



SUSAN HOWARD

Tribal Affiliation: Muscogee (Creek) Nation

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Susan Howard grew up in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma (Muskogee County) and currently resides in Oklahoma City with her family. In addition to being an artist, Howard is an attorney, musician (plays piano, flute, Native flutes and other instruments), volunteer, Tai Chi instructor with Oklahoma Healthy Aging Initiative, teaches jewelry making, gives cooking demonstrations and is a ministry facilitator for Paint & Pray; a faith based art program at Wesley United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City.

Howard designs and creates American Indian cornhusk dolls representing the Muscogee (Creek), Cherokee, Seminole, Choctaw, Chickasaw and Yuchi nations as well as Plains Indians. Each doll is accompanied by a brief history of his/her tribe based on Howard's research, has an identity including a surname associated with the tribe and a short biography. Their clothing and regalia depict traditional attire of the tribes from various periods of history.

Howard's creations have won first and second places at various art shows over the years as well as Best in Category. Howard was adjudicated in as an artist for the Red Earth Festival in Oklahoma City for many years.

Each doll is handmade by Howard and involves many steps from cutting fabric, sewing, stuffing, assembling parts for the body to designing and sewing the regalia/clothing, sewing the eyes and hair, then styling it, making the moccasins and writing the history and interesting cultural information associated with the doll. Howard's dolls are both unique and educational.

1. "Cornhusk Dolls" / Assorted Components / Varying Sizes

