

Living Into Right Relations – June 2023

Hello,

June is a very full month: it is Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day falls on June 21, just days before Canada Day. How to show up for all of these? This has become part of a personal and unsettling journey for me. Perhaps you feel the same. Hopefully some of the offerings below will help you on your journey. I realize that there's a lot here! The good news is that it means there are lots of ways to show up.

One additional suggestion is a petition from the Native Women's Association of Canada to support having an Indigenous woman on a Canadian bank note. You can [read about it here](#) and consider supporting it. Thank you, Bev McNabb.

In all of this may you walk in good company,

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1. Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day

- a. Check out this link for [Indigenous History Month](#) from the Office of Indigenous Relations at UW: includes a message from Jean Becker, Associate Vice President, Office of Indigenous Relations, UW efforts and celebratory stories as well as a series of events during the month. Here is the [link to details and registration](#).
- b. **June 17**, [APTN Indigenous Day Live](#) 2023.
- c. A resource and reading recommendations from [Waterloo Public Library](#).
- d. June 21, 3-4:30 p.m. [Author Panel](#) - The Art of Storytelling with [Clarence Cachagee](#) and [January Marie Rogers](#). Conestoga College, Kitchener. Register [here](#).
- e. [National Indigenous History Month](#) - Federal Gov't website with links for learning about historical and current topics, weekly themes throughout June to highlight specific aspects of Indigenous history, culture and perspectives, and includes some events for [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#). Thank you, Janice Gillespie.
- f. From Kairos Canada: [Celebrate National Indigenous History Month](#).
- g. Church worship resources: [United Church](#) and [Mennonite Church](#).

2. Land Back

- a. [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) - read their Facebook posts - including
 - i. Their [Tionnhéhkwen Garden](#) at Schneider Haus this year.
 - ii. They'll be part of IMPACT 23 Theatre Festival this year.
 - iii. [Joint media release](#) re: criminalization of outreach supporting unsheltered people.
 - iv. How to support? One way is through Patreon at this link: [O se Kenhionhata tie](#).

- b. [1492 Land Back Lane](#) Supportive actions
- i. **Friday Lunches for 1492 LandBack Lane. Our next delivery date: June 23.** 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!
 - ii. Support their [legal defense fund](#).
- c. **Land Back and Land Litigation.** Currently there are significant conversations before the courts and in government. Here are some places to begin. Follow the news links to go deeper. Please let me know if you have more info. Thank you,
- i. [Six Nations land claim intervenor hearings adjourned, HDI seeking to resolve issues](#) Two Row Times. Thank you, Cindy Stover
[MCFN says it will not delay Six Nations litigation if granted intervenor status](#)
Two Row Times
 - ii. [Parliament studying land back for Indigenous communities](#)

3. Pow Wows this summer - whether you've been often or haven't experienced it yet, heading to a pow wow might be a great idea for a day or weekend out!

- [Anishinabek Nation Annual Pow Wow Guide](#) See p. 32 for pow wow etiquette, which is important to be familiar with before attending any pow wow. The pow wow listings are on pp 33-38. See also anishinabek.ca for Anishinabek pow wows that may not be in the guide. Thank you, Henriëtte Thompson.
- **June 24,25** In Kitchener the [Celebrating Our Truth Pow Wow](#) was part of the Multicultural Festival last year. At this point I haven't seen if it's happening or not, but if you're there, look for it.
- **July 21-23** at Six Nations, Ohsweken Speedway: [Grand River Champion of Champions Powwow](#).
- [Canadian Pow Wows](#) is another source with good background information as well as a listing of pow wows across Canada.

4. Indigenous-led organizations with ongoing intercultural opportunities:

[Woodland Cultural Centre](#) 184 Mohawk St Brantford. The link takes you to a description of events and exhibitions, including 5h. and 5 j. below. The next public virtual tour of the Mohawk Institute is July 19.

[Chiefswood Park](#) 1037 Hwy 54, Ohsweken, has a variety of outdoor events for adults and children, including a midsummer market on June 24. Check out the calendar [here](#).

[Crow Shield Lodge](#) Two locations in Waterloo Region, has a range of events related to education, healing, land stewardship and reconciliation, including 5c. below. Please see the current events listing [here](#).

5. Learning at home and connecting in person

- a. **June 7, 12-1:30 p.m.** Climate Action Dialogues: Indigenous and Global South Perspectives on Just Transition. Hosted by Kairos, online. Learn more and register [here](#).
- b. **June 10 (?), 8 a.m.** Grand River Water Ceremony, All Nations Grand River Water Walk, 650 Otterbein Rd. Kitchener. Check their [Facebook](#) page for date and details.
- c. **June 10, 10 a.m - noon** at the same location as above! [Water Teachings with Mary Anne Caibaiosai](#). Organized by Crow Shield Lodge in partnership with Erb St Mennonite Church. 650 Otterbein Rd. Kitchener. Register [here](#).
- d. **June 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** [Starry Skies through Indigenous Eyes](#) Kairos, online, Indigenous teaching and sharing circles. Registration, \$20.
- e. **June 14, 12-1 p.m.** [Six Nations Polytechnic Lunch and Learn](#). Topic: Six Nations Ecology. Ohsweken Campus - 2160 4th Line Road, Ohsweken.
- f. **June 16 & 17** [Indigenous Spoken Word Slam](#), suggested ticket price \$15.
 - i. **June 16, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.** Catalyst Commons, 137 Glasgow St. Kitchener. Register [here](#),
 - ii. **June 17, 8-11 p.m.** 46 Essex Street Guelph. Register [here](#).
- g. **June 17, 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m.** Decolonizing Journeys grand finale event. Stories of individuals' decolonizing journeys from their own locations and perspectives. See news article [here](#).
- h. **June 21, 6 p.m.**, [Hodinohsho:ni Governance Workshop](#) online, offered by Woodland Cultural Centre.
- i. **June 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**- join [Feather & Cross](#) in a [Crow Shield Lodge Outdoor Experience](#).
- j. **June 24, 2 p.m.** [DibaaJimowin panel talk](#), part of the current exhibition at Woodland Cultural Centre.
- k. **June 26, 12-2 p.m.** Grandmothers' Tea at Five Oaks, 1 Bethel Rd., Paris ON. Click [here](#) for a description. Contact Rhonda Johns at nations.uniting@gmail.com for more information.
- l. **July 8 - 30** [Women of the Fur Trade | Stratford Festival](#).
- m. Lots of other events to learn about through [Eventbrite](#).

On the radar...

- n. **July 12 & 19**, Lunch and Learn [Six Nations Polytechnic](#). Learn about pow wows.
- o. **Aug. 16**, [Healing of the Seven Generations Canoe Day](#). Leave from Breslau. Register by Aug. 1.
- p. **Sept 17-23**, [All Nations Grand River Water Walk](#). You can sign up for updates.

6. Good Reads, News and Views

a. Reads

- i. [Mary Simon Is Leading Indigenous Peoples to New Heights](#) The Walrus, Thank you, Henriëtte Thompson.
- ii. [Murray Sinclair | Truthteller](#) UM Today, the Magazine.
- iii. [10 things you should know about attending a pow wow](#), Guelph Mercury. Thanks for sending this in, Norah Menzies.


b. News

- i. [UWaterloo announces tuition waiver for students from Six Nations and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations](#).
- ii. [The Doctrine of Discovery has been rescinded by the Vatican. What happens next? | Canada's National Observer: News & Analysis](#).

c. Podcasts

- i. [Indigenous 150+](#).

d. Views

- i. [Little Bird](#), showing now on APTN.
- ii.  Indigenous identity theft more widespread than people think, says Métis I...