

Living Into Right Relations – August 2022

Hello,

Thanks for your patience. I have usually tried to get this out by the first of the month but was a bit delayed this time. In the week since the beginning of the month a number of events have popped up, as they often do. I may shift to this timeline for a while to see if it aligns better with the calendars of the organizations and events I try to track.

The [Two Row](#) this year included some researchers from [Ohneganos](#). They were collecting cultural and [ecological information](#) along the Grand River. One of their projects is to create an [interactive map](#) using the data they are collecting. Hopefully, it will be available to the public in the not too distant future. It could be a great way to learn more about our region and its history - for kids and adults. I will try to keep you posted.

As always, if you hear of something related to living into right relations along the Grand that you'd like shared, please let me know.

Enjoy this beautiful month,

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1. **Land Back** ... reposted in Wellbeing Waterloo Region's July 26 Newsletter: an [article about Land Back](#) interviewing 4 local Indigenous leaders.
 - a. [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) - from their Facebook posts:
 - i. One current result of their initiatives in 2020 ...
<https://www.engagewr.ca/permanent-indigenous-space>
 - ii. DOUBLE FEATURE! If you missed the opening night of Recollections & Imaginings, they are screening it along with Wildhood on Aug 9th 6:45pm at Apollo Cinema. See details in calendar below.
 - b. [1492 Land Back Lane](#)
 - i. On July 10, Jon, one of the Land Defenders at 1492, passed away in his sleep. Some of our group who visited in May had a chance to meet him. We hold his family and the community in our thoughts.
 - ii. Check out the 1492 Land Back Lane facebook page to learn more about the 2 year anniversary of Land Back Lane on Sunday Aug 7, 4-8 p.m. Live music, good spirits. I'm sorry not to have given you all notice. Just getting back in my groove here...
- Supportive actions -
 - iii. **Friday Lunches for 1492 Land Back Lane - Our next delivery date: Sept 23**
To home cooks, delivery folks and donors - THANK YOU! Your support is greatly appreciated by the people who live at 1492. For more info or to lend support, contact me at nancydykstra@gmail.com.

2. Supporting Indigenous initiatives

- Purchase “Every Child Matters” orange T-shirts from an Indigenous-led or -owned company/organization and support two Grand River watershed Indigenous organizations: [Woodland Cultural Centre and Healing of the Seven Generations](#). Order early. They became hard to find by Sept 30 last year!
- **Covenant of Nations** [update](#).
- **H7G – Backpack Program**: Parkminster United Church is collecting school supplies for the Backpack Program of Healing of the Seven Generations (H7G). They gather new items like back-packs, water bottles, lunch bags, pencil cases, pencil crayons, markers, scientific calculators, lined paper, etc. There's also a high need for running shoes of all sizes, as well as gift cards to Footlocker. If you have items to donate, please contact Adrienne at abarretthofman@gmail.com to arrange for pickup or drop-off. No donation is too small. Thank you for your support!
Cheques payable to the organization or [online donations](#) are also welcome. Identify these as being for the “backpack program”.

