

## **Ramona Morrow**

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### **Workshop Instructor**

Ramona Morrow is of both Ojibwe and Sioux heritage. Her maternal grandmother and her siblings attended the Hayward Indian School where the Hayward Hospital is now located. She is a graduate of Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College and serves there as an adjunct faculty member teaching Native American History classes, Beadwork I & II, and Native American Techniques.

She earned an AA degree in Pre-Nursing at LCO Ojibwe College, a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Indian Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, and her Master of Arts degree in American History with the American Public University in West Virginia. Ramona was honored to be the "Featured Alumna" in UW-Eau Claire's *The View* in 2009.

She is the creator of the "The Cattail Collection", a collection of her dyed muslin Native American dolls stuffed with cattail fluff, 187 large dolls to date, 39 horses and three buffalo. They have reached as far as Austria, sold also in Washington DC in the Dept. of Interior, Indian Craft Shop, River Trading Post and at A Shared Blanket of Colorado.

In 2004, she was a guest artist at the celebration of the opening of the new National Museum of the American Indian and represented the LCO during the procession to the new museum.

She offers traditional Ojibwe workshops on making dolls, Ojibwe-style moccasins, tobacco pouches and birchbark baskets and has taught public workshops at the Smithsonian's Museum of the American Indian in New York City, on Ojibwe doll making in 2009 & and dream catchers in 2011.

Other widely-appreciated Native American art she makes includes paintings, turquoise and beaded jewelry and regalia, headdresses, and pictographs on buffalo, elk and deer hides.

She exhibits her art at the juried annual Santa Fe Native Arts Market that features 1000 artists from 100 tribes.

On the home front, she is a certified nursing assistant working at the LCO Community Health Center and a retired certified first responder and firefighter for the LCO in Hayward, Wisconsin.