

Kori M. Guy: Bailey, Colorado

Navajo/ Cherokee

Pottery and Painting



Kori Guy is a Native American painter, and potter. Kori is Navajo mixed-blood of the To' ahee'd Lii'nii Clan, and is also Cherokee and Mohawk. Her Grandparents were from the Canyon DeChelly, and the Lukachukai areas of the Navajo Reservation. Being raised with the Navajo traditions and stories by her grandparents, and Navajo being her first language, Kori feels it is impossible to do her art work without drawing from her deep love of the traditions she was raised with. Her art name -Dine 'Woolchoo'n, means Navajo Quilt.

Kori Guy is currently a Professor of Political Science, teaching Native American Studies and Art at the Metropolitan State College in Denver, CO. Kori has been a teacher for 30 years in public schools in Wyoming and Colorado, and an artist for 38 years.

Kori's artwork can be seen at the Mountain Man Gallery in Como, CO as well as other local galleries. She attends several national shows throughout the year. Currently, Kori has just completed a one woman show at the Mari Michener Gallery in Greeley, CO. Last year she was selected as their Homecoming artist, having earned her MFA from them in 1993.

Traditional stories go along with all of her art pieces. Kori calls them 'story pots' and 'story paintings' and shares the traditional ways she was raised with. The blend of all three media shows that she is truly a multi-media artist. Kori has said that many times she will see the art piece she is to do in her dreams, or she is hiking up in the mountains and finds expression of what she has seen through watercolor, oil painting and in pottery. Many of her pieces have themes that they share, and she also paints in series as new ideas expand on what she has previously expressed. Kori states that she gets differing kinds of energy from each media, and loves using all three. Sharing with her audience a blend of all this she believes helps the people around her to better appreciate beauty and life in today's world. She strongly believes that the traditional Native beliefs can help all people be at one with our Mother the Earth, and all our relations.

