



NATIVE JEWELERS SOCIETY

STANDARDS AND ETIQUETTE

Tribal Affiliation of Members:

To ensure the unquestionable Authenticity in regulation with the **Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990**, all aspiring **Native Jewelers Society artists must provide official documentation of affiliation to a federally or state recognized tribe to be considered for NJS membership**. The documents prove authenticity in accordance to the law.

Stipulations:

Native Jewelers society is a Unique organization with global recognition.

To be recognized as a jeweler in NJS, Native Jewelers Society demands a high standard to provide **Authenticity of Native-made Creations**. NJS strongly encourages and stands by the term "Handmade".

Native Jewelers Society members are **required to apply proper business procedures and maintain honest relationships with their clients**. Members must give full disclosure of all materials used during sales, orders and commissions. It is important order deadlines are accomplished in a timely manner. Please note, positive sales techniques lead to positive results and form relations with buyers and collectors.

To maintain the integrity and the Elite status, **NJS requires that all jewelers provide and show proof that all jewelry creations are solely handmade by the jeweler representing their Hallmark**. Jewelry collaborations will respectively show each Hallmark from each jeweler - NJS members or non-members. All members will be a working jeweler and provide photos or a video of their creations in progress. **False claims of creating one's own jewelry pieces and misrepresentation of Hallmarks may be subject to member removal**.

Any claims and inquiries made against a member's integrity and jewelry making skills will be researched and require a demonstration at a set time determined by NJS.

Guidelines for accepted materials

Metals:

- All non-plated metals are allowed and disclosed. Silver, platinum, gold (gold will be 14kt or greater) etc., should be stamped marked.
- Non precious metals that are used to accent a jewelry piece and regions that use a majority of non precious metals must be properly identified.

Metal Casting:

- Tufa, cuttlebone, sandstone, and sand casting must be hand poured using gravity methods. Molds must be hand carved or hand made.
- Wax carving / lost wax casting should remain a limited edition and not for mass production.

Findings:

- Wikipedia Definition - "Jewelry Findings are parts used to join jewelry components together to form a completed article." Examples: Bolo straps, earring hooks / post and backing, hooks and eyes, belts, bead cones, etc.

Stones:

- Natural turquoise, coral, sugilite, lapis and other rough or cut stones.
- All natural finished cabochon, faceted gemstones, pearls and shells, etc..
- Stabilized turquoise must be disclosed and sold accordingly.
- Coral, although not a stone is used in inlay, cabochon and strands. The coral must be natural and not dyed or treated. Coral strands will be used to adorn a handmade piece(s) taking no more than 50% of total piece.
- Other non-native natural stones and gems may be used as strands to adorn a handmade piece(s) taking no more than 50% of total piece.

Bead work:

- Glass beads will be hand beaded and may be used to adorn a handmade piece or used in a tradition of the member's region. All other beads will be properly identified.
- Treasure bead necklaces will be hand cut and each non-natural beads used will be identified and sold accordingly. Store bought "ready made" components will not be recognized and allowed.

Other material:

- All natural material such as wood, animal skin, and organic material that abide within the law and the IACA Act of 1990 will be allowed.

NJS discourages and will not accept the following:

- Imported, Non-native made store bought and ready made components for any jewelry piece excluding findings.
- Plastic, block, reconstituted or compressed turquoise. Color treated, irradiated onyx or coral.
- Die struck components and commercial cast blanks. Machine made and computer generated pieces.

NJS Certificate of Authenticity embossed seals will be provided to members who abide by the Application Standards and dues.

I read and agree to the Standards and Etiquette of Native Jewelers Society. I understand the Standards will be regularly updated.

Jeweler signature:

Date: