



ZUNI ART AND VISITOR CENTER

ZUNI, NEW MEXICO

ZUNI TRIBE



The Zuni Art and Visitor Center will provide an inspiring setting for learning about the culture, arts and natural environment of the Zuni people.

FACTS

10,000 square feet

Gateway to Zuni

Visitor information

“Active” facility with showcase and sale of local artwork

BENEFITS

Education on cultural tourism etiquette

Repatriation of historical artifacts

Multi-generational facility preserving art forms

Business incubator for tribal members

Jones & Jones’s concept for the Center expresses the Zuni people’s deep connections to the land.

Traditional building materials and techniques will be incorporated into an energy-efficient, contemporary design. Passive solar construction and a water catchment system will model contemporary applications of ancient techniques. Native plants will celebrate nature’s resilience, and a traditional “waffle garden” will demonstrate agricultural techniques developed over eons of desert gardening.

The complex will be the repository for Zuni artifacts and historic artwork and a center for teaching silver-smithing, pottery, weaving and dance. A cultural resource facility will provide links between Zuni history and present generations and foster living traditions in Zuni art, language and tribal ceremony. Exhibits and cultural demonstrations will educate out-of-town visitors, while inspiring local residents with stories and artifacts revealing their own heritage.

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