

Shree Kumar Rai

Shree came to Canada from Nepal in 1996. He was born in Annapuui-9, Bhojpur, Nepal in 1963 and received his primary and secondary education at the village school there. In 1983, he graduated from the Hatisar Science and Technology College in Dharan, Nepal with an Intermediate Science Certificate. After graduation, he worked for four years as the co-manager of a family farm in Terai, Nepal and subsequently for three years as an elementary school teacher in Dharan. From 1990 to 1995 before coming to Canada, he was the owner/operator of the Tamke Grocery Store in Dharan.

Upon coming in Canada, Shree undertook a career as a sushi chef in Montreal where he was an under chef at the Ginja and Takara Japanese Restaurants from 1997 to 2002. After a year as co-owner and sushi chef at the Everest Japanese Restaurant and sushi chef at the Takara Japanese restaurant, he became the head sushi chef at the Ebisu Japanese restaurant in 2003. From 2004 to 2006 he served as the sushi second chef at Takara Japanese restaurant in Montreal, before coming to Ottawa to become a caterer and fund raiser for the First Unitarian Congregation.

Shree is married and has a son. His interests as an artist, outside of the kitchen, are for visual art, working with acrylic on canvas. He is multilingual in written and spoken English, Nepali, Hindi and basic French. He also speaks Urdu.

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Medium - acrylic