

ARTISTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Biography of Tammy King

Tammy Renee Catherine Kahentison "Bumblebee" King was born March 17, 1977 in Cornwall Ontario. She is a Mohawk Artist from the Akwesasne Mohawk Reservation. She is Wolf Clan and her Mohawk name Kahentison means "Long Grass waving in the Wind". Bumblebee a name given to Tammy as a child in which she now uses as her Artist name.



Tammy is drawn to the art of photography and capturing the beauty of Mother Earth. She takes photos of family and friends with the beautiful surroundings of Nature in any season. She also paints some of the photos she takes. Tammy's paintings come alive with vibrant color, poignant subject matter, and strong designs, giving them immediate visual impact.

King began making beautiful Native inspired quilts when she was 25 years old. Her work is unique and captures her Native Mohawk Culture and traditions. She also makes her own traditional Ribbon dresses decorated with her art designs and beadwork. Tammy began painting

when she was 26 years old. Her artwork is painted with vibrant colors and created with emotions that allow the viewer to connect and relate to the stories told through her paintbrush. Her paintings are often inspired by her vivid dreams and spiritual openness, which must be captured by her paint brush and then shared. Tammy's paintings and quilts celebrate her love for her Native Mohawk culture and bring to life the rich traditions and oral history of the First People.

*"I was born to walk this beautiful Earth as an Artist. The art speaks to my soul, like words whispered from the Angel up above. And if anything tried to separate me from my **heART**... I would not know who I am. I would not know what I am. I would not know why I exist.*

I feel in my heart that I was born to be an artist, everything that I have been through in my life from a child until now leads up to me finding my way to the paint brush. I believe that all of the struggles, hurt, love, and loss have been put in my path for a reason. I am now able to put these stages of life on canvas for the entire world to view. Everyone has their own story and now here is the story of Bumblebee. I never stopped chasing my dream of being a famous artist and quilt maker. My talent flows through my veins like life and love..."

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