



DOUGLAS REYNOLDS GALLERY



**DENNIS ALLEN
BEAVER BENTWOOD BOX**

\$1,300 CAD

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| Height | 12" |
| Length | 6" |
| Width | 6" |
| Medium | Red Cedar, Acrylic |

From Cheryl Shearar's "Understanding Northwest Coast Art":

The beaver, well known for its industriousness and building skills, is a common inhabitant throughout the Northwest Coast region. It was once widely hunted for its pelt, and knives with beaver-tooth blades were used before the introduction of iron tools.

Beaver appears in Northwest Coast mythology and is a crest in many regions. During the fur trade days, demand for beaver pelt increased as hunters depleted sea otter populations, and a Beaver crest affiliation sometimes gave individuals the right to trade in pelts.