

NASNTI Presents: Native American Culture Artist Video Series

Happy Summer!

As part of our 5-year grant, NASNTI provides cultural awareness opportunities, specifically surrounding Native American culture. One of our initiatives towards bringing culture awareness is our Culture Artist Video series. This video series highlights 5 culture keepers from various backgrounds, tribes, and talents. These individuals proudly carry on their historical traditional teachings and share their knowledge with all who wish to learn.

Take a moment to enjoy these inspiring and educational videos and feel free to share!

<https://www.youtube.com/@seminolestatecollegeofokla4539/videos>

You can also find these videos on Brightspace!

Meet the Culture Artists



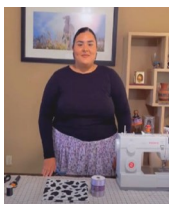
David Comingdeer (*Cherokee*)

David has been a stick maker for over 30 years. The sticks are used in the traditional Native American game the local tribes play, called stickball. David is honored as a Cherokee National Living Treasure for his stick making. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8o4-S0WFr8>



Reuben Culley (*Seminole/Muscogee Creek*)

Reuben has been drawing since he was 5 years old. Over 50 years later, he is still at it. Perfecting his craft over the years has led him to various styles of art, but his favorite is painting on feathers. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JVZ4DJosdw>



Marissa Deere Alberson (*Muscogee Creek/Seminole*)

Marissa is a seamstress, a weaver, and a beader. She is the artist and creator behind Deere Woman Design. She draws her inspiration from her mother and grandmother and uses her cultural knowledge to share her talent and teach others along the way. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjNC98A_0L8



Asa Samuels (*Cheyenne and Arapaho/ Choctaw*)

Asa is a traditional dancer and storyteller. His style of dance is called the Men's Northern Traditional Style. He continues to learn and share his ancestral tradition of storytelling through dance that has existed for thousands of years. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVP8uwKY0AE>



Jake Tiger (*Seminole*)

Jake has made it his life's work to preserve and live the Seminole way of life. As a cultural preservationist, he is an expert in traditional Seminole regalia, stories, and history. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7iFpc_-bK58