

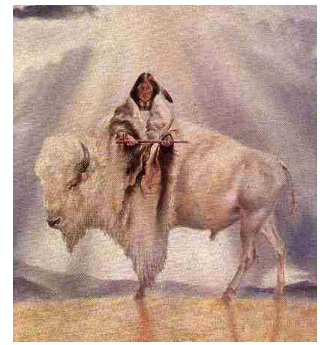
Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

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Newsletter

Oct 2018

We're still here



Council News

On Sat Sept 15th we attended a Country Day at Pardon Gray. As always, we are there to offer our mixed culture thru lecturing, drumming & singing and showing & explaining artifacts and other Native related items. It was a hot and steamy day, but we survived.

On Sat Sept 29th we will venture to New Bedford to attend the Native wedding renewal of Lady Hawk and Mota Hota Ska. We will be drumming and adding our medicine to the ceremony.

**On Friday Oct 5th we will be helping Sandywoods Center for the Arts conduct a "National Native American Day" celebration; 6:30 at 43 Muse Way Tiverton RI. There will be a gathering at the "Community Gardens" approx. 6:00 and the people will convene to the "Community Hall" for our presentation of a mixed culture lecture and drumming and dancing. Native Artisans will be on hand to show their handiwork. Come out and celebrate the observance.

On Sat Oct 20th, come join with us at what has become an annual event, the "Healing of the Water" ceremony. (Healing of the Water is an Ojibwa/Chippewa style ceremony whereby everyone is invited to offer their prayers and blessings upon a certain body of water, {the brook}, for all water to be clean and purified. The prayers then flow over Mother Earth and touch every other body of water that this brook is connected to.) ----->

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.

Next meeting is Sunday Oct 7.

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Healing of the Water ceremony and Pipe ceremony

Saturday, Oct 20, 2018

** (rain date Sun Oct 21) **

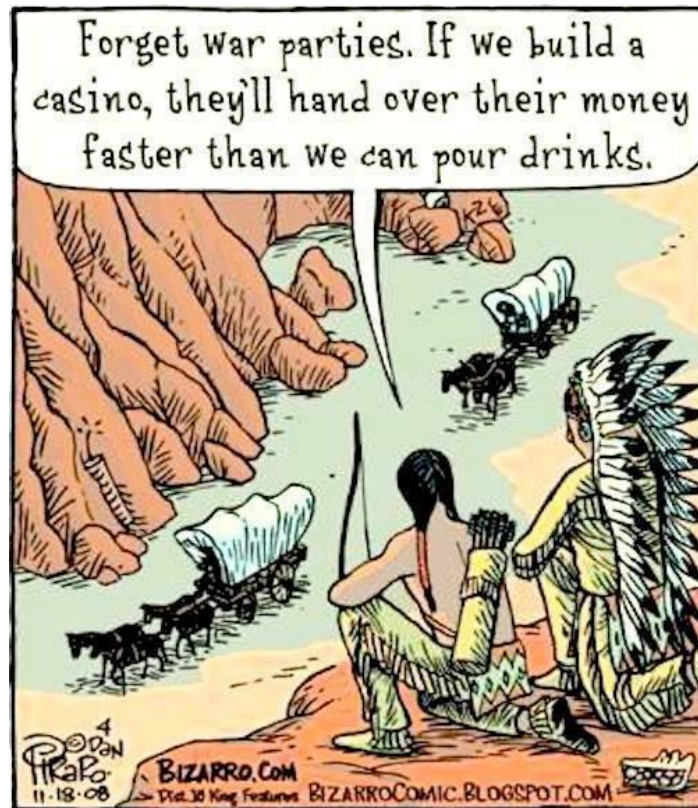
@ Founders Brook Park
Old Boyd's Lane, Portsmouth RI

Ceremony to start at 12:00
Smudging starts at 11:30

Followed by a Pot Luck late lunch & dancing
@ 222 Middle Rd Portsmouth
(please bring something to share)

Natives: Regalia please
Non-natives: Casual

R.S.V.P.: on or before 10/1
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Spiritually Speaking

"The dances are prayers."

