

The Artist

Our grandfathers passed down the values to us to have strength and to care for ourselves and our extended families. Even in today's contemporary society we must extend those values and belief systems into new contemporary methods of sustainability.

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