

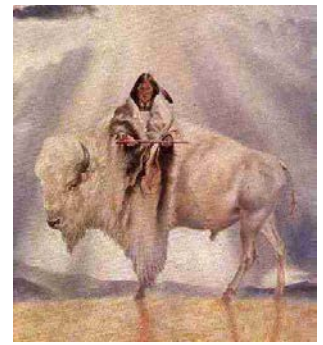
# Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

(est. Oct. 14, 2007)

## Newsletter

April 2018

*We're still here*



### Council News

At the time of writing this newsletter; we haven't hosted our 11 Annual Indoor Pow-wow, which is Sat March 24<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully we will have a good turnout and all that attend will have a great time.

Strong Woman has been in touch with the Activities Director at the RI Veterans Home in Bristol. They have asked us to perform for the residents tentatively on Sat May 13th. I know one of the residents, John, has been telling me that there are a lot of Vets waiting for our return. I guess the word spread from our Christmas visit. It's an honor to spread our medicine to our veterans.



Come join us at our Annual Planting of the Corn ceremony. The date is Sat April 28<sup>th</sup> ----->

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.

Drum practices have been every Thursday at 6:00. If anyone wishes to come and join us at the drum, or even just to enjoy the friendship, the door is always open..

**\*\* Due to April 1<sup>st</sup> being Easter, April's meeting is Sunday April 8.**

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## *"Planting of the Corn" ceremony*



*Including a Pipe, and a Fire ceremony*

**Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> 12:00**

**\*\* Rain date: Sun April 29\*\***

Smudging & special prayers – 11:00

**@ 222Middle Rd, Portsmouth RI**

Open to the public - all are welcome.

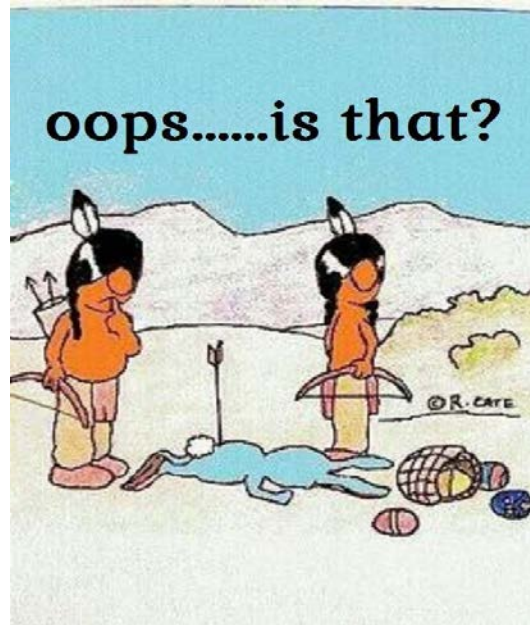
Drumming by: the Soaring Eagle Singers  
{Weather permitting}

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

Natives: Regalia please

Non-natives: Casual dress

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



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## *Spiritually Speaking*

*"Modern civilization has no understanding of sacred matters. Everything is backwards."*

*--Thomas Yellowtail, Crow*

Modern civilization says, don't pray in school; don't pray at work; only go to church on Sunday. If you don't believe what I believe, you'll go to hell. Deviancy is normal. Our role models cheat, drink and run around; these are the people in the news. The news sells bad news; no one wants to hear good news. Kids are killing kids. Victims have little protection. Violence is normal. Leaders cheat and lie. Everything is backwards. We need to pray for spiritual intervention. We need to have guidance from the Creator to help us rebuild our families, our communities and ourselves. Today, I will pray for spiritual intervention from the Great Spirit.

Grandfather, we pray for Your help.

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*"If those bad words come, I let them come in one ear and go out the other. I never let them come out of my mouth. If a bad word comes in your ear and then comes out of your mouth, it will go someplace and hurt somebody. If I did that, that hurt would come back twice as hard on me."*

*--Wallace Black Elk, LAKOTA*

What do we do with temptations when they come? What do we do when we hear gossip? What do we do when we hear bad things? If we hear these things and pass them on we will not only hurt the other person, but we will do harm to ourselves. We must be careful not to hurt others. Whatever we sew we will simultaneously reap for ourselves. We must be accountable for our own actions.

