

## Living Into Right Relations – May 2022

Hello,

This is a packed listing, I realize. I hope it's not too much. I want to draw your attention to things coming up soon, particularly Red Dress Day on May 5. It is highlighted in Section 1. I also included events happening in the summer which may need some planning ahead (Section 5). I suppose one message from all of this is that there are lots of avenues for listening and showing up, connecting and healing, and working for change.

Thanks to all who contributed information! Hope to see you on May 5,

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### 1. May 5 - **Red Dress Day** to remember Missing and Murdered Indigenous People

- a. [Healing of the Seven Generations'](#) Kitchener events: 10 a.m. - 12 noon Community Walk from H7G at 300 Frederick St. to Speakers' Corner (note the change in final location) and 7 p.m. Candlelit Vigil at the Victoria Park Clock Tower. Candles are provided. Buy red T-shirts [here](#). ALL proceeds from red T-shirt purchase are donated to [Ganohkwasra](#), a shelter in Oshweken that supports families healing from assault.
- b. The final report from the inquiry: [Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#)
- c. More info: [KAIROS CANADA: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#)

### 2. Land Back

- a. [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) - read their Facebook posts. Some upcoming events:
  - i. May 1 [KW Rally & Carnival of Resistance](#), thanks also, Mary Thompson
  - ii. May 14, 2 p.m. Kitchener Public Library. **Stories from Land Back Camp** part of Grand River Film Festival [Special InKitchener-Waterloo Rally & Carnival of Resistancedigenous Program](#) . Click link for tickets
- b. [1492 Land Back Lane](#) Supportive actions -
  - i. **Friday Lunches for 1492 LandBack Lane - Our next delivery date: June 20**  
Cash donations can be made through [Parkminster United Church](#). Please identify your donation as 1492 LandBack Lane. For more info or to lend a hand contact me at [nancydykstra@gmail.com](mailto:nancydykstra@gmail.com). Thank you!
  - ii. Support their [legal defense fund](#)

### 3. Supporting Indigenous Initiatives

- a. **May 14, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** [Indigenous Art Market](#)
- b. [Indigenous Collection at W Store](#) (University of Waterloo Store) works by local Indigenous designers; proceeds to support Indigenous Student Success Fund at UW.

#### 4. Learning at Home and Events

- a. **May 2, 1:30-3:30** [Nations Uniting](#) Sharing Circle - To join this event and be part of their mailing list contact Rhonda Johns at [nations.uniting@gmail.com](mailto:nations.uniting@gmail.com)
- b. **May 7&8**, [Fancy Basket workshop](#), Chiefswood Park \$125
- c. **May 12, 19 & 26, 6-9 p.m.** [Haudenosaunee Astronomy webinars](#) Origins, ID and traditional knowledge about 4 constellations. Six Nations Polytechnic
- d. **May 12-15** [Indigenous-Mennonite Encounters in Time and Place](#), Conrad Grebel (UW)
- e. **May 17, 2 p.m.** [Walk through the Seasons](#), guided plant identification at Chiefswood Park. Could be a nice introduction to the park if you've never been. 1037 Brant County Hwy 54, Ohsweken
- f. **May 18, 7-8:30 p.m.** [Mohawk Institute Virtual tour](#)
- g. **until May 22** - Woodland Cultural Centre - [Anong Migwans Beam at Campbell House](#)
- h. **May 27, 7-10:30 p.m.** - [Feed the Fire](#) Fundraiser for [Crow Shield Lodge](#) at Victoria Park Pavilion, Kitchener: entertainment, food, and a variety of items up for auction at the pavilion. \$15 Also an online auction in the two weeks prior to the event for those who wish to participate but are unable to attend the in person event. Watch their [Facebook page](#) for other events.
- i. **May 28, 2-8 p.m.** [Spring Indigenous Market](#) partnership of [Woodland Cultural Centre](#) and [Chiefswood Park](#). Check out other events in May at Chiefswood Park as well.
- j. **May 31 evening - save the date.** Right Relations Online Spiritual gathering, Sacred Fire, and screening of NFB video to honour Senator Murray Sinclair together, as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, and prayerfully consider where we are, where we have been, and where we are going in our reconciliation journey.
- k. **Browse other events online through** [Eventbrite](#)

