

**Robert Peters is a Mashpee Wampanoag Artist, Poet, and Author. He published his first book "Da Goodie Monsta" in the fall of 2009 and is currently working on a series of acrylic paintings called 13 Moons.**



**"Da Goodie Monsta" is an illustrated children's book based on a dream his son Robert Jr. had when he was three years old. The story depicts a monster that is part lion, part bird and part dragon wearing roller skates. "Da Goodie Monsta" chases away nightmares. The story introduces the reader to a boy named Shaka who has no dreams at all. Read this beloved tale to learn how Shaka finds his dreams.**

**"13 Moons" are illustrations intended for a calendar for the year 2015. Seven of the Thirteen acrylic panels are available as signed prints: Moon Rise, Illumination, Earth And Sky Grace, Rage Against The Machine, Circle of Seven and The Honor Beat.**



**Robert's family moved to the Wampanoag home land of Mashpee when he was ten. Here his father Russell entered a life long battle to regain land and sovereignty for the Mashpee Wampanoag People.**

**As a child, Robert witnessed the 1976 Wampanoag Indian land claim, trial and the tribe's quest for Federal Recognition. It took more than thirty years for the United States Government to process their request for recognition. 270 Mashpee Wampanoag people (including his father) died waiting.**

**Robert retired from the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority after 24 years of service. During this period he observed the culture of Boston's subway System working as a motorman, union steward and at times a civil rights activist on the MBTA's Orange Line. He drew pictures, took notes and made commentary. This collection of notes, pictures, cartoons and essays are an anthropological study of modern American Culture from an indigenous perspective. (This work is not yet available.)**

**Today Robert continues writing, painting, and working with youth. He is a fire keeper and a keeper of the oral traditions. In 2001, the Wampanoag Medicine Fire was first lit and burned for nine days. Robert and a small group of fire keepers have carried this tradition ever since. The Wampanoag Medicine Fire burns for four days each November to honor the Earth the ancestors and future generations.**

