Tracy Williams

Sesemiya Tracy Williams is a young Skwxwú7mesh / Squamish mother, weaver and high school / home school counselor. She was initially inspired by her late grandmother, Eva Nahane, who was a well-known cedar basket weaver.

Tracy pursues her education in the cedar weaving arts in many ways. She has learned to collect the inner bark of the cedar and its roots to process them for use in weaving baskets and now regalia clothing. She continues to learn the techniques to make capes and tunics, as well as hats, mats, and adornments. She has incorporated fireweed, stinging nettle, and rush fibers as well as animal fiber to enrich and strengthen the pieces she makes.

She has completed pieces for use in the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic ceremonies, and for museum display and education. She is an invaluable role model to those she learns with as well as the students she works with.