

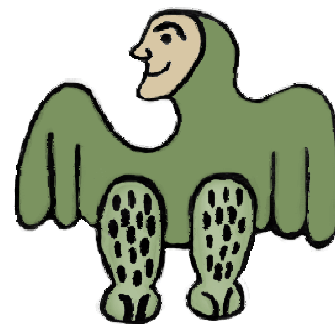
# Okpik Pitseolak



Okpik was born in Kimmirut, but now resides in Cape Dorset. She has been carving various kinds of stone since 1960. As a young girl, she began working with her father-in-law, helping him polish the finished carvings. Now she enjoys making figures of woman, children and from the Inuit legends. She believes that it is important for legends to be told. We must not forget who and where we came from, for our children. In addition, she uses images of animals, especially owls and real events in her life as images for her artwork

She has received The Joan Martin Award of Excellence and the Inuit Art Foundation Scholarship. Her works have been shown in selected group exhibitions and collections within Canada. Pitseolak is currently enrolled in a business and arts and crafts program at Arctic College where she is furthering her knowledge of Art.

“Artists inspire others to join in the art making which makes them happy to see they can make art. I tell other artists not to give up making art, create art.”



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