

Living Into Right Relations – July 2023

Hello,

Welcome to the humid, smoky, glorious days of summer. I hope you and your friends/family have some special times booked together to enjoy this beautiful part of the world. If you're looking for ways to be together, check Section 4. I plan to be on the Grand with the Two Row paddlers from July 19 - 28, taking in the Grand River Pow Wow en route. If August's newsletter is a little late, you'll know why.

The Land Back section has an informative additional sub-section about litigation and land back. I encourage us all to read that. It only takes a few minutes. There has been some movement in the rulings related to 1492 as well. We are still looking for details. If you hear of anything please send an email.

Take care, and may you walk in good company,

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1. Land Back

- a. **[O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#)** - read their Facebook posts.
 - i. Founding member and artist Bangishimo is being honoured in October by KWAG. Info and tickets [here](#).
 - ii. How to support? One way is through Patreon at this link: [O se Kenhionhata tie Land Back Camp | creating a space for Two-Spirit and Indigiqueer folks to reclaim | Patreon](#).

- b. **1492 Land Back Lane**

Recent Post - court decision [absolute discharge for Skyler and others](#).

Supportive actions:

 - i. **Friday Lunches for 1492 LandBack Lane. Our next delivery date: July 28.** 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!

Support their [legal defense fund](#). Skyler refers to the value of this in his post.

- c. **Land Back and Land Litigation:** Saugeen First Nation ruling from the spring and concise summary and short opinion from First People's Law. Worth the 3 minute read!!
 - i. CBC News: [Saugeen First Nation wins treaty ruling on century-old land dispute in Sauble Beach](#).
 - ii. First People's Law [Ontario Court Weighs in on Treaty Rights and Land Back](#).

2. Indigenous-led organizations with ongoing intercultural opportunities:

[Woodland Cultural Centre](#) 184 Mohawk St Brantford. See also 4 a.& and 4. e. below.

[Chiefswood Park](#) at 1037 Hwy 54, Ohsweken, has a variety of outdoor events for adults and children. Check out their Facebook page [here](#).

[Crow Shield Lodge](#) in Waterloo Region has a range of events related to education, healing, land stewardship and reconciliation. This includes regular gardening nights and the all nations drumming circle noted in 4.f below. Please see the current events listing [here](#).

3. Learning at home and connecting in person

- a. **July 5, 6:30-8p.m.** Screening in KW of a new film from Woodland Cultural Centre about the Mohawk Institute: [Silent No More](#). Ken Seiling Waterloo Region Museum, 10 Huron Rd. Tickets [here](#).
- b. **July 8-30**, [Women of the Fur Trade | Stratford Festival](#).
- c. **Jul 9, 3 p.m. Online**, ['Blood and Water' Film Screening and Q/A Session](#) sponsored by Amnesty International. Thank you, Annette Dekker.
- d. **July 15, 8 a.m.** [Grand River Water Ceremony](#). All Nations Grand River Water Walk, 650 Otterbein Rd. Kitchener.
- e. **July 19, 6-8 p.m.** [Virtual public tour of the Mohawk Institute](#).
- f. July 20, 7-8:30 p.m. [All Nations Indigenous Led Drumming Circles](#) McDougall Cottage Historic Site 89 Grand Avenue South Cambridge. No experience needed.
- g. **July 21-23**, [Grand River Champion of Champions Pow Wow](#), Ohsweken Speedway, 1987 Chiefswood Rd., Ohsweken, Six Nations.
- h. **July 27, noon-2 p.m.** Grandmother's Tea. Click [here](#) for a description. Contact Rhonda Johns at nations.uniting@gmail.com for more information.
- i. **July 31, 1:30-3 p.m.** [Nations Uniting](#) Sharing Circle - focussing on the upcoming decision about Indigenous Governance in the United Church. To join this event and be part of their mailing list contact Rhonda Johns at nations.uniting@gmail.com.
- j. **Aug 18-20** [Nawash Pow Wow 2023](#)
- k. Lots of other events to learn about through [Eventbrite](#).
- l. **On the radar...**
- m. **Sept 29 - Oct 1** Seeking Transformation 2023, [Retreat at 5 Oaks](#).
- n. **Sept 17-23**, [All Nations Grand River Water Walk](#)

4. Good Reads, News and Views

a. Reads

- i. [Indigenous Incarcerations Levels: Causes & Disparities](#) from Indigenous Corporate Training's Indigenous Relations Newsletter.
- ii. A glimpse at LIRR conversations in some of the churches
[The United Church of Canada](#)
[Anglican Church](#)

b. News

- i. [Manitoba Children's Advocate denounces police killing of First Nations girl in report - The Globe and Mail](#) Lest we become complacent...

c. Podcasts:

- i. [A different kind of mining company RAVEN](#) (Respecting Aboriginal Values and Environmental Needs). This organization provides Indigenous Peoples with reliable, long-term support so they can defend their legal rights within a thriving natural habitat.
- ii. [The Secret Life of Canada](#) CBC. Thanks, Pam Byers.

d. Views

- i. [Indigenous Stories](#) CBC Gem
- ii. Treaty Promises: Rekindling Treaty-Crown Relationships in Canada. New video series from the Suzuki Foundation. View trailer [here](#). Produced by Anishinaabe-Métis professor Aimée Craft and Foundation boreal campaigner Rachel Plotkin. Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars and activists share their perspectives to raise awareness, foster understanding and honour Indigenous rights and responsibilities. Thank you, Pam from W.I.N.D.
- iii. [How Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Western Science Intersect in Kent Monkman's Being Legendary](#) If you went to this Kent Monkman show at the ROM, you might enjoy this.