



Contemporary Threads: Traditional Notions
featuring
Loriene Pearson



Loriene Pearson, an enrolled member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, is a talented emerging artist whose work in fiber arts pushes the boundaries of traditional Native American arts. Following a career in the corporate world, and decades as a photographer, for the past few years Loriene has pursued her passion in the field of creative fiber arts.

She envisions her tactile artwork as a bridge between old and new. Drawing on traditional appliqué designs from Winnebago women's clothing as guideposts, she uses mathematics and geometry to create reciprocity in her designs. Loriene embroiders each piece of work by hand, instinctively selecting thread colors, while the stitches decide on their own where to be applied.

Inspiration for her work comes from her relationship with the land, her family, and her Tribe. Loriene is an avid reader who finds inspiration from Native American authors and poets. A large collection of photographs she has taken over the years, along with historical photos, often serve as the source of the patterns and designs used in her art. Using these photographs as a reference, she draws the patterns for her textile works by hand before taking up the needle and thread. The intention of her embroidery work is to merge contemporary threads and traditional ways to create new works of reciprocity and resilience, which can be seen in her works called *MMIW: Break the Chain* and *I Am the Land*.

Loriene's work has been exhibited in multiple shows and venues including: the 2021 Native POP Art Show, Rapid City, South Dakota, and the All My Relations Gallery, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was awarded the Best of Emerging Artists award at the 2021 Native POP Art Show. This exhibition marks her first solo show at a major museum.

Prices for the artwork can be obtained by contacting The Journey Museum store at (605) 394-2201. To purchase artwork after the exhibit closes, please contact Loriene Pearson through her website <https://lorienepearson.com/>

The Sioux Indian Museum, managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Indian Arts and Crafts Board, is located in The Journey Museum, 222 New York Street, Rapid City, SD 57701. For admission fees and hours of operation please visit www.doi.gov/iacb/our-museums/sioux or call (605) 394-6923.

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Embroidery
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Sky Woman, Turtle Island, and the Three Sisters
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