

Solstice Greetings 2014



The Hopi Indians begin their Soyal Festival on the Winter Solstice (December 21st). On that day the Kachinas: Spirit Messengers depicted as tall, other worldly figures (represented by members of the tribe in elaborate costume) return from their mountain sojourn. Soyal is understood to mean "Establishing Life Anew in the Entire World." The Hopi believe that everything that will occur in the coming year is set in motion during the Soyal Festival following the Solstice.



In recent years photography of the Kachinas has not been permitted so the only photographs available are grainy black and white from early 20th Century



The embodiment of each Kachina is unique and are artistically represented in dolls & paintings.