#### 5. Summer's coming! Pow Wows, Paddling, Indigenous Games and Theatre - to keep in mind as you make summer plans

**Powwows** One suggestion we often hear as a way to learn more about First Nations cultures is to attend Pow Wows. [Canadian Pow Wows](#) looks like it might be a helpful site to find them and has some good pre-reading. It's a bit sparse at the moment, but the reading is relevant. Here are a few advertised so far..

**June 18 & 19** [Aamjiwnaang Pow Wow](#) - Maawn Doosh Gumig, Sarnia

**July 22-24** [Grand River Pow Wow](#) "Champion of Champions" - Oshweken

**mid-Aug** [Pow Wow - Cape Croker Park](#) - Neyaashiinigmiing

(link also includes a short helpful listing about pow wow etiquette)

**July 20-29-- Two Row on the Grand** - paddling and cultural events. [Register now!](#)

**July 28 - 31** [Ontario Summer Indigenous Games to be held in Ottawa](#)

## Theatre

### Blyth Festival

**July 21- Aug 6,** [Cottagers and Indians](#) (Drew Hayden Taylor) "Reconciliation May mean one thing on Parliament Hill, but what does it mean on the back porch in the Kawarthas in July?" Thanks, Cobie Love

### Stratford Festival:

**Aug 23-Oct 9** [1939](#) "Anticipating a visit by King George VI, an English teacher at a fictional Residential School in Northern Ontario enlists her students in a production of *All's Well That Ends Well....*" thanks, Bev McNabb

**Aug 14** The Meighan Forum: [Tomson Highway](#)

**Aug 15** The Meighan Forum - concert: [Songs in the Key of Cree](#) - Tomson Highway

**Sept 24** The Meighan Forum: [Bev Sellars](#)

## 6. Good Reads, News and Views

### a. Reads

- i. [Kayanerenkó:wa The Great Law of Peace](#) by Kayanesenh Paul Williams, 2018. "...illustrates the living nature of Haudenosaunee law...Haudenosaunee law has the power to change the world." *John Borrows, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Law, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria*
- ii. [Origin: A Genetic History of the Americas](#) by Jennifer Raff, 2022. Listen to [Quirks and Quarks April 2022](#) interview (from) 35:18. Challenges the non-Indigenous theory of the arrival Indigenous peoples in the Americas.

### b. News

- i. Do you know the [Two Row Times](#)? Indigenous newspaper from Six Nations.
- ii. [Exploring the healing properties of plants - with Joe Pitawanakwat](#) Guelph area, thanks Norah Menzies. I haven't found a date yet; it may show up [here](#)
- iii. [MMIWG commissioners call on the Senate to amplify inquiry's recommendations for justice](#) CBC
- iv. [What's wrong with land acknowledgments, and how to make them better](#) CBC, Oct 2021.
- v. [Pope Francis to make 3 Canadian stops in July to meet residential school survivors, sources say](#) CBC

### c. Views

- i. **May 9 - 22** Apollo Cinema's [Grand River Film Festival](#) has a [focus on Indigenous films](#) including [Run Woman Run](#) (May 14, 7 p.m.) which we highlighted last month. Thanks, Laura Cudworth
- ii. [8th Fire](#) Wab Kinew, Thanks, Diane Dick
- iii. [Film about the Innu, Inuit Dene. I Hold The Dehcho In My Heart \(Sedze Tah Dehcho E'Toh\)](#) (22 min, documentary) In 2017, Indigenous students and elders embarked on a paddle trip down Canada's longest river in an effort to reconnect with Dene land and culture. Thanks, Henriette Thompson