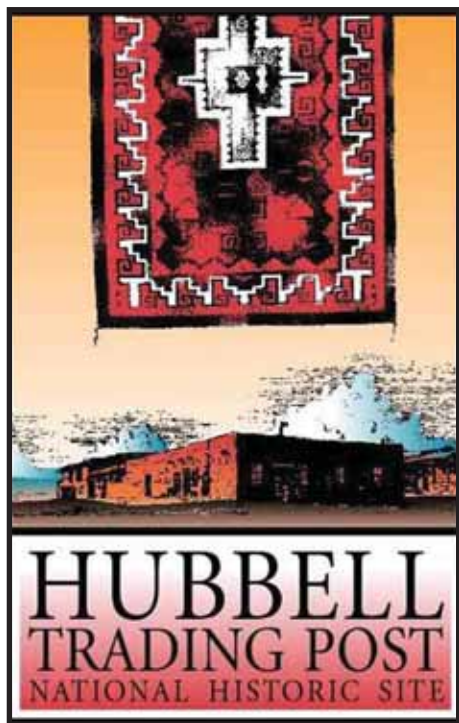


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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Friends of Hubbell is sad to announce the passing in May of an icon of Native American trading, Bill Malone. He was a kind man that was honest to the core of his being and a pleasure to deal with. He was a longtime member of our Board. If you would like to know more about Bill, read, "The Case of the Indian Trader" and see the article in this newsletter. He will be missed by all of those that knew him.

We would like to thank those of you that were able to attend the auction in May either online or in person. Before you know it, the September 27th auction will be occurring.

Recently, I was able to attend a presentation at Sorrel Sky Gallery in Santa Fe by H. Jackson Clark II, the owner of Toh-Atin Gallery in Durango on "pictorial rugs." His presentations are informative as well as having a touch of humor. If you have the opportunity, it is well worth your time to attend. One of his comments was very pertinent to Navajo weavings. He has been involved in SW art for decades and said that in years gone by, a weaver was likely to come to his gallery almost daily to sell their work. Recently, it has become more of a weekly occurrence. Navajo weavings are becoming increasingly harder to find.

This means that our auction affords you an opportunity to obtain an increasingly scarce art form and provide direct support to the Navajo weavers. Hopefully, your support will encourage more individuals to become weavers to perpetuate this art form. Weavings and baskets are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain.

We received approximately 120 applications for the 26 FoH scholarships we are able to provide as a result of your support. In 2025, there are 16 undergraduate and 10 graduate awarded. We have found that finding graduate-level support is more challenging to obtain than undergraduate assistance. The number of awards and the amount of each has increased in the past couple of years due to your support and the result of several collections being donated to us. Revenues generated by the donations go directly into the scholarship fund. We also provide annual financial support to the Manuelito Navajo Children's Home in Gallup. Their residents have assisted us at each auction in recent years. I would also like to thank the Friends of Hubbell Scholarship Committee. They must read each application, score it, leading to the selection of the scholarship winners.

As noted, donations have provided a critical boost to our scholarship funding. We welcome donations of genuine Native American made art. Contact us to discuss your donation at friendsofhubbellauction@gmail.com.

Our online auctions are becoming an increasingly large part of our May / September efforts, but they are also held in many months between our in-person auctions. You can find the dates of the online auctions by going to our website www.friendsofhubbell.org to find the dates.

Thank you once again for your support and we hope to see you, or have you register online for the September 27th auction in Gallup.

Patrick Blackwell
Chairman FoH



Patrick Blackwell
Chairman FoH



FRIENDS OF HUBBELL ANNOUNCE THE 2025-2026 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Friends of Hubbell, with the assistance of our contributing scholarship benefactors, awarded 26 scholarships to deserving Native American students for the upcoming 2025-2026 academic year. This includes 16 undergraduate and 10 graduate level awards. For this coming year, Friends of Hubbell and our benefactors awarded \$80,000 in tuition assistance in addition to a \$2,500 grant to the Manuelito Navajo Children's Home. Here is a listing of the award recipients. You can read more about our awardees in future newsletters. Friends of Hubbell has awarded some \$432,600 in scholarships since the outset of our program

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

Chairmen's Scholarship (\$5000)

