

## Are All Bigfoot Like Patty?

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*Sculptures by Penny Birnam*

Previously I was asked this question, “Are all Bigfoot like Patty?” It’s a good question, and one I believe reflects modern human thinking. If I may, I’d like to put the question in a slightly different perspective. If one were a sasquatch, the question might sound like this: “Do all humans look alike?” The answer of course is no. I am sure that sasquatches already understand this from observing us. The answer then to the question is that neither do all sasquatches look alike.

The Vancouver sculptor Penny Birnam was the first to demonstrate this in the four head sculptures she made for Chris Murphy’s sasquatch exhibit in

2004. She said she made four of them instead of one, because she expected “the creatures would have different facial features.”

The sketches by Harvey Pratt in David Paulides’ first book, *The Hoopa Project*, certainly tend to confirm Birnam’s belief.

Harvey went into that project not knowing what he would sketch or how it would look. I spoke to him directly about this. He said that after a few sketches he began to realize how human each of the faces were, as well as how different each one was from the others.

Certainly the same holds true for modern humans. No one of us is exactly like the other in appearance, except in the case of fraternal twins (but even then little differences). Humans are not clones of each other, and there is no genetic basis for us to believe that one sasquatch is identical to another sasquatch. So if you have the opportunity to see the face of more than one sasquatch, try to note any visible differences. Certainly all bigfoot are not like Patty.

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