

“Creating Conversations” . . . Alaska Native Arts

I am Rudolph Isturis, Juneau Native, artist, fish culturist, flute player, world traveler, a spiritual man who creates visions of beauty in Alaskan materials. I live in Juneau, and sell my art through Alaska Native Arts LLC, my company. I sign my pieces with “Kry”, a derivative of my Tlingit name, “Cry Raven”.

My jewelry is modern and unique, though I follow historic cultural patterns and designs of my Tlingit-Raven moiety. I primarily use Alaskan materials, but explore the use of glories found Outside.

My jewelry is bold; it sings its own song. When you buy one of my pieces, people will ask about it, tell you what they see. A conversation is born! Or you will tell others about it – another conversation. Thus, “*Creating Conversations*” as a motto.

I thrive in creating pieces that speak of Alaska’s beauty, history, inspirational settings, nature and people. My Native Elders have accented to me that all things have a spirit. If you harm a rock, it may not be there when you need its weight. Alienate an animal’s or plant’s spirit, they not be there to provide food or warmth.

Creativity is tonic to me. Inspiration and the creative process couple with my Native ancestry and love of nature. A spirited cold-frosted mountain stands with arrogance, yet speaks regally of form and inspiration. A raven suggests adding a Tlingit element to a feathered pendant. An idea may birth as I palm a rock; later, when formed and polished, speaks proudly of its natural beauty. Or, a creative person speaks of an idea that inspires me. Creativity is tonic to this man.

Please enjoy my work, and let it speak to you.