Great Spirit, today, let no words come from my lips that would hurt another.



## Upcoming Events:

Sat Mar 24

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Indoor Pow-wow and Spring Gathering  
Knights of Columbus Hall, 7 Valley Rd Middletown RI  
401-683-4589 9:00 – 5:00

Sun April 8

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

Sat April 28

(raindate Sun 29)

Planting of the Corn ceremony  
222 Middle Rd, Portsmouth RI  
401-683-4589 11:00 – 5:00

Sat May 5

American Legion Special Meeting,  
222 Middle Rd, Portsmouth RI  
10:00 - ?

Sun May 6

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

Sun May 13

RI Veteran's Home – drumming for the Veterans  
480 Metacom Ave Bristol RI  
2:00 – 4:00

Sun May 20

Horse Play – Open House, Blessing and Drumming  
143 Gilbert Stuart Rd  
Saunderstown, Rhode Island 02874  
(401) 294-3565

Sun June 3

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

\*\* 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.



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## **Native Teaching: The Story of the Drum**

*Narrated by: 3 Horses*



### ***An Abenaki Legend***

It is said that when Creator was giving a place for all the spirits to dwell who would be taking part in the inhabitation of Mother Earth, there came a sound, a loud BOOM, from off in the distance.

As Creator listened, the sound kept coming closer and closer until it was finally right in front of Him. “Who are you?” asked Creator. “I am the spirit of the drum”, was the reply. “I have come here to ask you to allow me to take part in this wonderful thing.” “How will you take part?” Creator questioned. “I would like to accompany the singing of the people. When they sing from their hearts, I will sing as though I was the heartbeat of Mother Earth. In that way, all creation will sing in harmony.” Creator granted the request, and from then on, the drum accompanied the people’s voices.

Throughout all of the indigenous peoples of the world, the drum is the center of all songs. It is the catalyst for the spirit of the songs to rise up to the Creator so that the prayers in those songs reach where they were meant to go. At all times, the sound of the drum brings completeness, awe, excitement, solemnity, strength, courage and the fulfillment to the songs. It is Mother’s heartbeat giving her approval to those living upon her. It draws the eagle to it, who then carries the message to Creator.

It changes people’s lives....



## **Editorial: Through “White” Eyes**

*by Dreams of Wolves*



In all the years of living within the Native American culture, I have seen how spiritual the Natives are. Everything they do is for the Creator. This culture respects Mother Earth, compared to watching people taking it for granted. The non-native think that Mother is just there for them to destroy. The Native are respectful; they take something from Mother and they offer Her something in return, like tobacco.

They are respectful to all living things. Animals are precious to them. They do not kill animals just so someone wants to walk around in a fur coat. The animal is so respected that if they have to kill an animal for food, they pray for forgiveness from that animal. Every part is used, nothing is wasted. All life is precious.

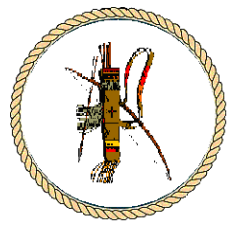
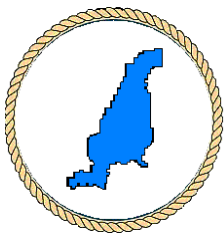
Watching the Natives I have learned so much. The ceremonies are all beautiful. Watching and taking part in the “Healing of the Water ceremony” is so special. It takes place at a brook, lake or other body of water. Everyone’s prayers go into that body of water and it flows over Mother and touches all other waters, so the prayers keep spreading. All ceremonies have a special meaning.

I’m grateful that I can live in this spiritual world. It brings me closer to Creator, more than going to a church. Religion is one thing, spirituality brings one closer to Creator, it makes you feel like you are one on one with Him. Just being outside sitting in a garden or under a tree and meditating on all the beauty of His creation and seeing it through a Native’s eyes, makes you appreciate all that is sacred to the Native people.

