

# KENOJUAK

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for  
kids

## LOONS PROTECT THE OWL

6 colour stonecut and stencil print  
edition 100, 10 artist's proofs, signed by the artist  
printed by Kavavaow Mannomee, Kinngait Studios  
printed on Kozo ice 100% rice paper  
62 x 79 cm. (24.5 x 31")  
released March 2002  
issue price \$1,000

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in support of children,  
their art education  
and their future.

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Her work has been represented in the West Baffin Eskimo Cooperative's annual print collection since 1959 and, has been shown in numerous exhibitions in Canada, the United States and in Europe. Her art is also included in countless private collections and more than 50 public collections throughout Canada and in the United States including the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Hull, Quebec, the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa, the Vancouver Art Gallery and the Artists For Kids Gallery in North Vancouver.

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In the spring of 2001, Kenojuak Ashevak developed a large lithograph "Gulls and Ravens for the Dorset print collection. She is shown working directly on a lithographic stone in the Kinngait Studio on Baffin Island.  
Photo: William Ritchie

## ARTISTS FOR KIDS

The Artists For Kids Trust was established in 1989 through a generous partnership between some of Canada's finest artists and the North Vancouver School District. Its mission, through the sale of original prints created by its artist patrons is to build an art education legacy for the children of British Columbia. Artists For Kids provides a variety of art enrichment program opportunities for thousands of students of all ages each year, including the popular Paradise Valley Summer School of Visual Art.

Canadian artists who have generously supported the program include: Kenojuak Ashevak, Roz Marshall, Robert Davidson, the late Jack Shadbolt, E. J. Hughes, Robert Young, Jane Ash Poitras, Ted Harrison, Michael Snow, the late Jean McEwen, Betty Goodwin, David Blackwood, Gordon Smith, Robert Bateman, Joe Fafard, Gathie Falk, Alan Wood, Guido Molinari, Molly Lamb Bobak, Anne Meredith Barry, Takao Tanabe, Toni Onley, George Littlechild, Irene F. Whittome, Arnold Shives, Ann Kipling, Charles van Sandwyk, the late Bill Reid, the late B.C. Binning and the estate of Frederick and Betty Amess.

To make an appointment to view *Kenojuak's Loons Protect The Owl*, or if you require more information regarding other Artists for Kids prints or programs, please contact the Managing Director, Bill MacDonald at the Artists For Kids Gallery, 810 West 21st Street, North Vancouver, BC Canada V7P 2C1 Phone: 604.903.3797 Fax: 604.903.3778 bmacdonald@nvsd44.bc.ca Visit and bookmark our web site at: [www.artists4kids.com](http://www.artists4kids.com)

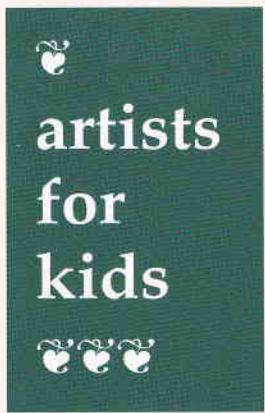








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## RADIANT OWL

2 Colour Stonecut, Edition 100, 10 Artist's Proofs  
Signed and numbered by the artist  
Printed on Kozo Ice 100% Rag Paper  
62 x 68.3 cm. (24.5 x 27")  
Released March 1996  
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In the summer of 1995, Kenojuak Ashevak developed many variations of her Owl imagery, including this magnificent drawing.

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To make an appointment to view Kenojuak's print *Radiant Owl*, or if you would like more information about Artists For Kids prints or programs, please contact: Bill MacDonald, Managing Director 810 West 21st Street, North Vancouver, B.C. Canada V7P 2C1 - Telephone: 604-987-6667 Facsimile: 604-987-8967 E-mail: bmacdonald@nvcvr.schdist44.bc.ca. World Wide Web: <http://Mastermall.com/ART4KIDS>



## Discovery Series



Kenojuak Ashevak, Radiant Owl, 1996

### Observations

Look at Kenojuak's image, Radiant Owl. Observe how the artist focuses on the primary characteristics of the owl's features. Look closely at the face, body, wing, feet and feathers. Kenojuak simplifies these features into basic shapes through a process called "simplification". She creates interest in her image through a design principle known as "emphasis". She exaggerates the owl's features through repetition, creating a radiating design. Notice how Kenojuak uses repeating dots to depict the smaller feathers on the body of the bird.

