

# Tony Cunningham

*About Tony*

Tony Cunningham is a wood carver and teacher who focuses solely on aboriginal crafts. Tony makes ceremonial aboriginal pipes, canoes, baskets, knives, walking sticks, and canes. To Tony, sticking to the original look of the crafts is essential because they are an important part of our history. He also teaches the traditions and crafts of aboriginals to others.

Tony has been carving aboriginal crafts since he was a young boy. In the mid 70's the Aboriginal Culture Centre was located in Tony's home, as his father was an aboriginal wood carver. The Aboriginal Arts Centre relocated to Barrington Passage in 2009 and features a lot of Tony's work.

Tony is the Chief of the Sou'West Métis Council and has taught people of all ages and all over Canada the ways of aboriginals. Yet, he considers the gift of giving his crafts and passing on knowledge of aboriginals his greatest achievement. It is essential to him that aboriginal heritage stays with the community.



**Traditional Aboriginal  
knives  
By Tony Cunningham**



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