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st. matthew's episcopal church

the rev. peter a. kreitler

Dear Ms. Gilpin,

I am writing to introduce myself to you and to share with you that I am the person for whom Susan Spiritus has requested prints of your photographs. Your book was presented to me yesterday by Susan and my wife and I spent two hours last evening going through it; with great delight.

Coincidentally, the Episcopal church children's mission fund for 1977 was directed towards the Navaho people and I have been talking about the life of the Navaho to the children in our school since February. Being able to share your photographs with them will help make what I have talked about real and alive.

Your name became known to me

Two years ago when I had the fortune (with Sue Spintus) to spend a day with Emogen Cunningham in San Francisco, Ms Cunningham took us around the show of women photographers at the museum and she commented on each of the photographs, she was direct and forthright in her comments and if she liked someone she said so and if she didn't she said so also. As we came to your photographs she paused, took a long look and said simply "Now there is a real photographer."

I agreed and now am in a position to purchase some of your images with the help of Susan.

Thanks for being who you are and I hope our paths ~~cross~~ someday. (I must get a new pen) Thanks for your gift to me of your life's work in pictures.

Sincerely

Peter Fleeter