

FINE ARTS

Gallery features American Indian art

Cowboy Trader Bob Ray will present Michigan's first all-American Indian art show and sale Friday-Saturday, Jan. 12-13. Displaying only rare pre-1942 Indian art and artifacts, the show will be at the Cowboy Trader Gallery on the upper level of the Merrillwood Building on Merrill in Birmingham.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (810) 647-8833.

There will be a diverse selection of Indian beadwork and textiles at the show, as well as pottery, baskets, jewelry, paintings and kachina dolls (good apirits).

Robert Doyle of Lake Placid, N.Y., will bring fine old pawn jewelry (the jewelry Indians made for themselves and pawned at the trading post when they needed money) plus Hopi kachinas and pottery. Robert Vandenberg of Santa Fe will offer Plains Indian beadwork and baskets. Tom Hampton of San Francisco will



Doll: This Hopi Kachina Doll, wearing a kilt and embroidered sash from 1930, is one of the items featured at the Cowboy Trader Bob Ray all-American Indian art show and sale.

show his collection of prehistoric carved totem poles and ivory from the Pacific Northwest. Ray will feature American Indian paintings.

Owner Ray, whose customers include local corporate executives and designer Ralph Lauren, says the demand for Indian art is growing rapidly.

"As people visit the West they fall in love with its past and they start reading and collecting."

That's what happened to Ray and his wife, Suzanne, a teacher in the Livonia Public Schools, who "went Western" after vaca-

tioning at a dude ranch in Arizona in 1982. They followed up with trips to Wyoming, New Mexico, Colorado and Montana where Ray, a history buff, researched his new passion — and collected.

When the Rays' Western memorabilia overtook their Birmingham ranch style house, Ray became a dealer. First he sold at antique shows. Three years ago, with the increasing interest in all things Western, he left his job selling general aviation aircraft at Pontiac Airport and opened the Cowboy Trader Gallery in Birmingham.

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