

Cultural Sharing with  
William Wasden Jr. (Wah) Registration Form



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Personal History William Wasden Jr.

William Hiłamas Edward Wasden Jr. Waḡawidi “Canoes Come to His Shore” was born at ‘Yālis (Alert Bay) British Columbia on October 14, 1967. William is a member of the ‘Nāmgis Nation “Nimpkish Valley Tribe”. William was always fascinated with the artwork and style of his Kwakwāka’wakw “The Kwakwala Speaking People” (a term now accepted to embrace the 18 existing tribes). He also belongs to many other respective tribes within the Kwakwāka’wakw.

William’s father is William Wasden Sr. known as Bill, who is of English and Irish descent and also part Kwagu’ł from Tsax̄is “Fort Rupert” and ‘Nāmgis in heritage. Bill’s traditional name is Sibālx̄ola “Sound of Copper Ringing” which was given to him by his wife’s family. William’s mother is Janet Wasden nee Hunt and her traditional name is Pudłas “Food Giver”. Janet is a member of the Kwagu’ł and ‘Nāmgis Nations.

On William’s father’s side, he is a direct descendant of Hereditary Chief John ‘Nulis of the Kwagu’ł tribe Ma’āmtagila. On his mother’s side, William is a direct descendant from the Head Hereditary ‘Nāmgis Chief “Old” Tłākwudłas and the ‘Nāmgis Gigilgām Chief Waḡawidi aka Samuel Innis.

William carries many names and dances that have been bestowed on him by various sides of his families. He is a member of the most sacred ‘Mamaḡa “Shaman Dance Society” and Hamat̄sa “Cannibal Dance Society”, among others. William is also a descendant of the Cook, Wanukw, Hunt, Alfred, Harris and Innis families. He can also trace his ancestry to the Tłingit of Alaska and the Mowachaht of the West Coast.

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