



Taqseblu (Vi Hilbert) born 1918.

Vi Hilbert, member of the Upper Skagit tribe, has as her life's work to preserve the Lushootseed (Puget Salish) language and culture.

She taught at the University of Washington for 17 years.

Vi has co-written Lushootseed grammars and dictionaries, and published books of stories, teachings, and place names.

In 1989 she was named a Washington State Living Treasure.

In 1994 she received a National Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment of the Arts, presented by President Bill Clinton.

Vi has served as advisor on a number of boards, including the Seattle Art Museum, the Burke Museum, United Indians of All Tribes, and Tillicum Village. She has been honored by the Seattle Storytellers Guild and the National Storytelling Association