

NORTHWEST NATIVE ART GALLERY

Native art is alive and ever-changing. Artworks communicate. They are cultural belongings infused with knowledge of the past—knowledge of technology and technique, form and function.

Artworks are
teachers
ancestors
inspirations
languages

This dynamic gallery honors the breadth and depth of artistic mastery in the Northwest through changing exhibits in collaboration with artists and community members.

Museum collections serve as catalysts for transferring knowledge across generations. Some contemporary artists are committed to making works faithful to long-standing aesthetic forms, while others use the historic objects as a jumping-off point for exploring new artistic expressions.