

Waponahki Student Art Show 2004



"The Waterways"

WAPONAHKI STUDENT ART SHOW 2004

A collaboration of Maine Indian Education and the Abbe Museum

"The Waterways"

"As a people, we have always understood that we are connected to the environment and the spirits within. We have never lost sight of who we are; caretakers of the land, the water and the wind. Part of our oral history tells us that; 'We are part of everything beneath us, above us, and around us. Our past is our present and our present is our future'.

Passamaquoddy Tribal Governor Richard Stevens

THE STATE OF THE TRIBES

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Forging a new destiny for the Tribes and Peoples of Maine

The Waponahki Student Art Show concentrates on giving Waponahki children a sound foundation in creative self-expression, communication, human experience and aesthetics. Given their ancestral roots in visual arts, these programs allow children to climb above their normal experience to new horizons and forms of expressing their traditional ideas.

The Waponahki Student Art Show is a cross-section of current artwork completed by our Waponahki youth who are students that are the responsibility of Maine Indian Education located in Calais, Maine. Artworks selected are from native students who attend various pre-school, elementary and high school systems that include: the Beatrice Rafferty School at Pleasant Point, Passamaquoddy Reservation, the Indian Island School at the Penobscot Reservation near Old Town, the Indian Township School at Peter Dana Point, Passamaquoddy Reservation, and several high schools surrounding these reservations.

*The long-term goal of the Waponahki Student Art Show is to give our students the opportunity to express themselves artistically, to correct historical misconceptions, and to relate their art to current cultural concerns. This collaboration empowers the artworks represented by our children who have displayed excellence in their own process, and are celebrating their traditions in new and inspiring ways. This year's thematic focus is on **"The Waterways."***



"They Were In The Water"

Trevor Francis-Fowler
Early Childhood
Indian Island School

Sometimes I go fishing with my Dad. I collect shells at the beach and find the same ones; and put them together. I glued on glass dots and the fish was alive. I pushed the shells in the clay and I thought of shells in the mud. After I painted them blue, they looked like they were in the water.

"My Picture"

Skylar Segien
Head Start
Beatrice Rafferty School

My picture has a lobster, starfish and a turtle.



"Fishies For My Mom"

Kassidy Sockabasin
PreK
Indian Township School

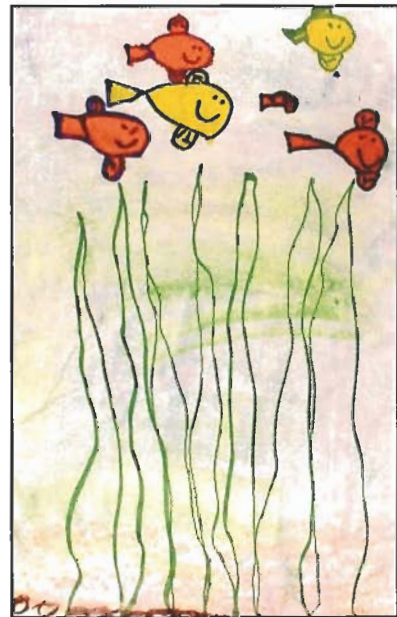
I drew this picture for my mother because I like fish and I love my mom.



"Awesome Fish"

Joseph Attean
Kindergarten
Indian Island School

One fish is swimming up high and he can't see his friends who are down low. He feels bad because he can't find them. But then they all found each other.



"Fishies"

Sequin Sockabasin
Kindergarten
Indian Township School

I like fishies. They're swimming in the water and we can catch them and eat 'em.



"It's The Ocean"

Kendra Stevens
Kindergarten
Beatrice Rafferty School

I drew this picture because I wanted to draw the crab. And I like to draw the starfish because I knew it was going to be pretty because I put spots on it. The Seahorse is trying to lie down because he doesn't want any other fish to bother him. The water snake swims in the water. I wanted to draw it because I wanted to show the eyes and nose and the different colors at the back. And this fish looks like Nemo. He has a smile. The octopus is purple and has 8 legs. The seaweed is green and I picked green because it is great and it is different, because there are different kinds of seaweed. Some green and some are black. It's the ocean, it's dark and it's light. I like it to be light and dark because that's how the water is, and I wrote my name on the back.



"Clean Water and Rain"

Mary Cling
First Grade
Beatrice Rafferty School

This is my picture of a rainbow and a flower with bushes. I made this picture because I like to draw. The rainbow comes from clean water and the flower comes from rain. I like the colors a lot.

"The Fish Book"

Marcus King
First Grade
Indian Island School

Two fishes; they are different colors. They have blue on it because I wanted to make it a rainbow. On the outside it's brown because they were swimming on the bottom of the sea.



"The Ocean"

Kuhas Polchies
First Grade
Indian Township School

I made a colorful fish, a starfish, a crab, an octopus, a glow fish and Sponge Bob.

