



The original 501c3 non-profit founded in 2017
Authentic Native Arts Association, Inc.

Sara Chadwick. Founder and President of Authentic Native Arts Association, Inc.

In 1991, Sara Chadwick founded Sara's Southwest Connection in New Hampshire, a gallery specifically tailored to represent Southwest Native Artists and the Southwestern United States. Chadwick was often credited with introducing the Southwest Arts artists to the Northeastern United States. Many of the artists participating in our Bernalillo Indian Arts Festival today, were emerging New Mexico and Southwest Native artists at the time. They remain Sara's good friends to this day.

In 2004, because of her love of the Southwest Chadwick closed shop in the East. She moved to New Mexico where she opened a gallery of the same name and continued to sell authentic Native Arts and southwest products to her customers...old and new.

In May of 2017 Chadwick hosted an outdoor market called "Teepee Celebration" at her Gallery in Bernalillo. It hosted 76 Native artists and the Bernalillo Indian Arts Festival was born. Because of its success, Authentic Native Arts Association, Inc., a 501c3 non-profit was established and now represents over 150 to 200 Native artists from all over the United States by putting on the Bernalillo Indian Arts Festival each year. The year 2026 marks the 10th year of the festival and will be held June 13, 2026