

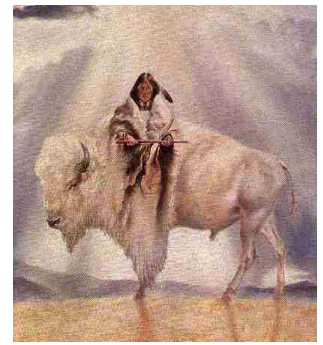
Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

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Newsletter

April 2019

We're still here



Council News

At our March meeting, we discussed many plans for the future. We have been asked to conduct a return “presentation” at the Benjamin Church Retirement Center in Bristol on Sat June 8th. Not sure, yet, if this will be open to the public or private. We are working with Verna, at Sandywoods, on a joint Arts & Crafts Fair. Date to be determined. We are looking at having a “members’ yard sale”. Still working on the specifics on that, but I’m sure we will have the drum out and plenty of room to dance. Also, on May 19th we have been asked to drum at Horse Play’s Open House. I will post as much future event info as I can in next month’s newsletter.

On Sat March 23rd we hosted our 12th Annual Indoor Pow-wow and Spring Gathering. I want to thank all those that came out and supported us. Thanks to “Chief Greyfox Page” for his support. Thanks to “Eagle with 2 Feathers” for opening prayer and a special gift. Thanks to our veterans, who carried the flags at Grand Entry. Thanks to Kevin & Terri, from Eagle Sings, for singing with us. Thanks to all the vendors and artisans. Thanks to our entertainers, Scott S, Scott D and Grandmother Puddingstone. Thanks to the cook shack staff for the great food. And thank you to all the dancers. Hosting a pow-wow, whether indoor or outdoor, is a lot of work. The pleasure is knowing that you are able to offer up Native culture and seeing smiles on people’s faces.

Our Big Event for this month is on April 27th, our annual “Planting of the Corn” ceremony. More info on page 6. ----->

Our prayers go out to all of our extended family members who are sick, ill, or injured. If you know of a member, or friend, of this Council, who is sick or in the hospital, please let us know ASAP.

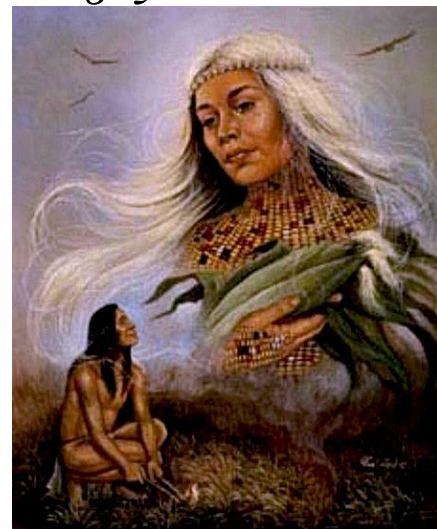
Open drum practices every Thurs night at 6:00. All are welcome to attend. If in doubt – call before you come.

Next meeting is April 7th {bring a friend}

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Planting of the Corn ceremony



Saturday April 27

{rain date Sunday April 28}

222 Middle Rd. Portsmouth RI

12:00 PM

**** smudging & prayers start @ 11:00 ****

Followed by a pot-luck social
{please bring something to share. water, coffee, hamburgers & soda provided by Council}

Drumming and Dancing: Soaring Eagle Singers
(Weather Permitting)

Natives: Regalia Please
Non-natives: Casual Dress

****This is an Alcohol & Drug Free Event****

On the lighter side:



Spiritually Speaking

"We were taught generosity to the poor and reverence for the Great Mystery. Religion was the basis of all Indian training."

--Charles A. Eastman (Ohiyesa), SANTEE SIOUX

Every Indian knows and has a feeling inside that, bottom line, our real purpose on earth is to be of service to our fellow man and to be of maximum service to the Great Spirit. The Creator designed the earth to be self-supporting; everything is interconnected and all things were created to be of service to each other. The Indian way is to pray about all things. Religion is not separate from any part of our lives. Everything is spiritual and we are to view all matters in this way. Family is spiritual, work is spiritual, helping others is spiritual, our bodies are spiritual, our talk is spiritual, our thoughts are spiritual. We need to practice seeing all things as spiritual.

Great Spirit, today let me help the needy and allow me the wisdom to have respect and reverence for Your teachings.

"The sacred fire used to heat the rocks represents the eternal fire that burns at the center of the universe."

--Dr. A.C. Ross (Ehanamani), LAKOTA

Our Sweat Lodge represents the womb of Mother Earth. This is the place of forgiveness. The altar is the place where the Grandfathers are heated. The Sweat Lodge and the altar represent the whole story of the universe. The Sweat Lodge and the ceremonies are sacred. The Great Spirit gave these things to us to help us. He taught us to do the ceremonies in harmony with Mother Earth. We need to know and understand these things.

