

The Sun and Moon, Bear and Salmon

Art by Natache Gabriel

The sun (life, warmth) and the moon (calendar year, prayers), together, are about balance. The bear (strength, courage) and salmon (cycles, healthy environment) are about balance of ecosystems. The colours were chosen to represent happiness and light. This imagery was chosen to represent how Encompass supports individuals throughout the year.

About Natache Gabriel

Natache [nuh-TASH-uh] Gabriel has roots that are deeply embedded in the lands of Fort Langley, on Kwantlen territory. She draws inspiration from the rich tapestry of nature, family heritage, and the unfolding stories of current and past events which she reflects in her works.

As a child, Natache developed a profound connection with the natural world that surrounded her. The beauty of sunrises and sunsets, the ever-changing landscapes, and the intricate details of the flora and fauna have left an indelible mark on her creative spirit.

Creativity runs deep in Natache's lineage through her brothers, who are remarkable artists in their own right, to her parents Cheryl Gabriel and Lekeyten. Natache acknowledges her relations and ancestors and expresses their teachings throughout her artwork. Cheryl Gabriel, hails from a line of esteemed chiefs in Kwantlen. Her parents, Maureen Gabriel nee Joe from Shackan and Chief Joe Gabriel from Kwantlen, have left a legacy that continues to thrive today. Natache's father, Farley Antone (ancestral name Lekeyten), comes from a lineage rooted in Kwantlen and St'sailes (Chehalis). His mother, Mabel Antone nee Fillardeau(Kwantlen)

Natache resides on Kwantlen territory with her fiancée Taylor and their four wonderful children—Emmett, Ethan, Isaac, and Avaya. Natache endeavors to share with them the beauty of their heritage, the wisdom of her ancestors, and the spirit of resilience that flows through their bloodline.

