

crests. figures of certain animals, certain other nat. objects (moon, clouds) & occas. object of human mgf. during a potlatch. or they might represent them on houses or prefaces or tattoo them on their bodies.

Theoretically crests used by Raven families should be absolutely distinct from those used by eagle.

Haida soc. div. into 2 parts Eagle & Raven membership inherited from one's mo.

Crests other - Grizzly, Thunderbolt, Moon
Raven - mt. inf. Killerwhale + Flicker
Eagles " " The Eagle - Jay, Cormorant, Moon +
Flicker, Beaver, Sculpin & Wasps - a sawbill with
Killerwhale fins.

In this book, animal designs of people's robes, headdresses, drums & jewelry are crest images -

rare in primitive societies. The artists had to serve apprenticeships - they were freed from food hunting to devote their time to artistic production, which was sustained over 3,000 yrs

modern times - Haida abandoned trad. Haida boats, utensils took on non-natural looks. Such carving as existed was for tourist trade - not natural use.

modern Haida artists of the calibre of ^{Rabbit Reggie} Joe David + Art Thompson have gone far beyond tourist production - their work is readily sought by museums. Yet they are producing works that could bring thousands of dollars. And giving these away in Gal Latches.

It has something to do with dancing - people who had not been initiated into the dancing societies had "dark faces" and "stopped up minds".

faces you see in Ulli Steltzer's fine photographs as Joe David says, are shining "like light around the sun."

old days Haida paddled to each other and danced - when new canoe built & when a man raised a totem pole in honour of his uncle, whose noble name he inherited pledged his life to uphold. The Haida are now paddling as a people to the world. Through Ulli's Camera, you and I are invited to be their witnesses.

Invitation read:

you are invited to witness naming of the children of the good people & adoption of Joe David into _____ Tribe. Nov 6 + 7 / 51
Geom. Dawson School, Masset, B.C.

Terms: Tribes - people outside Haida nation moieties & clans; both referred to as tribes. I took moieties: Eagle & Raven referred to as "side" groups of people related thru matrilineage "clans". Clans are subdivisions of each "moiety".

One person gives Pot latch but everyone contributes & helps, called "dooing". It's like a big ward (mormon) bazaar, but all items are given away - not purchased or sold.