

Living Into Right Relations – March 2023

Hello,

It seems that with the arrival of spring the events and opportunities to connect are ramping up! Take your time to browse through and find what connects for you.

May I brazenly draw your attention to the fundraising effort that some of us have initiated to support Healing of the Seven Generations (H7G)? This Indigenous-led cultural and social healing organization does a tremendous amount of good work with Indigenous people in the Waterloo region. They are also at the forefront of organizing outdoor community events such as walks on Sept. 30 to help us all reflect on our history, current relations, and how to move into the future. Sometimes we wonder how we can support the work that goes into these events. This is one very tangible way. More on this in section 1.

Wishing you all a hopeful month as we step into Spring 2023,

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1. Let's fund a portable sound system for Healing of the Seven Generations.

H7G organized several large community events last year. Unfortunately, many of the people present had a hard time hearing what was being said. Having a sound system will make it much easier to hear their message at these events. When we asked if they'd be open to receiving a portable sound system, they were all for it. A decent system will cost about \$2000. We have started the fundraising and are about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way there at the writing of this newsletter. We are so close!! We know that this newsletter goes to people along the length of the Grand, so this is not relevant for everyone. HOWEVER...if you would like to add your support, read on to find out how to do that. Thank you!!

Parkminster United Church is co-ordinating the fundraising. E-transfers can be sent to parkuc@golden.net. Cheques can be mailed to 275 Erb St E, Waterloo, N2J 1N6. Please note in your gift that it is for "H7G Sound System". If you are not a member of Parkminster, please include your street address for income tax receipts which are sent out yearly.

2. Land Back

- a. [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) - from their Facebook posts:
 - i. **March 10 - April 3** Cliff Cardinal's [The Land Acknowledgement, or As You Like It](#) Mirvish Productions.
 - ii. **March 17, 6-10 p.m.** [White Owl and Wisahkotewinowak](#) host [Maple Syrup Tap Off](#) music, food and fun at Steckle Heritage Farm, 811 Bleams Rd., Kitchener. See the link also for a **sugar bush event on March 18**.
- b. [1492 Land Back Lane](#) Supportive actions -
 - i. **Friday Lunches for 1492 LandBack Lane**. Our next delivery date: March 31. 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. Thank you!

3. [Two Row on the Grand](#)

I love this organization and its annual paddle on the lower Grand, from Cambridge to the mouth at Port Maitland. Registration opens this month for 2023. Paddles up!

4. Learning at home and connecting in person

Art shows/exhibits (because there are a number of them at the moment)

- Until **April 15**, [By Design: Fashionable Inspiration](#). [Woodland Cultural Centre - Indigenous Museum](#) 184 Mohawk St., Brantford.
- Until **April 16**, [Dibaajimowin: Stories from this Land - Waterloo Region Museum](#) 10 Huron Rd., Kitchener.
- Until **May 22**, [Duane Linklater: they have piled the stone / as they promised / without syrup - Art Gallery of Hamilton](#) 123 King St. W., Hamilton. Tickets required.
- Until **May 28**, [Radical Stitch - Art Gallery of Hamilton](#) 123 King St. W., Hamilton. Tickets required.
- Until **June 25**, [Reflections of Ourselves](#) - Homer Watson Gallery, 1754 Old Mill Rd., Kitchener. Thanks, Bev McNabb.

