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**Keshmish Festival**

# Press Release

## **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Keshmish Festival at the Navajo Nation Museum**

**Window Rock, AZ, December 4 & 5, 2009:** The Navajo Nation Museum invites the public to our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Keshmish Festival on Friday and Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Both days will be filled with Christmas spirit with emerging and established Native Artisans. They will display and sell jewelry, pottery, sculptures, paintings, weavings and much more. There are traditional foods, a book signing, children's activities and an evening of luminaria and refreshments. Festival hours are Friday, December 4, 11 am -7 pm and Saturday, December 5, 9 am -5 pm. Admission is FREE.

Different activities take place each of the two festival days. On Friday, the artists and authors will be selling and guests will enjoy the evening of luminaria and refreshments. On Saturday the artists and authors continue to display and sell their works, there will be children's art activities in the Navajo Nation Library, door prizes, Native American films and the Office of Miss Navajo Nation will provide traditional foods for the visitors on both days.

Don't miss the exhibits currently at the museum: "*Diyogí t'áá bit' Ánooséét: Generations comes to the Navajo Nation Museum*", "*Hwéeldi Baa Hane': Our Stories of Fort Sumner*", "*Hózhóogo 'liná: A Beautiful Life*" and Through The Lens: *Diné Photographers*.

Admission to the Navajo Nation Museum is free. The hours are 8-5 on Mondays, 8-6 Tuesday through Friday and 9-5 on Saturday (closed on Sundays and holidays). The museum is located in Window Rock, just inside the Arizona state line on the north side of State Hwy. 264. For more information: 928-871-7941, Booth information 928-810-8539.

**For Release 9 a.m. EDT, October 9, 2009**

The Navajo Nation Museum presents



**12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL - December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Friday, December 4, Set-up** 9:00AM - 11:00PM

**OPEN** to the Public from 11:00PM till 7:00 PM

**Saturday, December 5, Set-up** 8:00 AM

**OPEN** to the Public from 9:00AM till 5:00PM

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**REGISTER no later than December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 to reserve a booth space.**

**ARTIST VENDORS:** All works must be authentic Native American Indian hand-made of quality materials. **NO** commercial casts or plastics; **NO** use of commercial acrylic yarns, for traditional articles (excluding Navajo traditional sash belts); **NO** greenware or slip-molded ceramic ware. **ARTIST** or immediate family must be present to sell work. Designated artist representative may be accepted if selling on behalf of the artist, not as a trader (please inquire).

Any vendors who violate these requirements will be removed and will not be allowed to return for future shows. By submitting the application, vendors shall abide by conditions stated in this agreement.

1. The Museum will not be responsible or liable for any injuries, accidents, lost or stolen items.
2. The table fee is \$50.00, flat rate, which covers both days. We hope you will show your work for the entire Keshmish Festival, but no refunds or deductions will be allowed if you show less than the two days.
3. The Museum will provide one table and two chairs for each vendor. Vendors may bring one extra table, no larger than a 30" x 6'. Please no more than two people per booth at any one time.
4. The Navajo Nation Museum will not be responsible or liable for payment of appropriate sale taxes or permits that relate to sales at the Festival. Vendors are responsible for reporting sales tax (4%) to the Navajo Nation Tax Commission, (928) 871-6681.
5. The Museum will not provide telephone lines for credit card machines. Artists must provide their own change and portable credit card machines in order to conduct business.
6. We will try to accommodate special needs on a first come, first serve basis, such as electric outlets, space to hang paintings or textiles. If you wish to leave your stock overnight, a secure storage area will be available Friday night, December 4, 2008.

If you have any questions, please call Eunice Kahn, Booth Coordinator  
at 928-810-8539 or 928-871-7941.

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Please fill out the form below and mail or deliver with your payment to:



**Booth Coordinator**  
**Navajo Nation Museum**  
**P.O. Box 1840**  
**Hwy 264 & Post Office Loop Road**  
**Window Rock, AZ 86515**

Payment must be made payable to the **Navajo Nation Museum** by Money Order, Certified or Cashier's Check, or Cash . . . . . **NO Personal Checks Will Be Accepted.**

Artist(s) Name: [Please print] \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you sharing a booth with another artist? If yes, with whom? \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RESPECT YOUR WORK AND OUR REQUIREMENTS:**

**MEDIA:** (check type of art work)

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|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paintings      | <input type="checkbox"/> Baskets    | <input type="checkbox"/> Drums/Instruments                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography    | <input type="checkbox"/> Weaving    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fashion Design                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prints/Etching | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Quilting/Fiber Arts                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drawings       | <input type="checkbox"/> Beading    | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas ornaments (type):<br>_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | <input type="checkbox"/> Pottery    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodcarving    | <input type="checkbox"/> Dollmaking |   |

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_