



## Heritage of the Americas Museum

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### **Bonita Chamberlin** **The Jewelry of Afghanistan**

On December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Bonita Chamberlin will be displaying her exquisite jewelry from Afghanistan at the Heritage of the Americas Museum on the campus of Cuyamaca College in Rancho San Diego. If you've never been to one of her shows, you are in for quite a treat. The creations are also for sale, so it's a wonderful time to begin your holiday shopping.

Bonita began going to Afghanistan out of curiosity after reading James Michener's book, Caravans, about the country and its history. As a trained geologist, she became aware of the riches that lie beneath the earth and the potential for helping the people out of poverty. She stayed on, teaching the men how to mine the gemstones and the women how to create beautiful jewelry from the treasures revealed. The stories she tells about her adventures in Afghanistan are both fascinating and frightening.



She continues to work closely with her Afghan friends and proceeds from the sale of the jewelry she imports is sent directly back to the villages, resulting in improved health care and education. So far, she has sent over \$700,000 back to Afghanistan. She will be selling the jewelry both days from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. What a lovely way to shop! Free admission to the museum and free parking.

Don't miss this exciting event.

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