

# *Jennifer Johns*

## *Squaxin Island Artist*

Jennifer Johns is an enrolled Squaxin Island Tribal member who practices the traditional art form of her ancestors, Coast Salish. Jennifer was raised in a family strong in fishing, clam digging and gathering. Growing up life was shared both on land and water. Her artwork reflects the different encounters and feelings she has experienced sometime in her life. Art came natural to Jennifer and as she grew her talent became stronger. She hopes to carry and share that connection and experience through her artwork. Her primary focus is the Coast Salish art form. Working in many different mediums from painting, wood working to charcoal and jewelry, Jennifer plans to continue her art and to share and teach others in her tribe the traditional form of their ancestors.

*“It is just as important to continue our art form, our way of expression, through many generations to come as it is any other traditional way of our people.”*

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