



Native American Traditions

POTTERY FROM THE PUEBLOS

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“Pottery from the Pueblos” will open on July 15 at the San Bernardino County Museum in Redlands. This special exhibit features pottery pieces from New Mexico and the Four Corners area of the southwestern United States that are part of the museum’s permanent collections in anthropology. Many of the pieces have never before been publicly displayed. The exhibit will run through November 5.

The most abundant source of American Indian pottery today is in the Hopi Mesas of Arizona and the pueblos of New Mexico. Their unique designs and colors reflect the ancient work of the Anasazi, Hohokam, Mogollon, Mimbres, and other ancient Pueblo cultures. The museum exhibit will focus on Pueblo pottery from the early and mid-twentieth century.

The Pueblos are made up of several different Native American tribes who have lived for centuries in the Southwest: New Mexico, Arizona, and parts of southern Colorado and Utah. The tribes shared similar ways of living, but just as European countries differ from one another, so the Pueblos had distinct languages and cultural traditions. Their pueblos, Spanish for “village,” were large buildings much like modern apartment complexes. These sophisticated urban cultures, deeply spiritual and in harmony with the environment, flourished for centuries before Spaniards conquered the area at the turn of the seventeenth century. Following the successful Pueblo Revolt of 1680, the tribes were able to reestablish their traditional ways of life.

“Pottery from the Pueblos” will feature examples of pottery from 15 of the 19 pueblos:

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Acoma, Cochiti, Hopi, Isleta, Jémez, Picuris, San Ildefonso, San Juan, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo, Taos, Tesuque, Tigua, Zia, and Zuñi. In total, more than 200 pieces will be on exhibit. The San Bernardino County Museum Association will publish *Pottery from the Pueblos*, which will include photographs and descriptions of the pieces on display along with other Pueblo pottery in the museum collections.

Native American Traditions: Pottery from the Pueblos is sponsored by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians.

The San Bernardino County Museum is at the California Street exit from Interstate 10 in Redlands. The museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays and holiday Mondays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$6 (adult), \$5 (student or senior), and \$4 (child aged 5 to 12). Children under five and Museum Association members are admitted free. Parking is free. For more information, visit www.sbcountymuseum.org.

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