I watch how Native people live up to their culture. There are some that you feel so comfortable with. They teach you so much just by sitting and speaking with them. But I also know that there are some that pretend to live the culture. These are people that say they are something that they are not. I am a people watcher and I love watching a true Native living the culture. You can always tell which ones are real and which is fake.

So through my eyes I see the beauty of the culture and feel the closeness of the Ancestors and the love the Creator shows to His people. If everyone would respect the land that Creator has blessed them with and started to try to clean up Mother Earth, and see the beauty in Her, as the Natives do; it would be a beautiful place to live.

and I THINK to  
MYSELF what a  
Wonderful  
WORLD...



The  
**AQUIDNECK ISLAND**  
**INTERTRIBAL INDIAN COUNCIL**



Invites you to attend  
*The “Planting of the Corn” ceremony*  
*followed by a Pipe, and a Fire ceremony*



**Saturday April 28**

{rain date Sunday April 29}

222 Middle Rd. Portsmouth RI

**12:00**

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



Followed by drumming, singing and dancing  
 Music by the Soaring Eagle Singers  
 {weather permitting}

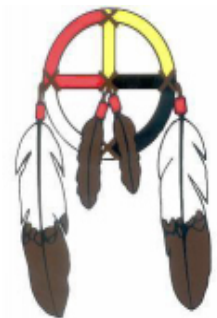
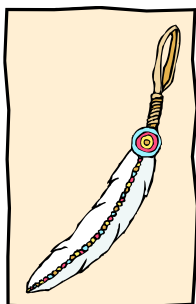
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# Native Recipe

## *Salmon Fluff*



The American Salmon are larger than those in Europe. They were once as plentiful as Codfish in major rivers of the Northeast.

After many successful seasons, the Indians knew the exact time of the year the Salmon would spawn. When this “run” up the rivers began, the men and the children would gather on the banks to catch as many as they could so they might dry and smoke them for winter use.

Sometimes the dried fish were pounded into a flat sheet, like pemmican, and stored in baskets.

They had all type of fishing gear, but dip nets were the most common, followed by harpoons and weirs.



### Ingredients:

16 oz of Red Salmon  
1 teaspoon salt  
½ cup milk

3 tablespoons butter  
½ teaspoon dry mustard  
½ cup cream

3 tablespoons flour  
½ teaspoon Worcestershire  
4 eggs separated

### Instructions:

Prepare 1 ½ hours before serving. Preheat oven to 375\*

Butter a 1 ½ quart soufflé dish. In a saucepan melt butter and stir in flour, salt, mustard and Worcestershire until blended. Stir in milk and cream until thickened.

Cool a bit; then beat in egg yolks, one at a time. Flake salmon in a separate bowl and add liquid and all to mixture.

In another bowl, beat egg whites to stiff peaks, then fold into mixture. Pour it all into soufflé dish and bake 40 – 45 minutes. Serve immediately.

Serves 4

# Next meeting:



**\*\* Sunday April 8, 1:00  
@ 222 Middle Rd Portsmouth**

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### Inspirational:

The path of glory is rough and many gloomy hours obscure it. May the Great Spirit shed light on yours.

*Black Hawk, Sauk*

### From 3 Horses:

I smell it, Spring is almost here. With the Planting of the Corn, I hope that it will cultivate good things for us and our future. Spring is a sign of rebirth and growth. I know we will be growing, in numbers soon, but I hope we will all be growing closer together as a tight family unit. Spring is also a sign of renewal & healing. If you are carrying any excess winter baggage, now is the time to discard it. Come to the drum, come to the ceremonies, follow the direction of the pipe, come for healing. Make that renewed connection with Creator. Ask the Great Spirit to come down and into your heart and to be part of your life and to lead you on the right path. *“Great One Above, my past is in the past, let me learn from it, but not dwell on it. Let me go from here on in, on a straight path, one that leads me to the final goal; to be one with You and all my relations on that higher plain”. A-ho!*

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

*Happy Easter.. Happy Spring...*

*3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves*



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