

OXENDEN INDIGENOUS ART PROJECT

Jury Selects Neyaashiinigiing Artist, Charmaine Jenner for Community-funded Public Art Project

Of several high quality proposals, local self-taught Woodland-style artist Charmaine Jenner (**Tauchkwe**) was selected by a jury including local residents and Indigenous youth and leaders to be installed as a large-scale piece of public art in the village of Oxenden.

Having grown out of local residents' desire and intention to honour the people and teachings that preceded settler culture in the area and begin to right the many historic wrongs in Indigenous / settler relations, the project will be entirely funded by local residents and community contributors as a symbol of their commitment to reconciliation.

Charmaine's Crane (**Ajiijak**) painting, depicted at right, will be reproduced 15 feet tall and affixed to the Old Oxenden General Store at the corner of Grey Road 1 and Zion Church Road. The Crane is a symbol of leadership who uses its voice to speak on behalf of the people for the good of the Community and Nation. Crane lives in harmony with the land and water and takes to the air with grace and ease. We can all learn how to speak up for, and take care of the land, air and waters, so that our future generations may enjoy the beauty and sacredness of Creation.

Learn more about the project at
<https://oxendenindigenousartproject.weebly.com/>



Contribute to the spirit of reconciliation through public art

We are currently fundraising towards our \$10,000 goal for the artist commission and installation.

You can donate directly:

- through our charitable partner at **Elephant Thoughts** [<https://www.elephantthoughts.com/donations/>] and select **Oxenden Indigenous Art Project** as the Designation.
- Or send a cheque addressed to: Oxenden Indigenous Art Project
501487 Grey Road 1, Georgian Bluffs, Ontario N0H2T0

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