

## Press Release

### Trading Tradition Continues at Hubbell

Stephen Pickle will become the new Trader at Hubbell Trading Post as of February 21, 2005. Pickle steps into the job after working with Native American arts and crafts for 18 years as the retail operations manager and buyer at Flagstaff's Museum of Northern Arizona (MNA). His experience complements the 127-year history of the trading post, located in Ganado on the Navajo Nation.

Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site has been part of the National Park System since 1967. "Our goal at Hubbell is to give our visitors the authentic experience of a traditional trading post," says park Superintendent Nancy Stone. "Steve Pickle's long-standing acquaintance with Native artists and his experience in introducing Indian arts to people will help us continue to operate the site like an original Indian trading post."

MNA Director Robert Breunig says, "Steve Pickle leaves MNA with 18 years of solid accomplishment. His dedication to artistic quality, his warm personality, and his managerial experience will all be very much missed."

Pickle comments, "I marvel at the places I've worked—Hermits Rest and the Desert View Complex at Grand Canyon, the Museum of Northern Arizona, and now Hubbell's. For me, this is the ultimate career move and a chance to enter the history books. I have MNA's second director, Ned Danson, to thank for having been instrumental in Hubbell's entrance into the National Park System."

Pickle will be an employee of Western National Parks Association (WNPA), a nonprofit association that has managed the trading operations for the benefit of the National Park Service

for more than 35 years. Jim Babbitt, chairman of the board of directors of WNPA and a past trustee at MNA, feels that Pickle's museum experience will "bring a fresh respect for the crafts of the Southwest and the artists who make them."

