

Veronica Benally, Gallup, New Mexico

Diné (Navajo) Nation Jewelry



My name is Veronica Benally. I am from the Diné (Navajo) Nation around Gallup NM. My tribal enrollment number is 211-578. I have been creating jewelry for 20 years. I specialize in sterling silver handmade and occasionally with casting. My jewelry will have my name stamp of VBenally and sterling on pieces I have finished. My inlay is done with stabilized Kingman turquoise, natural turquoise from various mines and other natural material such as corals, lapis lazuli, sugilite, black jet, malachite, and different sea shells. I use various techniques for

my inlay I do a flat channel inlay, mosaic, cornroll and cobblestone. I have won different awards from art shows throughout the southwest. I've won best of show at the San Diego museum of Man, Best of show at the western conference art show in Jackson hole Wyoming, best of show at the Sharlott Hall museum in Prescott AZ, best of show at the Gathering in Litchfield Park AZ. I have won a purchase award for the Eiteljorg Musuem in Indianapolis IN, the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture in Santa Fe and at the University of San Diego in California. I have also placed 1st or 2nd at the Heard Musuem, Red Earth festival, Sharlott hall Musuem, Eiteljorg Musuem, Musuem of Northern Arizona, Gallup Intertribal ceremonial, and the Santa Fe Indian market.

