Contemporary Chinook Baskets

Tribal elder (Millie Lagergren, deceased) poses with a basket commissioned during the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Celebration. The basket is now housed in the collection of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington DC. Millie was a fixture at Chinook Tribal Meetings for decades. How many more leaders have to pass away without realizing their inheritance and right to be acknowledged as Native American by the Bureau of Indian Affairs? Millie’s daughter, Peggy Disney, is a long time Chinook Nation Council Member.

A sweet grass, cattail and beargrass wallet made by Tony A. Johnson.