FAITH TOGLENA
Navajo
Utah State University - Blanding
Technology Systems, Technology
Management

Anonymous Donation (\$3000)

LOGAN LOGG
Navajo
Arizona State University
Civil Engineering

Patrick Musick Scholarship (\$3000)

CHEYENNA TSOSIE
Navajo
Arizona State University
Urban Planning

Andrew & Karen Somosi Scholarship (\$3000)

LETICIA MARQUEZ
Navajo
Western New Mexico University
BS, Fine Arts

Amy Nuernberg/ Owen O'Fallon Scholarship (\$3000)

LIONEL LEO BEGAY
Navajo
Northern Arizona University
Elementary Education

T. Robert Chambers Scholarship (\$3000)

AVERY M. BEGAY
Navajo
Navajo Technical University -
Crownpoint
BS, Biology

Dr. Jim & Marcia Sherman Scholarship (\$3000)

ALLYN JAYE ALLEN
Navajo
Navajo Technical University
Electrical Engineering

Kai Family Foundation Scholarship (\$3000)

YOLANDA YAZZIE
Navajo
Northern Arizona University
Hotel & Restaurant Management

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED BY FRIENDS OF HUBBELL

Sheri Burnham Memorial Scholarship (\$3000)

CHANEL NEZ
Navajo
University of New Mexico
BSN, Nursing

Bill Malone & Minnie Malone Memorial Scholarship (\$3000)

MADISON BILLY
Hopi/Navajo
Arizona State University
Clinical Exercise Science

Friends of Hubbell Scholarships (\$3000)

TANYA SUE BEGAY
Navajo
Dine College
BA, Education

KIRSTEN BRADLEY
Navajo
Northern Arizona University
Nursing

JAYDEN HARVEY
Navajo
Northern Arizona University
BS, Biology

BRIANA LEE
Navajo
Northern Arizona University
Dental Hygiene

PAYTON CORY BEN
Navajo
Northern Arizona University
Nursing

SAMANTHA QUIGLEY
Navajo
Haskell Indian Nations University
Business Administration.

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GRADUATE LEVEL AWARDS

Kai Family Foundation

Scholarship (\$3000)

KAYLEIGH M. PADDOCK

Navajo

Dartmouth College

Master of Public Health

Bailey Family Scholarship (\$3000)

CHRISTIAN MILLER

Navajo

Pratt Institution Brooklyn, New
York

Master of Arts in Architecture

Friends of Hubbell Scholarships (\$3000)

DEANA L. ARMIJO

Navajo

University of New Mexico

Ed.S - Administrative Licensure

LaSHANNON BEGAY

Navajo

University of New Mexico

Master of Landscape Architecture

SARAH CHATTER

Navajo

University of Washington

Master, Public Health

TYLAN DEE

Navajo

University of Utah

Ed.D

JAZMIN NOVAK

Navajo

Alfred University

Master of Fine Arts, Sculpture/
Dimensional Studies

ALLEN PAXSON

Hopi

Oregon Health & Science

University

Doctor of Medicine

VETESSHA SMITH

Navajo

University of Arizona

MS, Management Information
Systems

TAYLOR CECELIA YAZZIE

Laguna/Navajo

NM Institute of Mining &

Technology

MS, Hydrology

Donate Your Collections to a Worthy Cause

Tax-Deductible Donations Go to Our FoH Scholarships Fund

Thinking of culling, downsizing, or passing on your collection of Native American arts and crafts? Friends of Hubbell is more than willing to fully assist you in turning your lifelong treasures into scholarships for deserving, but financially struggling, Native American undergraduate and graduate students.

Over the past several years, FoH has turned donated family collections into scholarships for students through our semi-annual auctions. Our organization will assist with getting your donated items inventoried and transported to our Gallup auction location, as well as providing donors with IRS tax donation letters for the amount realized from the sale of your items. At our May 2025 auction and sale, FoH realized more than \$31,000 in sales of donor offered rugs, pottery, baskets, jewelry, and Katsina carvings and signed artworks. This goes to our bottom line that support our scholarships fund and community outreach projects upon request by Hubbell Trading Post.