--Pop Chalee, Taos Pueblo

When we dance to the drum we pray to the Creator and attract the heartbeat of the earth. We never dance without reason; every dance has a purpose. We dance for rain; we dance for healing; we dance for seasons; we dance for joy; we dance for our children; we dance for the people; we dance for courage. The drum plays to the beat of the heart, to the beat of the Earth. The drum connects us to the Earth while we dance our prayers.

Oh, Great One, let my dance and prayer be heard by You.

"The teachings are for all, not just for the Indian... The white people never wanted to learn before. They thought we were savages. Now they have a different understanding, and they do want to learn. We are all children of God. The tradition is open to anyone who wants to learn."

--Don Jose Matusuwa, Huichol

In the summer of 1994, a white buffalo calf was born. This means that now is the time for all races to come together. The Elders say that at this time a voice from within will speak to everyone. It will say now is the time to forgive, now is the time to come together. Are we willing to do this? Are we willing to quit judging other people? The Elders say, He will be talking through people of all races and gender. We need to open our hearts and welcome our brothers and sisters.

Great Spirit, let my ears be open as I walk the path You have chosen for me.

Upcoming Events:

Fri Oct 5

Native American Day observance
Sandywoods Center for the Arts
43 Muse Way, Tiverton, RI
401-683-4589 6:30

Sun Oct 7

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

Sat Oct 20 (raindate Sun Oct 21)

Healing of the Water ceremony
Founder's Brook Old Boyd's Ln Portsmouth
401-683-4589 12:00 - ?

Sun Nov 4

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

Sat Nov 10

Fall Lunch & Dance Social
Sandywoods Center for the Arts
43 Muse Way, Tiverton, RI
401-683-4589 12:00 - 5:00

** 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.

Events 2: Fall & Winter Socials

We are happy to announce our return to Sandywoods Farm for our upcoming Socials this year. We thank Verna and the staff of Sandywoods for the use of their community hall.

Remember: ALL are welcome to attend any/all our functions, invite your friends.

Notices/flyers will be in the monthly newsletters and in Facebook events. Always a fun time, good food, good raffle items, great friendships, and the drum isn't too bad either.

Sandywoods Farm/Center for the Arts
43 Muse Way Tiverton RI

Saturday	Nov 10,	12:00-5:00
Saturday	Dec 8,	12:00-5:00
Saturday	Jan 12,	12:00-5:00
Saturday	Feb 9,	12:00-5:00

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White Earth Ojibwe

Native Teaching: Native AMERICAN TREE TRAIL MARKERS

By Bev Morningstar



What is a “trail marker tree”, many of you may ask? The photos above show what they look like, if you do further research on them you will find some interesting studies. Trail trees sometimes called prayer trees, are found throughout our country. Our ancestors intentionally shaped these trees in a distinctive shape. They have a horizontal shape some shape are only several feet off the ground while others are higher.

Well; I personally did not know what they were myself until a few weeks ago. A man living in Watkins Glen had a huge tree that was close to his house. It was over one hundred feet in height and approximately 80+ years it was estimated by its rings. He had to cut it down because some of the huge branches were rotten and broke off damaging his roof. I did manage to get a piece of it as a keepsake. It was only after cutting some of the huge branches that it was revealed to all of us that the tree was in fact a trail tree. One of its huge branches that had been actually hidden from view was pointing directly in the direction of the GLEN. In the Glen is an old Indian trail and a fresh water supply. The tree may have been used to point out the direction to tribes fleeing from the whites or just travelers.

The first known trail tree was found in Monterey, Tennessee on someone’s private property by accident. The town’s original name was Standing Stone. Traditional Native American ceremonies are still held to honor the standing stone in Monterey.

There is a trail marker tree in White County, Indiana it is one of two enormous white oak trail marker trees in the country, their age is estimated to be over 350 years old. Once again these trees are on private property and maintained by the owners with the assistance of the community out of respect for our people. A Native American Elder was quoted as saying “that there are fewer than a handful of these trees left today in Indiana today. These are special gifts were made for our People as they journeyed to find their way back home to their loved ones in the circle.

