

# Dedication

This issue of the SAIIC Newsletter is dedicated to Juana Aliaga (cover) and her Sisters of this hemisphere.

“When I was a girl, we came to Lima from my community in the sierras near Huancayo. Since then I have always worked for my children and my family, selling potatoes, yuccas and other vegetables in the market. We live in this community, a *barriada* here in the city, in houses we have built through our efforts, with our own hands, working together and helping one another with all the strength in our hearts. Sometimes I dream of my homeland, *mi tierra*.”



## Ester Hernandez

“I am a Xicana, ex-farmworker of Yaqui-Mexican heritage. As an artist, I believe that we all have an obligation to offer our love and energy to the good of our people and all our relations from the four directions. Much of my work deals with recognizing and honoring the native people of the Americas, as I feel it is very important to share our visions and struggles . . . for in unity there is strength and understanding.”

Ester Hernandez, who worked with SAIIC in creating our logo, has shared her art in this Newsletter. For more information about her work, call (415) 531-8302.

Left: “Libertad” etching. © 1976 Ester Hernandez