FoH auctions exclusively offer authentic Native American arts and crafts including Navajo weavings, Katsina carvings, jewelry, baskets, pottery,

stonework, and artworks. Because we offer authentic Native American-made works, we cannot accept items made or produced in Mexico, South America, or other overseas tribal works.

“Over the past several auctions, we have seen that Native weavers and other artisans are creating fewer pieces, but with the support of our donors contributing some of their treasured Native items, we have been able to continue and expand our scholarship offerings,” noted Patrick Blackwell, Friend of Hubbell chairman.

If you or someone you know is thinking of liquidating or down-sizing their collections, please consider the Friends of Hubbell as an alternative way of donating to a very worthy cause.

For more information on how you can donate, please contact us via email at: friendsofhubbellauction@gmail.com

Friends of Hubbell Native American Arts AUCTION!

Saturday, September 27, 2025

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Collect the world's classic art forms. Approximately 400 vintage and contemporary Navajo Weavings, Katsina Dolls, Jewelry, Baskets, and Silversmith Works will be available.

The Auction will follow current CDC and New Mexico Dept. of Health COVID guidelines currently in effect.

Masks may be necessary.



Auction Preview:

9:00 – 11:30 am MST

Auction:

Noon – 5:00 pm MST

Free to the Public

No admission charge
No Buyer registration fee
All CC Accepted

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT & SUPPORT
NATIVE AMERICAN COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIPS**

friendsofhubbellauction@gmail.com

Location

McKinley County Community Center
410 Bataan Veterans Street
Gallup, New Mexico 87301
505-722-9230

Exit 22 From I-40, Free parking



FRIENDS OF HUBBELL AGAIN PARTNERING WITH LA QUINTA BY WYNDHAM GALLUP

La Quinta by Wyndham Gallup is again offering a special Friends of Hubbell rate for travelers attending the May 2025 Auction. Rates for a standard room with 1 king or 2 full size beds will be \$124 plus tax per night. Suites are not subject to the discounted group rate.

PLEASE NOTE: To get this special Friends of Hubbell rate, guests must call the La Quinta Gallup directly at 505-722-2233.



The La Quinta in Gallup is conveniently located just off Interstate-40. Take Exit 26, turn right and the hotel is on the right.

La Quinta by Wyndham Gallup
3880 E. Highway 66
Gallup, NM 87301
505-722-2233 Phone
505-722-2885 Fax

Please Note: Travelers to our Gallup September Auction may also want to check and compare discounted rates from other programs such as AAA, AARP, Military, or additional online discount programs

MORE SPECIAL LODGING RATES FOR FRIENDS OF HUBBELL GUESTS

In addition to a special Friends of Hubbell rate at the LaQuinta in Gallup, two more hotels are extending special discounted rates to guests attending our Friends of Hubbell May Auction.



Hilton Garden Inn, Gallup is offering a Standard 1 King or 2 Queen bed rooms for \$129 + taxes. Individual reservations can be made directly with the hotel by calling

the Hilton Garden Inn at **(505) 722-9600** or toll-free **1-877-782-9444**. Callers must request the Friends of Hubbell Trading Post **Rate Code Hubbell** at the time of booking and provide your method of payment.

Address:

1530 W. Maloney Ave. (I-40, Exit 20)
Gallup, NM. 87301
(505) 722-9600



Quality Inn and Suites, Gallup is offering a Standard 1 King or 2 Queen bed rooms for \$90 + taxes. Individual reservations can be made directly with the hotel by calling

(505) 722-9600 or toll-free at **1-877-424-6423**. Callers must request the Friends of Hubbell Trading Post **Rate Code HUB** at the time of booking and provide your method of payment.

Address:

1500 W. Maloney Ave. (I-40, Exit 20)
Gallup, NM 87301
(505) 297-1501

BREAKING NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF HUBBELL

Scholarships Increasing for Academic Year 2025-26

The Friends of Hubbell Board voted to increase the numbers and dollar amounts of scholarships awarded this coming academic year from 19 to 26. The minimum scholarship amount has increased from \$2,500 to \$3,000. In addition, the board approved an annual grant in the amount of \$2,500 to the Manuelito Navajo Children's Home of Gallup in recognition of their continued support to our auctions. In all, FoH will award more than \$82,500 in scholarships and grants this coming year including the \$5,000 Chairman's Award and our new "Billy and Minnie Malone Scholarship."

