

# Mark Silversmith: Farmington, New Mexico

*Navajo*

*Watercolor & Oil Paintings*



Mark Silversmith was born on the Navajo Reservation in Rehoboth, New Mexico. With the exception of living in Weatherford, Oklahoma while earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, he has not lived more than 100 miles from his birthplace.

His gift in painting is part of a family legacy in art. His father, Joe Chee Silversmith

was a well known silversmith as well as his grandfather, Chee Silversmith. His mother, Ida Mary, was known for her beautiful Navajo weavings.

Mark has spent the last 21 years of his career dedicating his talents to preserving the heritage of Native American people. He is best known for his intricate watercolor portrayals of pre-reservation Native American life. Mark's most significant artistic achievements are reflected in the many awards that he has won at the Heard Museum, the Eiteljorg Museum, and the Santa Fe Indian Market. His most notable commissions have been created for Hewlett-Packard, Harley-Davidson, North American Tool and Dye, the Coors Corporation and the Chrysler Corporation. Mark was awarded 1st Place - Easel Art at the Tesoro Cultural Center's 2007 Indian Market & Powwow.

