

# MARLENE RAY-KERCHER

Hello. My name is Marlene Ray-Kercher Jr. I have lived in New Mexico all my life. I am from the Pueblo of Acoma. I became interested in art during high school and ever since then I haven't stopped being "crafty". Most of the art pieces I create are one of a kind. I was inspired by my great grandmother and mother, to show, with every piece created, tells a story.

One day my husband and I went out to eat. I was asked "red or green?". My husband always says "Christmas". I wondered "why Christmas" after all this time. I used to eat red with enchiladas, or green when it's in your potato stew. The taste is different. Riper or less ripe. Green smells so good when being roasted whereas, red chili makes your mouth water, when being fried, it chokes you up.....coughing.....is worth the taste! If you're like us growing up, chili was always on the table along with tortillas, fried potatoes, and much, much more. Therefore, I created my piece "Red or Green? Why Not Both"