Hubbell Trading Post Projects

Hubbell Trading Post Park Ranger William Yazzie attended the May Board Meeting and provided a list of proposed but unfunded projects planned for the trading post this year. The list included such activities as the Summer Weaving Series, Native Plant Walk, Harvest Festival, and Holiday Events. Due to Federal budget cuts and constraints, some of the events may be cancelled or paid "out-of-pocket" by the staff. The Friends of Hubbell Board requested that the National Park Service team provide FoH with a request and list of proposed projects to determine how Friend of Hubbell can assist.

Friend of Hubbell and City of Gallup: A Win-Win Partnership

The City of Gallup has again approved Lodgers Tax Grants to FoH for our 2025 auctions. This year we were awarded a total of \$13,200 for our promoting the City of Gallup in our marketing and outreach efforts. Since relocating our auction events to Gallup, the city has awarded us over \$54,000 that supports our regional, national and international outreach and promotional efforts.

Auction Items Minimum Value Set

Items submitted for our FoH auctions must meet a \$50 minimum entry value. However, items that may not meet this value can always be donated to our donations table. One hundred percent of the

proceeds of all items sold from our donations table go to our Scholarships Fund.

Friends of Hubbell Online Rug Auctions Benefit Weavers and Students

Friends of Hubbell, in coordination with Mary Walker and her business Weaving in Beauty, conducted seven online-only auctions in late 2024 and the first quarter of 2025. Over the course of these auctions, more than 130 beautifully woven works of art have been up for bidding with some 83 pieces finding new homes.



These auctions are a success for all who take part. The obvious winners are the bidders who successfully bid and win their new piece of woven art. They are getting high-quality weavings straight from the artists, and at an incredibly direct wholesale price. The weavers benefit by receiving or exceeding their requested price, which

provides them with money to pay for essential items such as electricity, food, and clothes, as well as the motivation to continue creating their exceptional works. Lastly, a small premium is added to the final sales price that goes directly to the FoH College Scholarships Fund. This supports our awarding scholarships to deserving Native American undergraduate and graduate students, with amounts ranging from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Combined sales from our five online auctions in 2025 totaled over \$22,000, with most going directly back to the weavers. After we paid our auction expenses, that include the fees charged by the auction platform, FoH was able to add \$5,000 to our scholarship fund. Total proceeds from our seven online auctions through July 2025 has added \$9,678 to our scholarship program.

MAY 2025 AUCTION



All photos courtesy of Craig Denhard



Billy G. Malone: 1939-2025

BILL MALONE WALKS ON

A Founding Father of Friends of Hubbell and One of the Last Authentic Indian Traders

Billy Malone, a Founding Father of the Friends of Hubbell Organization and legendary trader to the Navajos, walked on from this earth May 10, 2025. For nearly 65 years, Billy served and traded with the Southwest Native American community, both on the Navajo and Hopi Reservations.

Fresh out of the U.S. Army and unable to find employment, he began his colorful career in the early 1960s working at the trading post in Lupton, Arizona. While working at Lupton, Billy met and married Minnie Goodluck, with whom they would spend more than 60 years together. After working in Lupton about a year, he ventured to Keams Canyon, Arizona, on the Hopi Reservation, and began working under the tutelage of Cliff McGee, a well-known and respected operator of trading posts on the Hopi and Navajo Reservations. Billy caught the “bug” of becoming a full-time Indian Trader.

He was a ‘natural’ for the job and soon was moved to become assistant manager at the Piñon, Arizona, Trading Post on the Navajo Nation. Billy and Minnie spent 19 years at Piñon, started their family, and became an essential part

of the community. While at the Piñon trading post, Billy, who became fluent in the Navajo language, became **the** trusted trader and partner to the surrounding Navajo community; making their phone calls, writing letters, officiating at funerals, settling disputes, and everything else that goes along the life of a trader. He also served as banker - cashing checks, making loans till payday, trading for store goods and supplies on credit, buying and selling livestock and wool, and trading for rugs, jewelry, saddles, and anything else the Diné brought in for trade, cash or collateral. Back in those days, the Navajo considered jewelry as a valuable trade commodity and Billy was not prone to “killing” (selling) their pawned items if someone was behind on payments. He realized it was very often family heirlooms and would work with the borrowers for as long as it took. For her part, Minnie, in addition to raising their family, became an accomplished weaver and silversmith, and later became the first woman Navajo Postmaster at Piñon, Arizona – a first for the Navajo Nation.

