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## Work Goals

To teach and guide students in using Alaskan Native skills and methods to understand the impacts of Native culture in our daily lives. To create items of beauty and spirituality. To perpetuate standards of high quality. To continue my own search as a life-long student, to learn as I teach.

## Qualifications

- Successful 4-yr business owner.
- Taught, performed in Juneau middle- and high-schools as part of local Juneau Teaching Artists program.
- 2012, certified as “Highly Qualified Teaching Artist”, Juneau School District.
- 2006, selected to teach lapidary, engraving, inlaying under auspices of Anchorage’s Alaska Native Heritage Center in its Masters’ Artist Classes. Taught adult and high school students.
- Student for life.

## Abilities

- Tlingit artist, designer, CEO and owner of Alaska Native Arts. Artist for lapidary, inlay, repousse', engraving, silver- and gold-smith, painting, working, sculpture.
- Trainer, teacher, life student
- Musician, entertainer (Native American flutes)
- Certified fish culturist, salmon rancher, ecologist
- Experienced operations manager

## Mentors

Tlingit artists such as Rick and Mick Beasley, and Bessie Vissaya (my grandmother), members of any tribe, God, my daily life. I am a life-long student. Weekly, I spend hours online, with books, in museums and with other artists, researching materials, methods, artifacts, practices, old stories and any other source I can find to strengthen myself as a Tlingit artist.

## Employment History and Development

2011 - **Benchmark.** Became full-time artist, incorporated Alaska Native Arts. Artist, owner, designer, CEO. Produce all artistic work including lapidary, inlay, painting, sculpting, engraving and repousse' gold- and silver-smith jeweler, fossil-rock hunter. People have begun to collect my work and I take multiple special consignment orders wherever I exhibit.

2005 - Operations manager for 40-person staff in botanical garden on training, budget, Juneau AK.

1990 – Fish culturist and naturalist guide. Teaching, managing 1 – 5 federal employees, Klawock AK

1978 – Fisherman, tribal contributor, husband and father.

## **Education, Certificates**

- Associate of Science -- Sheldon Jackson College, Sitka AK 1978
- Aqua-culture Certificate – Sheldon Jackson College, Sitka AK 1978
- Salmon Ranching Certificate – Sheldon Jackson College – Sitka AK 1978

## **References**

Available upon request.