

# ANCIENT INKA WISDOM COMES TO WHEATON, IL

Join us for a Presentation and Thanksgiving Blessing from Members of the Q'ero Nation: Descendants of the Inkas in southeast Peru.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023**

◆ **PART 1:** Presentation of Q'ero Way of Life - **6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

◆ **PART 2:** Q'ero Thanksgiving Ritual - **7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

◆ **LOCATION:** Our Lady of the Angels Convent  
26W171 Roosevelt Road  
Wheaton, IL 60189  
Entrance #7 – **Door will open at 5:30 p.m.**

*Free-will donations are graciously accepted.*

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*This is a presentation by elders of the Q'ero Nation and their translator, traveling through the United States to share stories of their life in the remote villages of the Q'ero people, located in the upper elevation of the snowcapped Vilcanota mountain range. The mountains surrounding the Q'ero are mostly 22,000 foot ice peaks with their village at 14,500 feet elevation in the Andes mountains. The elders will also offer a traditional Q'ero thanksgiving blessing.*

# MEET THE PRESENTERS

## DON FRANCISCO APAZA FLORES

*from Qolpa Kucho, Hatun Q'eros*

Don Francisco is the eldest son of Don Mariano Apaza and was fully trained by his father along with his two brothers, Ricardo and Juan. The brothers retain the Misha of their father, enshrined in their Q'ero home of Qolpa Kucho, and have built a Yachay Wasi (wisdom house) where they plan to teach their ancestral wisdom to future travelers. Francisco has practiced Coca Leaf reading for over 25 years and is an acknowledged master at Coca Divination and Healing. Francisco embodies the calming presence and patience of a mountain.



## DON RICARDO APAZA FLORES

*from Qolpa Kucho, Hatun Q'eros*

Don Ricardo Apaza Flores is the youngest son of the late Don Mariano Apaza and is known for his enormous heart and gentleness. Ricardo received his first initiation at only 8 years old at the Andean Mecca of Q'ollorit'i and has been on the Paqo path ever since. Trained by his father and immersed in the tradition, Ricardo is one of the most sincere people you could ever meet. He works as a ceremonial Paqo, Healer, and Coca Leaf reader with his two brothers.

## ELIZABETH B. JENKINS

*born in Manhattan, New York*

Elizabeth B. Jenkins MA, MFT is a Mom, Organic Farmer, 35-year student of Inka Nature Wisdom held by the Q'ero Nation of Peru, and international best-selling author of three books on Inka Nature Wisdom. She founded the Wiraqocha Foundation in 1996. In January 2021, she founded the Global Paqo School to employ the Q'ero Masters during the pandemic. Also, she co-founded the Q'ero Wayruroni Association to serve the Q'ero communities in Peru better. She resides with her yanantin Barney, on her organic coffee and macadamia nut farm on the Big Island of Hawai`i, where she collaborates with Native Hawaiian elders and the magical Volcanic Island forces of Nature.



*Handmade weaving by the Q'ero people will be available for sale. 100% of the profits go directly to the Q'ero, providing a much-needed source of income due to their remote location in the mountains.*