

Marcus Amerman Cover Artwork: *Man With No Name*

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Marcus Amerman (Choctaw) utilizes techniques from traditional Indian culture, specifically the use of beads, to decorate or enhance a functional item, to create a new genre of beadworking – portraiture – which unites his interests in painting and beadwork. Amerman draws upon a wide range of influences to create strikingly original works that reflect his background: having lived in three different

regions with strong artistic traditions, his academic introduction to pop art and social commentary, and his inventive explorations of the potential artistic forms and expressions through beadwork. Although best known for his super realistic beadwork, he is also a multimedia artist, painter, and performance artist (his character Buffalo Man can be seen on the cover of the book of photography *Indian Country*).

Amerman says, "I'm always astounded by the whole notion

of creating, taking the products of my imagination and manifesting them into physical form. Creating comes very naturally to me. I think it is in my nature to create, just like it's in a spider's nature to spin a web, or in a bird's nature to sing its song. My work is about the process of creating. I don't think my work so much displays a style as it does reveal an attitude towards art and creating. It's like a warrior's attitude towards war, but instead of taking on opponents, I challenge myself with different techniques, materials, art forms and ideas. When I seek and find that new idea which is both beautiful and powerful, then I take it on, I confront it, fearlessly."

Amerman has exhibited his work internationally and has work in the permanent collection of museums such as the Portland Art Museum, the American Museum of Natural History, the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, and the Institute of American Indian Arts. He will be the signature artist at the 2006 Eiteljorg Indian Market in June. ♣

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CHERYL WAUBE – FEBRUARY'S EXTRAORDINARY EMPLOYEE



Cheryl Waube

Indian Gaming magazine has named Cheryl Waube Extraordinary Employee for the month of February 2006. Cheryl is the General Manager of Potawatomi Bingo Northern Lights Casino in Carter, Wisconsin and an enrolled member of the Forest County Potawatomi Tribe of Crandon, Wisconsin.

Cheryl began her gaming career with the Forest County Potawatomi, working in a variety of positions at Northern Lights Casino, including cage cashier and waitress. Going into her fourth year as General Manager, Cheryl also acted as the Assistant General Manager for five years prior to her current position.

Cheryl was nominated for this award by Pat Dallman, who tell us she sets a shining example for everyone who works at Potawatomi Bingo Northern Lights Casino. "Cheryl attacks her job with enthusiasm and applies a policy of promoting from within the company," said Dallman.

Cheryl's favorite aspect of her job is watching the employees grow not only as individuals, but also as staff members. "It's great to see our employees come into the casino with

so much potential and I've seen many employees grow in their jobs and train to work into management positions," she said. "We invest a lot of time and money in our employees. If we have employees who want to work into management positions, it certainly can be done here. We analyze the type of job they would like to do and then make sure they receive the proper training for it."

Additionally, Cheryl has been instrumental in working with the tribe to build a new facility for Northern Lights Casino. The new casino, which will be attached to the Indian Spring Lodge, is another entity of the Forest County Potawatomi Tribe. "Currently located on the reservation, I felt we needed a bigger facility to support our tribal elders and build a place for future generations to work," Cheryl explained. "I received a lot of support and we are now in the process of opening this spring. We currently have about 250 employees here and I think that all 250 of us were a part of making this new casino become a reality." ♣

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