



Marge Jackson at Klukshu

* NEW CD *

**“STORIES AND SONGS FROM MY
COUNTRY” BY MARGE JACKSON - CHÛSCHWA**

**NEW CD WITH ORAL NARRATIVES AND SONGS
FROM THE CHAMPAGNE AND AISHIHIK FIRST
NATIONS ELDER FROM HAINES JUNCTION,
YUKON**

Available from boleary@nmsu.edu \$22.00 US
includes postage and handling. All proceeds go
to Marge Jackson.

Information about the CD:

“Stories and Songs from My Country” - by Marge Jackson

Marge Jackson was born in 1918 in Haines Junction, Yukon Canada where she lives today. She is an elder in the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and a speaker of Southern Tutchone or Dänk'e. Her name in Dänk'e is Chüschwa or Water Feathers and she is part of the Wolf clan.

Marge learned these songs and stories from her grandma, Jenny John (K'ùkhèla) and her dad Little Jim (Kätänayeàtà), her step dad, Big Jim, and other elders. Marge had to work for these stories by chopping wood and carrying water for elders who told them to children in the evening.

In 2006, Marge created a book called “My Country is Alive: A Southern Tutchone Life” with the help of anthropologist Beth O'Leary. They made this CD to tell about her life, her beadwork art, and to pass on her culture.

Marge says, “ Other people need to do the same way, what I do, because kids need to learn the same way from us. Kids can learn from this book and CD. If we don't do this we are going to lose our stories.”

The stories are about Crow and how he creates the world, Äsüya (the smart man) and his encounters with Wolverine, Eagle and Bear. The stories tell about how people survived and how they lived in her country in the past. The stories contain lessons for living today. Marge sings all the songs in Dänk'e; they express the love and the connection to the living landscape.

The CD was produced with Beth O'Leary and Christina Butcher at New Mexico State University with assistance from Yukon Historic Resources Fund, the Yukon Women's Directorate, Yukon Archives and Dona Ana Community College Creative Media. All proceeds go to Marge Jackson.

The CD is dedicated to the many First Nations Elders, both past and present, who have been gracious enough to share their wisdom.

Copies of the CD are available for \$22.00 US (includes shipping) through Beth O'Leary at boleary@nmsu.edu or by mail at O'Leary 5757 Leasburg Dr Las Cruces, NM USA 88007