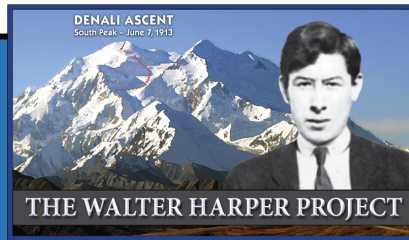


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GREETINGS from the Walter Harper Project (WHP) Team. As we approach our fundraising goal, we want to thank all who have donated generously to the WHP. We hope this update on project developments, to erect a statue of Walter Harper the Koyukon Athabascan who was the first to stand atop Denali, will inspire those who have not yet contributed to join in this worthy effort and help us achieve our goal of an unveiling ceremony in the Summer of 2022.

PROGRESS: Doyon, Limited graciously agreed to host the statue on its beautiful property near the Chena River in downtown Fairbanks. We are delighted to report that **Design Alaska's** architectural and landscaping team is partnering with us to design a setting, including the base of the statue and interpretive panels, that will integrate seamlessly with the natural surroundings.



THE STATUE: The sculptor, **Gary Lee Price**, visited Fairbanks in August to walk the grounds of Doyon, Ltd. and consider approaches to and views of the site from both sides of the Chena River. He met with members of the WHP Team and Doyon's facility manager, who were deeply impressed with Price's enthusiasm and profound commitment to portraying Walter authentically. He is now finalizing the maquette that will serve as the model for the statue. See Mr. Price's work at garyleeprice.com.



HELPING HAND: The images below show the evolution of Harper's hand as Price has refined his model. The extended hand symbolizes Harper's character and expresses a core Athabascan value.



FUNDRAISING: Our target of \$175,000 covers the cost of the statue, the foundation and landscaping, and the interpretive panels. As of mid-October 2021, we have achieved over 85 percent, including pledges, of our fundraising goal. We are heartened by the many donations that illustrate broad enthusiasm for the project. Our partnership with the nonprofit **Fairbanks Native Association (FNA)** allows donors to deduct their gifts from their federal income taxes to the extent of the law. FNA donates its services and the WHP Team members are volunteers. Doyon, Limited has contributed consulting, engineering, and landscaping expertise, as well as becoming our first *Denali Summit* contributor with its gift of \$25,000.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Spread the news! Share our webpage with others. "Like" our Walter Harper Facebook page. If you haven't done so, donate to this worthy project. Learn more about the WHP or how to donate online at walterharperproject.org. Checks made payable to "FNA/Walter Harper Project" can be mailed to the address in this letterhead.

Enaa baasee' (thank you),

— The Walter Harper Project Team

" ... I was ahead all day and was the first ever to set foot on Mt. Denali."

— Walter Harper climbing journal, 1913.

WHP Team Members: Mike Harper, Johanna Harper, Bill Gordon, Mary Ehrlander, Darlene Bishop, Angie Linn, Tanya Kaquatosh & Diana Campbell

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