



*Curtis Zunigha leads the Bean Dance, December 2018. Photograph by Jim Rementer*

I try to connect the generations in all I do. Here, I am leading a group in the Bean Dance (Malaxkwsitkan). It is a Lenape social dance meant to bring everyone together to celebrate the planting, cultivation, and harvest of the bean plant. The leader begins by shaking a rattle and calling dancers to join. The dance movements mimic the bean vine growing and chasing the sun across the sky.