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For Immediate Release

Navajo Rugs-Weaving, Culture, Mythology

Silver Reef Museum/Ghost Town-Cosmopolitan Event

March 26, 2016 (10am-12pm) and (1pm-3pm) RSVP 435.879.2254 or on this online form
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John Rich Jr. - presenter (Jacob Lake Inn)

A History of Navajo Culture, Mythology and Art

A glimpse into a Navajo life will show a parallel trail between their art, memories of a traditional lifestyle, Native American symbolism, and the unique beauty of their homeland. Navajos have fond memories of sitting beside and watching their mothers, aunts, and grandmothers clean, card, and spin wool to weave into magnificent textiles. They watched their fathers, uncles, and grandfathers turn sheets of silver and chunks of turquoise into objects of beauty. They remember the timelessness of the before-dawn quiet when they rose to pray to the holy people, and they remember watching the yeii bichai dance on a star filled night. This people's memories and experiences draw them literally and figuratively to their homeland for inspiration, and their arts and crafts are, in turn, expressions of this heritage. America has its deepest cultural roots in the arts of its Natives. Let us open a window and introduce to you this unique American experience.

About John Rich Jr.: He has worked to build personal day-to-day relationships with native artists that have developed into a great love for their history, culture, and art. As a buyer for over forty years at the Gift Shop at Jacob Lake Inn, a family business since 1923, his knowledge comes from a lifetime of dealing with Native American artists as friends, not just suppliers or goods for sale. John's understanding has translated into a desire to teach others about native culture and art. He has taught in many situations from small informal groups to guest speaker at the university level. His knowledgeable service, gifted communication and love for the artists will present an enjoyable and informative experience among the native people of the red rock desert.

<http://www.jacoblake.com/native-american-art/gifts-of-spiderwoman/> ###