

**Culture Tools**  
**Building Community Through Folk Arts**  
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**Artists, Activists & Elders**

**Do it Yourself**

Here are some things to think about:

Who is in your own gallery of valued cultural treasures?

From who have you learned? (And what?)

What do you value and want to pass on?

Where have you taken a stand?

**Questions to ask:**

- Can you tell us about where and how you grew up?
- How did you become an artist or activist?
- What are the most important things you have learned in your life?
- What were some of the challenges you have faced?
- What words of wisdom, or important lessons, do you want to pass on?
- Who were your most important teachers or influences?
- When did you take a stand?
- Tell us the story of a song, story, dance or event/time that you will never forget, or that is important to you.