her work is often spontaneous; an evolving vision as she crafts a particular doll or the observation of an object she would like to bead. The dolls that she makes are influenced by the vibrant designs and colors found in the clothing and costumes of her heritage. Her work utilizes techniques of traditional quillwork and beadwork with a modern twist. She hopes to continue her love for the arts by teaching and creating many more pieces. Currently, she is passing her knowledge of quillwork and beadwork on to her daughters

Stephanie's work has been featured in numerous art shows, and she has garnered significant awards. Her work has been included in the Santa Fe Indian Market, the Northern Plains Indian Art Market, and the Black Hills Powwow Fine Arts Show. In 2010, she was awarded 1st place in the Quillwork Division at the Northern Plains Indian Art Market. She received the People's Choice Award at the 2012 Black Hills Powwow Fine Arts Show.

Prices for the artwork in the exhibition can be obtained by contacting The Journey Museum Store at (605) 394-2201. To purchase artwork after the exhibit closes, please contact Stephanie Hunter-Sorbel by mail at PO Box 693 Kyle, SD 57752, by phone at 605-454-5459, or by email at sorbels@gmail.com

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New Traditions by Stephanie Hunter-Sorbel



Horse mask. 2011. Beaded and decorated. 24" x 28" © 2011 Stephanie Hunter-Sorbel

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Baby buggy. 2012. Beaded and decorated. 42" x 44" x 18". © 2012 Stephanie Hunter-Sorbel



Quilled buffalo skull. 2010. Porcupine quills, buffalo hide, horsehair. 48" x 48". © 2010 Stephanie Hunter-Sorbel



Female fancy dancer doll. 2013 Sequined and decorated 13" high © 2013 Stephanie Hunter-Sorbel



Male fancy dancer doll. 2013 Beaded and decorated 14" high © 2013 Stephanie Hunter-Sorbel