

Ann Robinson is a member of Tseshaht First Nation and is the fourth daughter of Kathy and Doug Robinson. Ann was born and raised on the Tseshaht reserve in the Alberni Valley where she lived for much of her life. Throughout her years she also lived in Nanaimo, Victoria, Vancouver, and Neah Bay, Washington. Throughout her lifetime she worked for or contracted with the Tseshaht First Nations, the Alberni Valley Museum, the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council, the Huupachasaht First Nation, the Diitidaht First Nation, the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, the Makah Nation, Vancouver Island University, the Haahuupayak School, and many other organizations. Eventually she married, and together with her husband Keith Hunter, operated their business, First Nations Wildcrafters, BC., non-timber and other forest products and services. They were successful in their business until they both retired. In her young life Ann spent many good hours and years in the homes of her grandmother and elders in her community. During these times they shared their rich knowledge on the beliefs, laws, practices, ceremonies, and heart of the Tseshaht people, which she continues to share and pass down to the coming generations. Through the 1970s and 1980s Ann was an active participant in the rejection of funding while attending roadblocks and sit-ins all over the Province. She is still a firm believer and protector of the rights of First Nations Peoples. For most of her life, Ann has been involved in serving her people through actively participating in many functions, different gatherings, on many committees, boards and panels to represent the thoughts, views, vision and goals of the people. Currently Anne has been going into the public school system and daycare centers around the Valley as a cultural teacher. Also, she has contracted with the Tseshaht First Nation as a cultural advisor on ground penetrating radar scanning on site of the former Alberni Indian Residential School and has done ceremonies in the Long House as needed for healing and completing the journey.