

Living Into Right Relations – July 2024

Hello,

Summer is here! Whether your summer is planned or are taking it as it comes, I wish you a rejuvenating summer season. There are plenty of ideas here to add to your summer options, ones that will also contribute to your journey towards right relations. Check out pow wows, river cruises, festivals, and books and movies, to name a few.

Happy trails,

Nancy (nancydykstra@gmail.com). Thank you, Henriëtte and Bev for ongoing editing and other support!

1. Land Back

- a. [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) - at Willow River Centre, 243 King St., Kitchener.
 - i. Read their Facebook posts
 - ii. How to support? [Support us | O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#)
- b. [1492 Land Back Lane](#)

2. Supporting Indigenous-led initiatives and organizations...

Healing of the Seven Generations. The school year may have just ended but Healing of the Seven Generations is already focusing on supporting kids for next year. Consider contributing to their annual backpack program. Info [here](#).

3. Pow Wows

Whether you've been often or haven't yet experienced a pow wow, attending one can be a wonderful opportunity to appreciate Indigenous culture.

[Great Lakes 2024 Pow Wow Guide](#) See p. 31 for info about pow wow etiquette. Pow wow listings start on p. 32. Thanks for sending this in, Bev McNabb.

A short list:

- a. **July 5&6** [First Annual Pow Wow](#) hosted by Hamilton Region Indian Centre in Hamilton at Pier 4. Look for updates closer to these dates. Thanks, Cindy Stover.
- b. **July 26-28** [Grand River Pow Wow](#) Ohsweken Speedway, 1987 Chiefswood Rd, Ohsweken. Look for updates closer to these dates.
- c. **Aug. 15-18** [Pow Wow - Cape Croker](#), "Let Your Heart Beat with the Drum", Cape Croker Park, 112 Park Rd, Wiarton, ON.
- d. **Aug. 24&25** [Rama Powwow](#) Held on Chippewas of Rama First Nation territory, at the John Snake Memorial Community Multi-Purpose Grounds.

4. Learning at home and connecting in person

- a. [Crow Shield Lodge](#) in Waterloo Region has a range of events related to education, healing, land stewardship and reconciliation. This includes a beading workshop, yoga in the park, women's full moon ceremony and more. See the events listing [here](#).
- b. **Fri, July 5, 7-9 p.m.** [Robbie Robertson Reflections](#) At The Gathering Place on the Grand, 2593 Chiefswood Rd. Ohsweken. A special remembrance and philanthropic concert to remember Robbie Robertson and support the establishment of a modern museum and arts centre at the Woodland Cultural Centre's Brantford location. Free admission, donations encouraged. Reserve and donate [here](#).
- c. **Sat, July 6, 8 a.m.** [Grand River Water Ceremony](#), at [Schneider Park](#), Kitchener, parking off King St, across from Freeport Hospital.
- d. **Fri. July 19, 10:15-3:00** [River Talks Series](#), *Haudenosaunee of the Grand, a Six Nations Narrative*. Cruise # 2 of 4: Residential Schools. All speakers are from Six Nations. Presented by Grand River Cruises and Six Nations Tourism.
- e. **Sat. July 20**, as part of the Hillside Festival in Guelph, participate in [THE VOICE OF THE RIVER: The Grand River Community Play Project](#). "An all-day event with puppet-building workshops, storytelling, flag choreography, movement, drawing, music, and song. It will be a fun day that culminates in a performance on the Sunset Stage at 7 p.m."
- f. **Mon. July 29, 7 p.m.** Deborah Yoder will be speaking at Waterloo North Mennonite about her work at the [The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery](#). 100 Benjamin Rd, Waterloo. Thank you, Ron Flaming.
- g. **Wed. July 31, 12-2** Grandmothers' Tea at Burgessville. Potluck lunch and sharing time. Contact Joan (519-754-8786) or Shirley (519-753-5789) for more information.

On the radar...

- h. **Tues. Sept. 3, 2-3:30**, The Concerned Lay Catholics' national book club resumes with Wab Kinew's [The Reason You Walk](#). Please copy the attached Indigenous Teachings poster for great summer reading ideas and the meeting information for next year.
- i. **Sept. 15-21** [All Nations Grand River Water Walk](#). Online auction to support the walk, **Aug 6-15**. Learn more here: [Grand River Water Walk 2023 Facebook Auction](#).

5. Good Reads, News and Views

a. Reads

- i. [29 must-read books for children and teens by Indigenous writers](#), curated by Phyllis Webstad, the creator of Orange Shirt Day, curated a list of children's books to read for CBC.
- ii. [Living into Right Relations: June 2024](#) United Church of Canada.
- iii. [Summary Report: National Gathering on Unmarked Burials: Northern Voices](#) Recommended by Henriette Thompson. Thank you!
- iv. [She Is Wise Magazine](#) Ontario Native Women's Association.

b. News

- i. [Blazing the trail: Indigenous legal firsts in Canadian history](#) CBC.
- ii. [Why are Indigenous people over-incarcerated in Canada?](#) TVO.
- iii. [Result in sight for long-delayed water law](#) Canada's National Observer: Climate News.
- iv. [Grassy Narrows First Nation files lawsuit against Ontario, federal governments over mercury contamination](#) **CBC**.

c. Views

- i. **2024 imagineNATIVE Tour** is accepting bookings for their 2024 Tour until November 1, 2024, so you can bring Indigenous-made films and VR works to your school, workplace, community group, youth program, or other gathering! With feature films, short film programs, and virtual reality works, we have content curated for all age groups. Screening fees go directly to the artists for their work. Visit the [ImagiNATIVE website](#) for more information and invite your community or school group to host screenings of imagineNATIVE-curated film programs. Book a tour [here](#). From W.I.N.D. newsletter.
- ii. [Indigenous Stories](#) CBC Gem. Looking for a movie to watch? “A collection of shows, movies, and documentaries featuring the stories, history, and originality of Indigenous Peoples.”
- iii. [Transforming Relationships: An Indigenous art space](#) Mennonite Central Committee. A virtual space for Indigenous Art