

The Heard Guild presents *Beyond the Loom II*

An in depth travelling study of the Navajo Weaving Process

Tour Includes:

May 3-7, 2017

- Luxury Motorcoach Transfer. All meals. All Tips
- Highlights Include: Shonto, Teec Nos Pos, Two Grey Hills, Hubbell Auction & La Posada.

Join the Heard Guild for our second journey into the world of the Navajo Weavers.

Led by second generation and lifelong trader, Mark Bahti with logistics and driving by Stephen Bernier. We'll spend five wonderful days visiting artists throughout Navajo Nation, absorbing not simply their knowledge... but the knowledge and stories of their ancestors.

You'll witness their knowledge and expertise in the various steps of the complete weaving process.

We meet Roy Kady and his understudies and learn hands on about natural dyes and working with the Churro sheep wool brought by the Spanish conquistadores over 500 years ago. We'll the day under the cottonwoods in Teec Nos Pos as we harvest and process botanic roots and dye wool. Afterwards enjoy a fabulous traditional lunch with a twist.

We'll visit with renowned weavers including Barbara Teller, whose family ran Two Grey Hills Trading post for decades. Barbara will share her family's history and demonstrate how meticulous tapestry quality weavings are to produce.

We'll visit off the beaten path Trading Posts and meet weavers and traders in Mark's vast network of colleagues for wonderful planned events and added surprises.

DAY 1

PHOENIX - MONUMENT VALLEY

Departure is 9:00 am from the Heard Museum. We travel direct to Shonto trading post and visit a local weaver in a traditional Hogan. We then travel to Monument Valley with Sally Martinez, who has the unique perspective as a native Navajo trader. Evening in Kayenta with a welcome dinner.

DAY 2

TEEC NOS POS/GALLUP

This morning we'll travel to the four corners area to visit with Master Weaver Roy Kady. We'll spend time with Roy examining the technical process of working with different plant dyes and working with wool. Afterwards we make the short drive to Gallup, NM and spend time with life-long Indian trader Bill Malone at his trading post. We'll stay at the new Best Western Suites and enjoy dinner tonight at the historic El Rancho Hotel.



DAY 3

TWO GREY HILLS/CHINLE

This morning, after breakfast we'll travel to Two Grey Hills to spend time with Barbara Teller. Here, you get a chance to see the famous Churro Sheep that have provided the fantastic wool for Navajo weavers for hundreds of years. In the afternoon we visit with the Spider Rock Girls at Chinle.

DAY 4

HUBBELL RUG AUCTION

This morning we'll enjoy breakfast al fresco at Spider Rock overlook before travelling to Ganado to participate in the famous Hubbell Indian Arts and Crafts Auction. We finish the day at La Posada with a final celebration dinner at the Turquoise Room.

DAY 5

WINSLOW TO PHOENIX

This morning we depart this fascinating region for our journey home. We'll break for lunch en route then arrive to Phoenix by 6:00 pm.



STEPHEN BERNIER, is a second generation tour operator. He has organized and produced tours of the American southwest and Mexico since 1993 for the Heard Museum Guild, University of Arizona Elderhostel Program/Roads Scholar, Arizona Historical Society, Tohono Chul Park, and Sabino Canyon Naturalists, as well as various other museums and Universities. Stephen is also a volunteer naturalist with Sabino Canyon Volunteer Naturalists.



MARK BAHTI, Following in his father's footsteps, art dealer Mark Bahti has spent over 40 years representing native art to as a gallery owner in both Tucson and Santa Fe. A researcher/author, Mark has written a number of books, including A Consumer's Guide to Southwest Indian Art, Pueblo Stories and Storytellers, Navajo Sandpainting Art (co-authored with Eugene Baatsoslanii Joe), Collecting Southwest Native American Jewelry, Southwest Indian Weaving, Southwest Indian Designs, Spirit in the Stone (a book on animal carvings and fetishes) and, most recently, Stone and Silver. He is also working on another book (on pottery artists) and two research projects. Mark is also involved with Indian-run organizations

addressing education, health and employment issues. He is a long-time board member of the Tucson Indian Center, Chair of the Institute of American Indian Arts' Foundation in Santa Fe. He also serves on the board of the Amerind Foundation.

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TOUR ITINERARY: We do our very best to offer the most enjoyable tour experience possible. Modifications/enhancements to the tour description on this tour flyer are very possible.

PRE-TRIP DOCUMENTS: The confirmation of pick-up times and location, pertinent trip information including packing suggestions, any major updates to any tour components as well as participating hotel numbers will be mailed in a pre-trip information packet approximately three weeks prior to the trip departure.

DEPARTURE INFO: The Motorcoach will begin loading at 8:30 am at the Heard Museum. Departure time is 9:00 am. We encourage you to be dropped off. If you are leaving a car please park in Heard parking lot North West of the entrance. If you are running late, please call 520-250-3266 and advise Stephen of your delay.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: The activity level for this tour should be considered moderate. Each day we'll encounter situations where walking unassisted over uneven terrain will be required.