### Question

- What simplified shapes do you see in the owl?



# Discovery Series

## Art at Home

- Draw your favourite bird. Think about how you will draw the bird's features; head, body, feet, wings, feathers. Try to simplify these features into basic shapes.
- Use your imagination to choose a characteristic of the bird that will repeat many times (maybe it will radiate around your bird like Kenojuak's).
- Choose a simple pattern like stripes, dots, or triangles to create a stylized pattern representing another feature such as the smaller feathers on your bird's body.
- Colour your bird, use a limited colour choice or palette like Kenojuak. Choose 2-3 colours. Use crayons, pencil crayons, felts, paints, or any other supplies you have.

## About the artist

Kenojuak Ashevak was born at the south Baffin Island camp known as Ikirisaq in the fall of 1927 and died in Kinngait (Cape Dorset) in January, 2013.

She was one of Canada's most acclaimed artists and helped bring Inuit art to the rest of Canada and to the world. Her long list of achievements and honours was surpassed only by her stamina and good humour. Her imaginative drawings, prints and carvings are sought-after around the world and reflected her experiences and life in the North. While her imagery is varied, she is best known for her richly designed animals and birds, especially the Owl.

She has received many special honours over the years. In 1995, she received the Lifetime Aboriginal Achievement Award. Six years later, Kenojuak was inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame, the first Inuit artist to be so honoured. In 2008, she received the Governor General's Award for excellence in the visual arts. Kenojuak was truly a national treasure.



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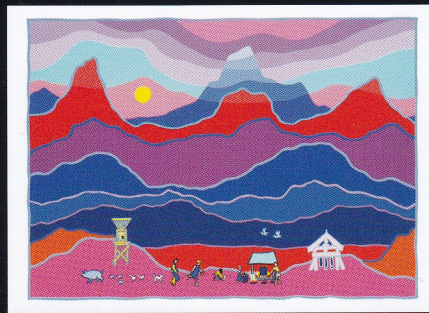
# Legends of the North



Kenojuak Ashevak

Between Friends

stonecut/stencil, edition 50, 24 x 33" \$2,000



Ted Harrison

Paradise Visions

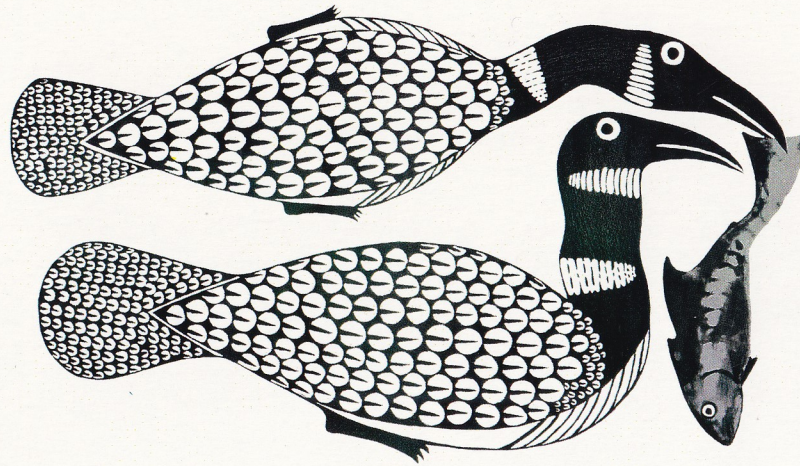
serigraph, edition 150, 22 x 30" \$1,000

March 3, 2010 ~ 7:30 pm

Artists for Kids Gallery, 810 West 21st Street  
North Vancouver, BC

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## Loons Feeding

Lithograph on Arches 88 paper, 1994

57.5 x 76.5 cm

edition of 50, signed by the artist

printed at Kinngait Studios,

Cape Dorset, Nunavut

issue price \$1800