

## Diana Lucero, San Ysidro, New Mexico

### *Pueblo of Zia Pottery*



Diana Pino Lucero is a well-recognized, award winning Zia Pueblo potter. Diana is an active participant in many Southwestern Native American Indian Market events. Diana's lifelong teacher was her mother, \*Vicentita Pino. Diana's mother learned from her grandmother, a skill which was handed down through the generations. Diana

continues to work in her traditional hand coiled building methods. She does not purchase clay from a store and she only works with natural/organic materials. She hand grinds her clay and tempers it to a fine powder. She adds water to the finely ground earth and kneads her clay into a perfect consistency for building her pottery. Each piece is hand painted with natural ground minerals/colors, and with a yucca leaf. The designs painted are traditional designs from her Zia Pueblo heritage. She is respected throughout the Southwest. Through the years, she has gained high recognition with her finely skilled and beautiful award winning artwork.

Today Diana continues to carry on her family's legacy. She was a member of the Indian Arts and Crafts Association. This is an organization which promotes Indian art of it finest, to ensure its authenticity and to establish and maintain high standards. The last two years, Diana won 2nd Place in Pottery at Tesoro's Indian Market.

\* Vicentita was a renowned award winning potter. Many museums are proud to own exquisite examples of her pottery. She was the oldest living active Zia potter. Vicentita has recently passed on.

