

Richard Dorrell Interests

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Ms. Laura Gilpin
409 Camino Del Monte Sol
Sante Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Ms. Gilpin:

I was very disappointed to have missed visiting with you when I was in Sante Fe recently. You were away in 1975 when I was in Sante Fe so I had really been looking forward to seeing you this year. However, my friend Amon Burton (you may remember that he has visited with you several times and has a number of your photos) hope to take a Fall backpack trip into the Pecos Wilderness area next year and perhaps we can come by at that time.

Your exhibition here has been a real success, and we are very pleased to be able to have your photographs at Laguna Gloria Museum. Your work is so important both photographically as well as for the preservation of the Navaho way of life that I am delighted for many people in our area to see your original work for the first time.

Your photograph "Summer Shelter in the Cove 1934" has always been one of my favorites in the book, and when I saw it in the exhibit, I knew that I simply had to have a print of it. I know there is a long waiting list for your prints, but I would like very much to have a print of that negative, of a size that you think is most appropriate to the image itself. If you would put me on your waiting list, I would look forward to receiving it in the future. I would be willing to send a check now for the full amount or, if you prefer, at the time it is mailed.

There was not an invoice included for the copy of The Enduring Navaho which you were gracious enough to sign and send. I am enclosing a check for \$30.00 which I hope will cover the price of the book, insurance, and postage. If not, please advise.

Best personal wishes,

Richard Dorrell