Conclusion: Way before there were street signs our ancestors knew how to show direction to guide their people to safety and food and water. What an honor it is for me to have a piece of history in my home that one of our ancestors planted here on Mother Earth. Next time when you are out walking pay attention to the tree people and see if our ancestors left signs for you. By the way the owner of that tree loved it as well and used the wood to make beautiful furniture for his home it devastated him to have to cut it down.

When the Animals Forgot How to Talk -or- The Talking Feather

by Jerry Yellow Turtle



One day, after the animals had settled in what became their homes, everything became silent. Napi made his way to Ageo Ca Chook to talk to the Creator or Great Spirit.

When He saw Napi, He came to him. Napi called to Him, “Father, I am very lonely without anyone to talk to. Can You give the animals voices?” Creator replied, “It is as you wish, enjoy”, as He paddled off across the sky.

Returning to the valley below, he found the animals waiting for him. They were excited to have found a voice. They all wanted to be heard at the same time, and got louder until Napi couldn’t think. He sent them all away until he could figure a solution to the noise.

He went to Skoo Kum Chuck, to his maple trees, for peace & quite. He sat there for several days. On or about the fourth day a bald eagle came to him and spoke thus, “Ho Grandfather, I, like you, have been seeking an answer to the noise. This is what has come to me.” So saying, he released one of his beautiful feathers “Take this feather and call all the animals back to you. Tell them this is a ‘Talking Feather’. Not that it talks, the one holding it does. Everyone else listens. When you are finished, pass it to anyone else who has something to say”.



Napi thought it was a wonderful idea and told the animals that each family should have a feather and anyone in the family, from the oldest to the youngest, need only to pick up the feather and the family should sit down and listen, for everyone has a right to be heard. Smiling, Napi said, “I Have Spoken”.

Yellow Turtle





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You are invited to join us at the:

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and Pipe ceremony*

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Hosted by: THE AQUIDNECK INDIAN COUNCIL

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Music performed by the Soaring Eagle Singers

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Native Recipe

"Green" Potato Soup



Watercress is a member of the mustard family. The Indian found it successful for several medicinal purposes. For example, it increased the flow of urine, as does Flax and Goldenrod, among others. It was also believed to ease labor pains and dissolve Gallstones.

Ingredients:

4 or 5 large potatoes	1 bunch watercress, chopped	1 large onion, chopped
5 tablespoons butter	1 ½ quarts chicken broth	2 tablespoons parsley
1 cup cream	pinch each: salt, pepper, nutmeg & sugar	

Instructions:

Saute` the onion in 4 tablespoons of butter, until golden.

Cube potatoes and simmer in chicken broth until soft. Add watercress, parsley, salt, pepper, nutmeg and sugar.

When cooled, add the cream and remainder 1 tablespoon of butter.

Keep hot, but DO NOT BOIL.

Serves 4

Next meeting:



**** Sunday Oct 7, 1:00
@ 222 Middle Rd Portsmouth**

Guests Always Welcome

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Inspirational:

So live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart.

Tecumsah, Shawnee

From 3 Horses:

Some time ago, a friend asked me a question, "If you had to give someone a bit of wisdom, what would it be"? Not having to think twice, I told her the adage I've learned from trying to stay walking on the Red Road, "There are many paths. Creator has set a path before each of us. I must walk my path. You must walk yours. We may walk along side of each other. Our paths cross many times. But, I cannot walk your path, and you cannot walk mine. We must each choose the right path to walk".

Sometimes it is hard to walk "your" path. Others try to tell you which path is right for you. Others will try to get you to follow "their" path. When in doubt, stop and ask the Great Spirit for guidance. He will show you the right path, even if there are some dips in the road, or stumbling blocks, stay focused and follow the right path, and never be afraid to stumble, it's a learning experience. You never stop learning till the very end. Even at that; death is a learning experience. *Creator let me to never stop learning and to be able to choose the correct path.*

See you along the Good Red Road.

Peace.....

3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves

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