

Fil Kewanyama is an award-winning Hopi artist and a U.S. Army veteran.

He grew up on the Hopi reservation where he assimilated a history and a culture of art that never left him. "As kids growing up on Hopi land I think all of us grew up learning because it is connected to our ceremonial way of life. We learn colors, images and meanings," Mr. Kewanyama says, "What inspires me the most is who I am as a Hopi, our ceremonial way of life and the spirituality."

His military service didn't allow much time for his art, but he was still relatively young at retirement and he re-immersed himself into the culture of "The People of Peace"—the ceremonies, the recognition of sanctity of water and all nature that surrounds and sustains us...and the art.

Through his art, Fil hopes to bring understanding between the Hopi and the non-Hopi. On Saturday, May 19, from 11 AM to 12:30 PM, he will present his unique story with a one-hour talk, followed by a 30-minute dialogue with the audience. Selected pieces of his work will be on display.

The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

The program is presented by the Native American Ministry committee at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 2000 Shepherd's Lane, Prescott. Go north on Highway 89, pass the airport and turn right onto Ruger Road.

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