Other

- Chiefswood Park** at 1037 Hwy 54, Ohsweken, has a variety of outdoor events for adults and children. Check out the calendar at [Upcoming Events-Chiefswood Park](#).
- March 8 & 15, 12-1 p.m.** Lunch & Learn with Six Nations Polytechnic. This month's topic is "Cycle of Ceremonies." For more info, click the date: [March 8](#), Ohsweken; [March 15](#), Brantford.
- March 8, 22, April 12, 2:30-4 p.m.** [13 Moons Learning Circle](#) Series with Myeengun Henry, covering teachings from each of the thirteen months in the lunar calendar. Location: Indigenous Gathering Space, LHI 3701 UW.
- March 11, 10 a.m.-noon**, Dave Skene leads a [Sugar Bush Adventure at White Owl Sugar Bush](#) to teach about maple syrup as good medicine. If the sap is flowing, you can grab a bucket to lend a hand. Dress appropriately for the weather. Spaces are limited. Reserve space through the link above. Hosted by [Feather & Cross](#).
- March 12. 1-4 EST** [Seeds and Stories](#) A spring seed blessing, teaching time, seed swap, sharing circle and feast. Eastman Seed Savers and the Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre. Online, \$10. Register [here](#) by March 10.
- March 15, 6-7:30 p.m.** **Mohawk Institute Virtual tours.** Click [here](#) for tickets.
- March 15, 29, 7-9 p.m.** [Join the MCEC Truth and Reconciliation Working Group](#) in an online book study, [Walking Together: Intercultural Stories of Love and Acceptance](#). See your February LIRR newsletter for more detail.
- March 18?? 8 a.m.** There is a monthly Grand River Water Ceremony at 650 Otterbein Rd. Kitchener. I couldn't find this month's date posted yet, but I'm guessing it's March 18. Please check for updates on their Facebook page.
- March 27, 1:30-3:30** [Nations Uniting](#) Sharing Circle online. To join this event and be part of their mailing list, contact Rhonda Johns at nations.uniting@gmail.com.

- j. **March 29, 12-2 p.m.** Grandmothers Tea at Grand River United Church, RR1, 1585 Mohawk Rd, Ohsweken, ON N0A 1M0. For more information, contact Rhonda Johns at nations.uniting@gmail.com.
- k. **March 31, 7:30 p.m.** Free film screening of [Colonization Road](#). Hosted by the Wilmot Ecumenical Working Group on Indigenous/Settler Relationships. Zion United Church, 215 Peel St., New Hamburg. The church requires that face masks be worn. Registration is not necessary. See attached poster.
- l. **April 4, 2023 7-8 p.m.** [The Walrus Talks at Home: Indigenous Health](#) Online.
- m. **April 6, 1:30-3:30 p.m.** Clarence Cachagee & Seth Ratzlaff will be telling [The Story of North Wind Man](#) as part of [KW's Third Age Learning series](#) Info on ticket purchase [here](#). Thank you Ron Flaming for drawing this to our attention.
- n. Lots of other events to learn about through [Eventbrite](#).
- o. **On the radar...**
 - April 29 [Walk Towards Truth](#) thanks, Phil Martin.
 - Covenant of Nations <https://www.covenantofnations.com/>.

5. Good Reads, News and Views

a. Reads

- i. Inadequate housing and overcrowded living conditions: # 3 of 8 key issues [INTINC Blog](#).
- ii. Ok, not a book; it's a podcast.... [Kuper Island](#) CBC podcasts. An 8-part series that tells the stories of four residential school students: three who survived and one who didn't. Hosted by Duncan McCue.

b. News

- i. [Archives show nearly 100 known deaths at Mohawk Institute, only half in official records](#) Two Row Times.
- ii. [World Premiere of documentary about Mohawk Institute in L.A. on March 8](#) Cambridge Today.
- iii. [Elected Council renews Grand River Notification Agreement](#) Two Row Times.
- iv. [Sifton Properties again asks Brantford to build condominiums over historical Six Nations village of Davisville](#) Two Row Times.
- v. Kairos Blanket Exercise (KBE) is back, under a new model - Indigenous individuals can become KBE Community Partners and offer KBE through their businesses to manage the facilitation of the KBE/virtual KBE. Learn more [here](#).

c. Views

- i. ['Thunder Bay' series from Ryan McMahon looks at systemic racism, police in the city](#) mentioned in Feb newsletter; all 4 episodes now available. Thanks, David von Wahl.
- ii. Warrior Life Podcast - [Pam Palmater](#). Interesting conversation with [Duncan McCue on Indigenous Representation in Media](#).
- iii. Tom Ostapchuk filmed his paddling journal along the Grand River. Here are two links to teasers/trailers. I'm liking it already. [Grand Teaser 1](#); [Grand Teaser 2](#).