

Scope of Work

Greenfield Project

The purpose of the trip to Greenfield is to assist the indigenous communities in promoting their talent as weavers and create income generating products that can be marketed in the region.

There will be three areas where we will begin to focus.

Traditional Products:

1. We will examine the products that they are currently making.
2. Provide yarns suitable for their needs.
3. Discuss ways to incorporate these fine textiles into contemporary garments and / or accessories.

European Looms:

1. Three looms will be brought from New Mexico and set up in a central location for the use of the weavers. The intent will be to give them alternative techniques to use in hopes of bringing forth new products that can be produced quicker and easier in order to find new income streams for them to reach.
2. Warps (This is the yarn that is on the loom) for these looms will be made in New Mexico and we will warp these looms as a group so that they will be able to set these looms up without assistance. In the beginning new warps that are needed can be made in New Mexico and shipped for their use. With time we can think of setting up a studio that can house all of the equipment
3. Looms will be set up to weave coasters, table runners and rugs.
4. This will be an initial training and designs and colors will be simple with hopes of introducing more complex design once they have become comfortable with their new looms.

Belt Looms

1. Belt weaving will be introduced.
2. I am hoping that they already have this knowledge. But as accomplished weavers I am sure that they will master the techniques quickly.
3. I have had 2 individuals show interest in purchasing Hopi style belts for marketing. The hope would be that once they are weaving quality belts they will be easy to market.

Marketing

1. Tapetes Weaving Center will carry their work in the NM gallery and promote this initiative on their website.
2. The products will be displayed for sale at the Greenfield Farmers Market.
3. Other markets will be sought out.

Tapetes de Lana has been receiving requests for textiles. Coasters sell and we have limited supplies at this time.

We currently have a request for 20 Saddle Blankets, 200 Hopi Manta Blankets, 500 lbs in product made for a breeder of Lincoln Sheep in Maryland, and yardage for clothing.

We are hoping that the indigenous population can help us to develop more products and fulfill various market niches.