Great Spirit, let me understand harmony.



Upcoming Events:

Sun April 7

Aquidneck Indian Council's monthly Meeting
222 Middle Rd, Portsmouth RI
401-683-4589 1:00 - ?

Sat April 27 (raindate Sun 28)

Planting of the Corn Ceremony
222 Middle Rd, Portsmouth RI
401-683-4589 12:00 - ?

(personal prayers & smudging at 11:00)

Sun May 5

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Sun May 19

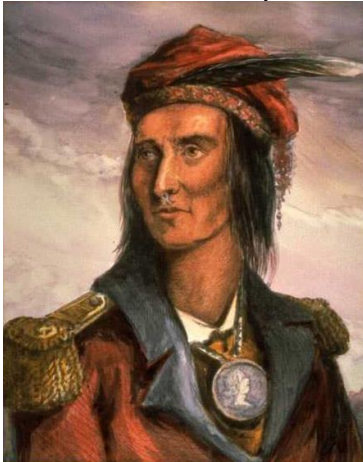
Horse Play Open House
143 Gilbert Stuart Rd
Saunderstown, Rhode Island 02874
(401) 294-3565 12:00 - 4:00

** Above is not a complete list of all events happening in our area, just a highlight. For a full list of Native happenings, check the pow-wow schedule on the Wandering Bull's website.

If any doubt, call before you head out to an event to verify location and dates/times.

Tecumseh

1768 - October 5, 1813



Trouble no one about their religion; respect others in their view, and demand that they respect yours.

Love your life, perfect your life, and beautify all things in your life. Seek to make your life long and its purpose in the service of your people.

Prepare a noble death song for the day when you go over the great divide.

Always give a word or a sign of salute when meeting or passing a friend, even a stranger, when in a lonely place.

Show respect to all people and bow to no one, except the Creator....

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Sunday Services: June thru August - 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Sept. thru May - 10:00 AM to 11:30 with fellowship to follow.

Check out their FB page: First Spiritualist Church of Brockton

For info on either the Wig Wam or Church of Brockton,

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Chickahominy Tribe of Virginia

Native Story: The Bear Story

by Lee Whitehorse

A long time ago, the Crow Indians attacked a Cheyenne camp. A woman escaped with her baby and ran and ran from the Crow hunting them. She ran and ran, all night, all day, and all night again. She began to tire and fear for her baby's life.



She noticed a big grizzly following her. Grizzly, being a precise killer, followed her exact footsteps. Step by step he followed her. She began to cry, for she knew if the Crow didn't get her, the bear would kill her and her baby.



She started to run again, all night, all day, and all night again. The big grizzly following her the entire time, matching every step she took. She knew she could never escape him, he was right on her trail, step by step. Finally, she could go no further, tired out, she fell. Holding her baby she cried and begged as the grizzly approached them.



Alas the bear spoke, "Do not be afraid Cheyenne woman, the Crow will not find you or your baby, I have been following you and covering your tracks the entire time".

Native Teaching: What is the Calumet?

by Beverly Morningstar



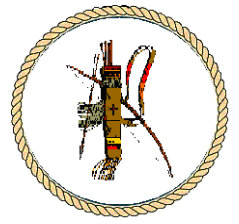
The name Calumet may not be very familiar to many of us. However, most of us do know it by the name of the Peace Pipe. This was the name that the white man called it and the one most people would recognize by this name. It was one of the most sacred objects to our ancestors from the eastern part of the country across to the Rockies. It was used in almost all of the important ceremonies and was used as a peace pipe as well as a war one. The calumet was smoked by the highest ranking people who were representing their tribes usually to assure a deal was met or as a sign of friendship. There were other times it was smoked such as to bring rain, banish evil spirits, during medicinal healings, or to assured victory over a battle with their enemies.

The very first of the Calumet version used was simply a bunch of sacred reeds or a shaft. It was later on that our ancestors took a bundle of reeds made an altar, added tobacco, sometimes using a homemade pipe bowl and burnt the mixture offering to our Great Spirit. The pipe was unique itself because each one was decorated in a different manner. Some were highly decorated with feathers, quillwork, hair, birds, beadwork, and carvings. The bowl of the pipe itself was all handcrafted in amazing carvings. The feathers on the shaft would be painted red when the tribe went to war symbolizing the shedding of the enemy's blood some imply.

Most of the pipes were made of pipestone just as they are today. Some of the tribes would travel to southwest Minnesota to the quarries and get red clay stone to make their pipes. Different tribes had different variations of their pipes and what they used in making them. The shinbones of the deer/antelope were also used as well as the neck muscles of the buffalo and they would twist them into a certain shape and allow them to dry.