In 1981, Billy and Minnie moved from Piñon to Ganado as Billy was offered the position he



Bill and Minnie Malone

could not refuse – Trader for the Hubbell Trading Post. The Hubbell family had deeded the trading post to the National Park Service with the agreement that it was to be managed and continue to operate as a real trading post to preserve the historic role it served in a quickly vanishing era. Billy and Minnie thrived as Billy maintained the ways of the old traders at the “crown jewel” of Navajo trading

posts. He served as the trader at Hubbell for 24 years. But employee jealousy, coupled with ‘Government corporate bean-counters,’ who were supported by inexperienced and over-zealous NPS inspectors, brought the old-school running of Hubbell to an end. As a result, Billy’s own lifetime collection of Native arts and crafts was illegally confiscated in an early morning raid on his home. It was a two-and-a-half-year struggle before he was fully exonerated by the Federal courts and “most” of his belongings returned. Some rugs, jewelry and cash somehow never were found nor returned. (To get a real look into this travesty, read *“The Case of the Indian Trader: Billy Malone and the National Park Service Investigation at the Hubbell Trading Post,”* by Paul Berkowitz.

After leaving Hubbell, Billy also worked at the Crystal Forest Museum and Gift Shop at the Petrified Forest National Park in Arizona as well as Shush Yazh Trading in Gallup. He then opened his own store, **Bill Malone Trading** in 2009, one of the most respected Native American arts and crafts establishments in Gallup and the Southwest. The shop is still operated by his family in Gallup.

Billy’s wife and life partner for more than 60 years, Minnie, passed away in June of 2024. Bill is survived by his five children, 23 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.



Billy & Minnie with grandchildren in his store

Back in the early 1990s, Billy was a driving force behind the establishment of our Friends of Hubbell organization and its mission. A central figure in our organization for more than three decades, he continued to provide his wealth of knowledge and expertise on Southwestern Native American culture, arts and crafts, and did so up to the week he passed. Perhaps long-time Friends of Hubbell board member Jay Mahoney summed up Billy’s life genuinely; “Kindness was his trademark and he will not be forgotten by all those who knew him. He touched so many lives in so many ways.” Indeed, Bill himself summed up his life best when asked how he wanted to be remembered: “I just want to be remembered as a trader and I hope all my friends have enjoyed working with me or being around me and my family.”

Editor’s Note: In recognition of Billy’s and Minnie’s lifetime of contributions to the Native American community and to our Friends of Hubbell organization, we are naming, in perpetuity, **The Billy and Minnie Malone Scholarship** in their honor.

PENDLETON BLANKET RAFFLE AT SEPTEMBER AUCTION

Up for our raffle is a **1977 vintage Beaver State Chief Eagle Seelatsee**, one of the Chiefs of the Yakama Nation (July 1895-March 1976).

The Chief Eagle was the first blanket that Pendleton dedicated since the 1920's. Chief Seelatsee is remembered for his involvement in programs for the education and concern of youth.

The 14 arrows that the eagle holds in the design signify the bands of the Yakima Nation, the largest in the Northwest.



ABOUT FRIENDS OF HUBBELL TRADING POST

As a federally recognized non-profit organization incorporated in 1990 [Arizona reg.# 02261435], the Friends of Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site, Inc. contributes to the management objectives of the National Park Service at Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site. Related goals include revitalizing Native American arts and crafts, perpetuating John Lorenzo Hubbell's legacy, providing college scholarships to Native American students, and increasing public awareness of the Park. We invite you to assist us in these efforts by becoming a member. More information can be found on our on the Friends of Hubbell website.

"Everything that is good; the concepts in Navajo of beauty, perfection, harmony, goodness, normality, success, well-being, blessedness, order, and ideal."

Handbook of North American Indians Vol. 10 Southwest, Gary Witherspoon, Language and Reality in Navajo World View.

Mark your calendar for the **Saturday, September 27, 2025 Auction in Gallup**



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