



UNBC Inspiring Women Among Us
UNBC Terrace Campus IWAU Feature Presentation
4837 Keith Ave. Terrace, BC

Caribou Hair Sculptures

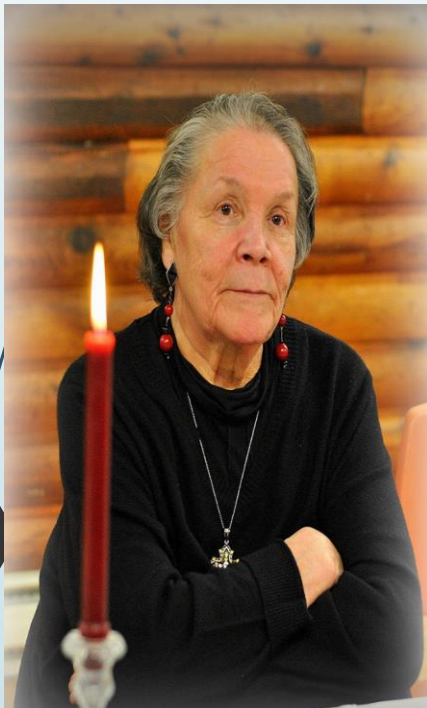
Artist Late Myrtle deMeulles (1941-2018)

Photography by Katie deMeulles

Wednesday, Nov 14 – Friday, Nov 16, 2018

Hours: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm (Closed 12:00-1:00 pm)

Display in Room 138



It is with great pleasure that UNBC's 2018 Inspiring Women Among Us (IWAU) event commemorates the Métis artist, *Mrs. Catherine (Myrtle) deMeulles*. Myrtle created her own unique artform, made originally from pieces of discarded caribou hide and hair. Her work became known as *Myrtle's Caribou Hair Sculptures* in the 1980s, which depicts and celebrates life in the far North. Her artwork can be found around the world.

HERSTORY

Myrtle was born June 16, 1941 to Joseph and Margaret McAuley and grew up on the trapline in Cumberland House, SK, also known as Kaministikominahiko skak. As a young woman, Myrtle moved to Churchill, MB "*The Polar Bear Capital of the World*" in 1956, where she married Robert deMeulles and raised their family. Sadly, Myrtle recently passed into the Spirit world on October 22, 2018 in Churchill, MB.

Myrtle was a devoted mother and great-grandmother. A fluent Swampy Cree speaker, she was a tireless community volunteer and a 40-year member of the Manitoba Métis Federation. Her lifetime achievements were recognized with the Order of Manitoba in 2008 and the Order of the Métis Nation in 2018. Her artwork lives on to remind us of her kind-nature, laughter, stories, and leadership. When she spoke, she inspired words to live by and encouraged others to walk the path of strength through kindness and humility. She was an inspiration to many.

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