

Bessie Sherwood: Aurora, Colorado

Navajo

Jewelry, Beadwork, and Clothing

Sherwood is a Navajo originally from Bisti, New Mexico. She is best known for her Traditional Navajo Jewelry and Navajo Rug weaving, which she learned from her great-grandmother using the traditionally spun wool and natural wool colors. She learned the art of silversmithing from aunts and uncles at a very young age.

Sherwood's work is the old style or traditional Navajo type of jewelry and designs. Among many talents, Sherwood makes Native American dance regalia, crafts Northern Plains Indian dance outfits for men and women or outfits any style of dancer with appropriate attire. Porcupine and deer tail headdresses, beaded eagle wing fans, eagle feather dance bustles and intricate beadwork adorn her creations.

Sherwood has attended fine art shows throughout the country and has received many invitations to demonstrate her exceptional work.

