

Living Into Right Relations – June 2022

Hello,

Here is the fuller version for June. Section 1 is dedicated to Indigenous History Month which also includes some things for June 21. The Good Reads section has reading ideas from KPL and HPL coinciding with Indigenous History Month. NFB is offering some free film streaming.

In May we listed a couple of Powwows that are going on this summer. I have attached a fuller list to this email, courtesy of Pam at W.I.N.D.

We are all aware of the continued difficult journey we are on with the legacies and current realities of Canada/Indigenous peoples relations. This is why we have this newsletter, after all. I hope you also find reasons to celebrate this month!

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1. National Indigenous History Month and Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21)

- a. Check out this link for [National Indigenous History Month](#) from the Office of Indigenous Relations at UW: a [speaker series](#) and workshops throughout the month. They also have links to resources about First Nations who traditionally occupied and used the territory of the Haldimand Tract, information about residential schools, the TRC, and Indigenous People's Day, June 21.
- b. **June 18 and rebroadcast June 21** [APTN Indigenous Day Live 2022](#)
- c. A resource and reading recommendations from [Waterloo Public Library](#) - check it out!
- d. **June 21-26** [Summer Solstice Festival](#) Ottawa area but includes virtual options including a virtual Powwow
- e. [National Indigenous History Month](#) - Federal Gov't website with links for learning about historical and current topics, including some events for [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)
- f. [National Indigenous Peoples Day 2022](#) - informative blog from Indigenous Corporate Training INC. Not all links are current and events listed aren't local, but there's lots of good information here.

2. Land Back (see also section 4.e)

- a. [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) - read their Facebook posts. They promote lots of events beyond their physical space, and are engaged with the broader community including:
 - i. **June 7** (tonight!) at Princess Cinema, Q&A for [Together We Grow](#), a 40-min. documentary of a thriving hub helping its community's resilience by cooking, gardening, repairing, and connecting.
 - ii. To support their work click [here](#)

b. [1492 Land Back Lane](#)

In the news: [OPP try and alter figures to manipulate \\$21M cost of policing occupation in Caledonia](#) APTN May 31

Supportive actions:

- i. **Friday Lunches for 1492 LandBack Lane** Thank you for our ongoing support! Our next date will be in July, perhaps as early as July 1. For more info or to lend a hand contact nancydykstra@gmail.com.
- ii. Support their [legal defense](#) fund.

3. Supporting Indigenous initiatives

- a. Have you been to [Chiefswood Park](#) near Ohsweken lately? They are developing their programs and options for visitors. They have new options for overnighting, including [cabins](#) and [camping](#). You can use Chiefswood as a jumping off point to get to know the Grand River and [Six Nations](#) a bit more. Upcoming events through Chiefswood include:
 - June 13 [Full Moon Paddle](#)
 - June 18 [Six Nations Paddle for Pride](#)
 - [Various basket-making workshops](#)
- b. Support the [Woodland Cultural Centre](#) and have your gift give twice.

4. Learning at home and events

- a. Wellbeing Waterloo produces a [bi-weekly newsletter](#) which includes a section called "Journey to Reconciliation", providing information in bite sized chunks under headings of *Learn, Reflect, Practice*. The topic for the linked example is powwows and is worth a read, especially if you're planning to go to one this summer. You can subscribe to it by scrolling down any page on their website: [Wellbeing WR](#).
- b. **June 4 - 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.
- c. **until Oct 9** [From Her Perspective: Portraits by Canadian Women Artists](#) at the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery, with numerous Indigenous artists including Melissa General from Six Nations of the Grand River.
- d. **June 10 & 11, 7:30p.m.** [Civilized](#) - preview performances at Rockway Mennonite Church, 47 Onward Ave., Kitchener. 1- hour performance followed by discussion. \$10 through Eventbrite or pay what you can at the door (cash only). Thank you, Arlene Groh.
- e. **June 14, 6:30-7:30p.m.** online [As Long as the Rivers Flow: Past, Present and Future of the Land Back Movement](#) Phil Monture of Six Nations
- f. **June 15, 7p.m.** [Virtual Tour of the Former Mohawk Institute](#) Woodland Cultural Centre
- g. **June 16, 7p.m.** [Speakers of Truth: Two Spirit Pride](#) - online and in person event - Art Gallery of Hamilton

- h. **June 18, 1-2:30** [Walk the Talk: Garden Tour](#) Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KWAG) guided walk through their outdoor gardens. Learn about the indigenous plants found within *Planting one Another*, KWAG's re-planting of Mike MacDonald's medicine and butterfly garden.
- i. **June 19**, [Indigenous Day of Prayer](#) worship resources (United Church of Canada)
- j. **June 27, 1:30-3:30** [Nations Uniting](#) Sharing Circle - topic: Land Acknowledgements. Guest speaker: Tony Hill. To join this event contact Rhonda Johns at nations.uniting@gmail.com.
- k. **June 29, 12-2p.m.** [Grandmothers' Tea](#) at Five Oaks Educations Centre, 1 Bethel Rd. Paris, hosted by [Nations Uniting](#)
- l. Lots of other events online through [Eventbrite](#)

5. Good Reads, News and Views

a. Reads

- i. [Kitchener Public Library DiscoverREAD surprise bag](#) contains 3 items that highlight works by Indigenous authors, creators, actors, etc. For ages 15 and up.
- ii. [Hamilton Public Library Staff Picks: #IndigenousReads](#)

b. News

- i. [This First Nation was on water advisories for 24 years. Now, its treatment plant has won an award](#) CBC, May 18
- ii. [Two Row Times](#)
- iii. [UNDRIP is an 'interpretive aid only' say feds in legal battle over Alberta First Nation's election delay](#) APTN, May 3

c. Views

- i. [NFB streaming films for free for National Indigenous History Month](#)
- ii. [One Day in the In the Life of Noah Piugattuk](#) (1h52min, CBC) Noah Piugattuk's nomadic Inuit band live and hunt by dog team just as his ancestors did. When the white man known as Boss arrives in camp, what appears as a chance meeting soon turns out to be more. This is the second of a series of films focussing on northern Indigenous peoples in Canada. The third and final one will be posted in July. Thanks, Henriette Thompson.