3. Learning at home and events

- Ending soon! Closes Aug 13** [Sense of Belonging: A Place Called Home](#) current exhibition at Woodland Cultural Centre: 3 artists use painting, beadwork, photography to connect the notions of identity, family, community and land.
- June 11-Sept 18** [Powerful Glow](#) Kitchener Waterloo Art Gallery.
- Aug 6-21** [The Neebing Indigenous Art Fair](#) Bingemans, Embassy Room, 425 Bingemans Centre Drive, Kitchener.
- Aug 9, 6:45 p.m.** [Wildhood: Presented in Partnership with Land Back Camp](#) Apollo Cinema, Kitchener. Click link for ticket info.
- Aug. 12, 19 6:30-8 p.m.** Sunset Paddle at Chiefswood Park. \$25. Every Friday until Sept 30. Find this and other events at Chiefswood [here](#).
- Aug 13, 8 a.m.** Morning Water ceremony with Grand River All Nations Water Walk. 650 Otterbein Rd. Kitchener. Check their [Facebook page](#) for details.
- Aug 17, 7-8:30 p.m. Mohawk Institute Virtual tours.** Click the date for a link to tickets: [August 17](#).
- Aug 17-19.** [Wiikwemkoong Arts and Music Festival](#) Manitoulin Island.
- Aug 20, 1-2:30 p.m.** [Walk the Talk: Garden Tour](#). Kitchener Waterloo Art Gallery.
- Aug 24, 7-9 p.m.** Woodland Cultural Centre virtual Film Screening [Waban-Aki: People From Where the Sun Rises](#) Description: After decades of tirelessly recording others' stories, acclaimed filmmaker Alanis Obomsawin returns to the village where she was raised to craft a lyrical account of her own people. Following the film, a Q&A with WCC Curator, Patricia Deadman. Tickets - free with suggested \$5-20 donation.
- Aug 27 - Nov 5** [Indigenous Art 2022](#) Woodland Cultural Centre Director's Preview August 27, 2022, 1 p.m. followed by the Opening Reception at 2 pm.

- I. **Aug 31**, 12-2p.m. Grandmothers' Tea at [Nations Uniting](#), 1632 Chiefswood Rd., Ohsweken.
- m. **Sept 7, 10-11 a.m.** [Coffee and Crime Book Club](#) In person at Kitchener Public Library discussing [Highway of Tears by Jessica McDiarmid](#). Registration required.
- n. **Sept 9 deadline to register** for online course at Renison [Reconciliation: Discussions and Implications for Settler Peoples](#) (IS 110) 8 weeks, September 21 - November 9.
- o. **Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m.** DT Concert Series - [iskwē](#) at Dominion Telegraph Event Centre, 97 Grand River St N., Paris, ON.
- p. **Sept 30 - Oct 2** [Seeking Transformation: A Retreat for Christian Settlers](#) Organized by [Five Oaks](#) Deadline for registration - Sept 23. Register early. They expect it to fill up. Thank you, Pegi Ridout.
- q. **Lots of other events online through** [Eventbrite](#) including lunch with Autumn Pelletier on Aug 17...

4. Have you ever wondered how to prepare a thank you of tobacco?

If you do not have access to traditional ceremonial tobacco, contact a 7 Eleven near you and ask if they have Drum tobacco. A pouch costs between \$35 and \$40. Cut squares (3 to 4 inches square) from plain red cloth, place a good-sized pinch of tobacco (about the size of a large strawberry) in the middle, pull the edges together into a bundle/pouch and tie it with twine. For more information about the protocols of offering tobacco and the preparation of tobacco ties, see [Tobacco Offering Protocol - Indigenous Gathering Site](#).

5. Good Reads and News

- a. **Reads-** a blog and 2 magazines to explore:.
 - i. The [ICTINC Indigenous Relations Newsletter](#). Topical and links to other useful resources. They brought us the book, [21 Things You may Not Know About the Indian Act](#) which in my opinion is essential reading. Sample article and links here [Why We Shouldn't Say Bury the Hatchet](#).
 - ii. Sept issue of [Broadview Magazine](#), from the United Church of Canada. A special Indigenous led/edited issue. Sample article here: [How the United Church got into the business of residential schools](#).
 - iii. [She Is Wise Magazine | ONWA](#) published by the Ontario Native Women's Association.
- b. **News**
 - i. [Final settlement agreement reached in \\$20B First Nations child welfare class action](#) APTN
 - ii. The Pope's visit was during the Two Row and I'm still catching up. Two sources of info: APTN: [Road to Truth: The Pope's Visit](#); and Pam from W.I.N.D. who compiled reports and information - see the PDF attachment to the email.
 - iii. [17th century longhouse replica 'consumed by fire' on Six Nations](#) CBC