

Hodel appoints Sioux Indian artist, Amiotte, to arts board

Secretary of the Interior Don Hodel has appointed Arthur D. Amiotte, Sioux Indian artist, author, educator and consultant on Indian cultures of the Northern Plains as a commissioner of the Indian Arts and Crafts Board.

Amiotte, who lives in Custer, S.D., currently serves on the Visual Arts Panel of the Foundation for Advancement in the Arts which selects the presidential scholars in the arts and on the Advisory Board of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming.

He was the recipient of the Bush Leadership Fellowship of the Bush Foundation for advanced study in Native American sacred traditions and Native art history and has received numerous other honors and awards.

He also has served on the South

Dakota Arts Council and the Presidential Advisory Council of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

As an artist, his work has appeared in 47 one-man shows and 160 group exhibitions throughout the United States and Canada.

The Indian Arts and Crafts Board promotes the development of Native American arts and handicrafts — the creative work of Indian, Eskimo and Aleut people.

The board provides professional advisory service and operates three museums in Browning, Mont., Anadarko, Okla., and Rapid City, S.D., which function as centers for exhibition, study and the sale of contemporary Native American arts and crafts.