



Native American Community Development Corporation

Since 1996, the Native American Community Development Corporation (NACDC) has been working with Native American artists to help them promote their work. For years, the organization encouraged artists to participate in the annual Harvest Moon Ball, a Native American event that included an art auction.

Then in 2016, the NACDC decided to push its outreach further. With the help of Chuck Fulcher, President of the Great Western Living & Design Show, the NACDC brought together a group of nine Native American artists to Great Falls' Western Art Week.

"Last year we had people from all over the U.S. and Canada at our booth," says Angie Main, Executive Director of NACDC. "This show has provided these artists national visibility."

Helping Native American artists sell their work and providing buyers the opportunity to purchase authentic Indian art are just a couple of the things the NACDC does. The organization also provides a "Native Artist" line of credit and offers four Montana reservations a course called Native Artists Professional Development (NAPD). This course teaches Native American artists how to improve their business skills to support themselves as fulltime artists.

This year, NACDC anticipates 16 sponsored artists will be showing at the Great Western Living & Design Show, March 16-19. For more information, call (406) 338-2992. ■



Jennifer Solberg

The art of Jennifer Solberg defies a single medium. Her expertly crafted books are a combination of leather, paper, and metal art, watercolor, and sewing.

"I experimented with everything to get to this point," chuckles Solberg, whose books are a culmination of her artistic talents.

Each takes several days (at least) to finish as there are a multitude of steps involved. Most of her books contain eco-dyed 140 pound paper and are sewn together using waxed Irish linen thread. Solberg cuts and assembles all the elements herself, welding and soldering metal elements as needed. Some covers feature watercolors that she has painted and they are coated with a resin to make the finished product indelible.

Solberg's archival quality books come in four sizes and are perfect for journaling, scrapbooking, and sketching.

"These books will last forever," Solberg declares.

This year will be Solberg's first showing during Western Art Week in Great Falls. Her masterfully designed books can be found at Booth 35 at the Great Western Living & Design Show, March 16-19.

For more information, visit Jennifer Solberg's Facebook page or call (402) 867-4119. ■



Becky Olvera Schultz

Since 1993, Becky Olvera Schultz has been known for her museum quality Native American style masks. She also creates Southwest style masks, rawhide shields, serigraphs, photography, dolls, and mixed media works.

Her indigenous bloodline, natural talent, research, and travel experiences have brought about her specific style of artwork. With seven museum exhibitions to her credit, six of which were solo, her work has been featured in *Cowboys & Indians*, *Native Peoples* and *Wild West* magazines.

She will be exhibiting at the Great Western Living & Design Show, March 16-19. For more information, visit native-expressions.com, email becky@native-expressions.com, or call (831) 688-0694. ■