Conclusion: Our Grandfathers always had peace in their hearts and prayed for peace they always kept their word by smoking the Sacred Pipe with others to seal it. They prayed and showed respect by offering Sacred Smoke up to our Creator daily. Let us ask ourselves do we show the same respect for others with peace in our hearts and do we pray daily for guidance from Great Spirit. Great Spirit teach me the wisdom of our ancestors so I too can honor you and others the way they did whereby I can also honor them as well.





The
AQUIDNECK ISLAND
INTERTRIBAL INDIAN
COUNCIL



Invites you to attend
The “Planting of the Corn” ceremony

Followed by a “Pipe” and “Fire” ceremony

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{rain date Sunday April 28}

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12:00 (noon)

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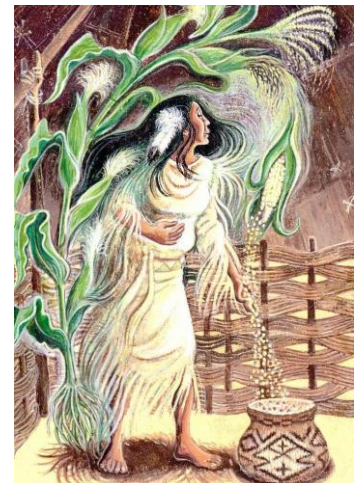
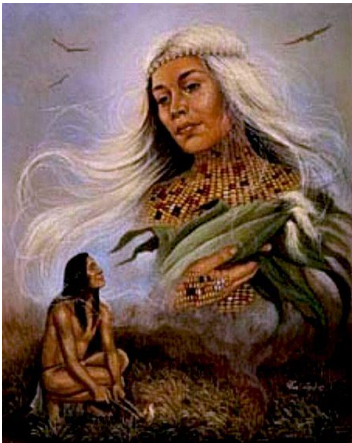
Followed by drumming, singing and dancing

Music by the Soaring Eagle Singers
{weather permitting}

Followed by a pot-luck social
{please bring something to share}

Natives: Regalia
please Non-natives:
Casual dress

** **ALCOHOL & DRUG FREE EVENT** **



For more information

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Native Recipe

Easy Clam Cakes



When the colonists landed, they found that the Indian used shell money as their trading medium. It was called “Wampum Peak” or “Wampum”. Peak was the white portion of the shell, Wampum was the purple part and considered twice as valuable. Wampum was shaped like tubes, each piece one inch long, or less and one eighth of an inch in diameter. They were drilled by hand and strung on a string measured in “cubits”, the distance from the tip of the little finger to the elbow, regardless of the size of the person.

Shells were used in other way by the peoples of the Eastern Woodlands. They were used as digging tools and giant scallop shells (6 to 7 inches wide) were often used as dishes.

Ingredients:

1 can minced clams & juice or approx. 6 large cooked/boiled clams/quahogs diced
1½ cup flour 1 teaspoon baking powder 1 egg white
Salt, pepper, sugar to taste

Instructions:

Mix together and drop approx. 1 inch balls, by tablespoon, into VERY HOT oil (approx 1 inch deep)

Cook till golden. It only takes a couple of minutes, so don't walk away.

Drain and devour. You may want to sprinkle salt on them or use tobacco sauce.

Serves 4

Next meeting:



**** Sunday April 7, 1:00**
@ 222 Middle Rd Portsmouth
Guests Always Welcome

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Dreams of Wolves (Barbara Sly), Secretary
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Inspirational:

If I reach my hand forward in friendship, and you refuse to take it, who is the lesser person? If I strive to create something special for me and my family, who has the right to try and supplant my lawful undertakings? Only Creator has that right.

From 3 Horses:

I want to allude to the fact, I always say “We”, “Our”, “Us” when referring to the Council and Its goals or efforts. I was asked before, “Do you always talk as the 2nd person”? My response was easy, “When it comes to the Council, or other Native issues, “We” are all One. “I” am only as strong as “We” make “me”. “We” are a team, a Tiyosopae – an extended family. We are one people working for the same purpose, towards the same goal; to be understood, to be respected and to be closer to the Great Spirit, the Creator, the Ancient One Above. Do this; say or read the Lord’s Prayer, you will see, not once in that prayer does it say I, myself or me. It say’s Us, We and Our. *We work well as a family, all praise, honor & respect to us all.*

Thank you all for our success. I’m sure Great One Above is smiling on us. *Wakan Tanka, Kici Un, Mitakueye Oyasin*

See you along the Good Red Road. *Peace.....*

3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves

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