

Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

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Newsletter

September 2015



Council News

Summer is almost over. Hope everyone enjoyed themselves, time for the Council to get back to work.

July 4th cookout, fireworks and campout went well, hope all that came had a good time.

We had a good time drumming at the Wig Wam Spiritual Retreat in Onset. Our connection with Patti, and her congregation, always proves to open new learning experiences.

Over the summer there has been a few new people come to our events – Marie, Anna and Karen. Let's hope to see more of these new faces around our campfire, at our meetings and around the drum.

At this month's meeting, we have another application for membership to be read. For those who don't know her, come and meet Marie.

Sept will be a busy month for the Council. Please check the Calendar of Events on page 3 and see which ones you can attend. We will discuss them in detail at the meeting on the 6th.

For those of you who don't know, we are still looking for a hall to host our Fall/Winter Socials. I have been in contact with a few places. Hope to have more info at our meeting.

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..

If you know of a member, or friend of this Council, who is sick or in the hospital, please let us know ASAP.

*****See you at the next meeting: Sunday Sept 6***

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Not all Indians live or lived in teepees.



Believe it or not, during our lectures, when I ask the question, "How many people think we live in teepees?" - there are still a lot of hands raised...

On the lighter side:



"It Blundering Bear! Him say,
'Call fire department!'"

Spiritually Speaking

"May there be peace when we meet."

Audrey Shenandoah, Onondaga

The Elders tell us the greatest gift we can seek is peace of mind; to walk in balance, to respect all things. For us to do this we must have peace within ourselves and peace within ourselves cannot come unless we are walking the path the Creator would have us walk. Sometimes the tests on this path are difficult, but we know that each test makes us stronger.

Oh Great Spirit, I ask You to whisper Your wisdom in my heart. You are the only one who knows the secret to peaceful living and the mystery of harmony. Teach me of Your peace, understanding and balance, and guide me onto Your good path.

The lands of the planet call to the humankind for redemption. It is a redemption of sanity, not a supernatural reclamation project at the end of history. The planet itself calls to the other living species for relief. Religion cannot be kept within the bounds of sermons and scriptures. It is a force in and of itself and it calls for the integration of lands and peoples in harmonious unity. The land waits for those who can discern their rhythms. The peculiar genius of each continent – each river valley, the rugged mountains, the placid lakes – all call for relief from the constant burden of exploitation.

Vine Deloria, Lakota



Upcoming Events:

Sun Sept 6
Aquidneck Indian Council's Monthly Meeting
222 Middle Rd, Portsmouth RI
401-683-4589 1:00 - ?

Sat & Sun Sept 19 & 20
Eagle Sings Wellbriety Pow-wow
Chase Farm, 669 Great Rd
Lincoln RI
774-451-7876 10:00 - 5:00

Sat Sept 26
A Country Day at Pardon Gray
Pardon Gray Preserve, Main Rd Tiverton
401-625-1300 Time: 10:00 - 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.

Red Road Ethic: Seek Wisdom



Those who are wise have lived a lifetime with ears open and a willingness to not only experience truth, but to pursue it as well.

Wisdom is gained by:

Listening to your elders, they have walked a longer path than you.

Seeking all that is true. Wisdom lies within honesty, not deception.

Realizing that education is never-ending. Even death is a final lesson.

Learning from Mother Nature. Her wisdom is infinite.

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Preserving the Island's open spaces and natural character for the lasting benefit of our community.

Looking for a new style or place of Worship?

The Oniset Wig Wam Spiritualist Camp

9 Crescent Place, Onset, MA.

Opening May for the 2015 Season

www.OnisetWigwam.com

or

First Spiritualist Church of Brockton

243 Winthrop St. Rehoboth, MA (Grange Bldg. Rte 118 & 44)

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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Editorial:

The Mask of lies

by: Ashley Painted Sky



When you wake up and put on your mask do you do it to hide from yourself do you lie to yourself too or just those whom you wish not to know your true nature?

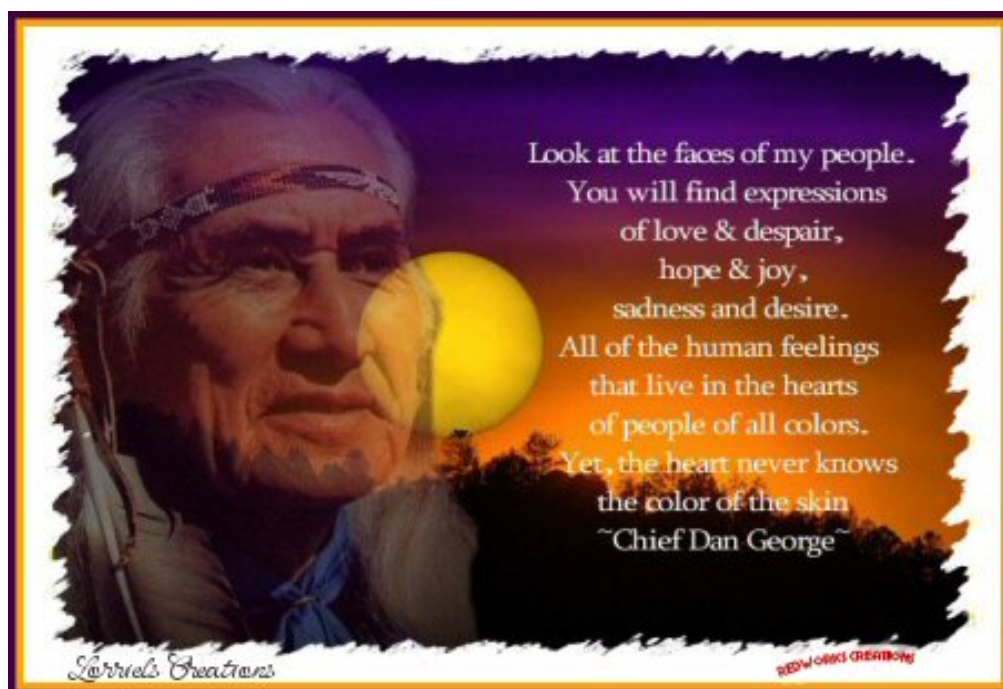
Who are you truly hiding from to have to wear such a disguise?

If the trees could wear a mask they would still be trees, if the chicken wore a mask of a hawk it would still be a chicken...

We all have our walls to protect ourselves but when you have to wear a mask of lies you are protecting no one, not even yourself because a mask of lies is deceitful and there are those who can see who hides behind this mask of lies and those are the people of truth who wear no mask but expose who they are because they are true to themselves and those around them.

Those who show their faces do not hide from Creator but embrace all life and follow the proper road.

What road are you really on? Maybe that's something to think about before you put on that mask in the morning, before you lie..



Look at the faces of my people.
You will find expressions
of love & despair,
hope & joy,
sadness and desire.
All of the human feelings
that live in the hearts
of people of all colors.
Yet, the heart never knows
the color of the skin
~Chief Dan George~

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Native Teaching:

The Vision Quest
by Karen Morning Star

Vision Quest



*High upom a rugged mountain top, where lands shadeless
and barren laid, A lonely figure stood silently watching the
birth of a bright new day.*

*Corded muscles brazed and glistening in the hot dry desert
sun, parched lips plagued by thirst and hunger, a young man's
journey had just begun.*

*The sun descending in the west brought the night air to chill
his bones, memories and images played in his mind of a place
he'd once called home.*

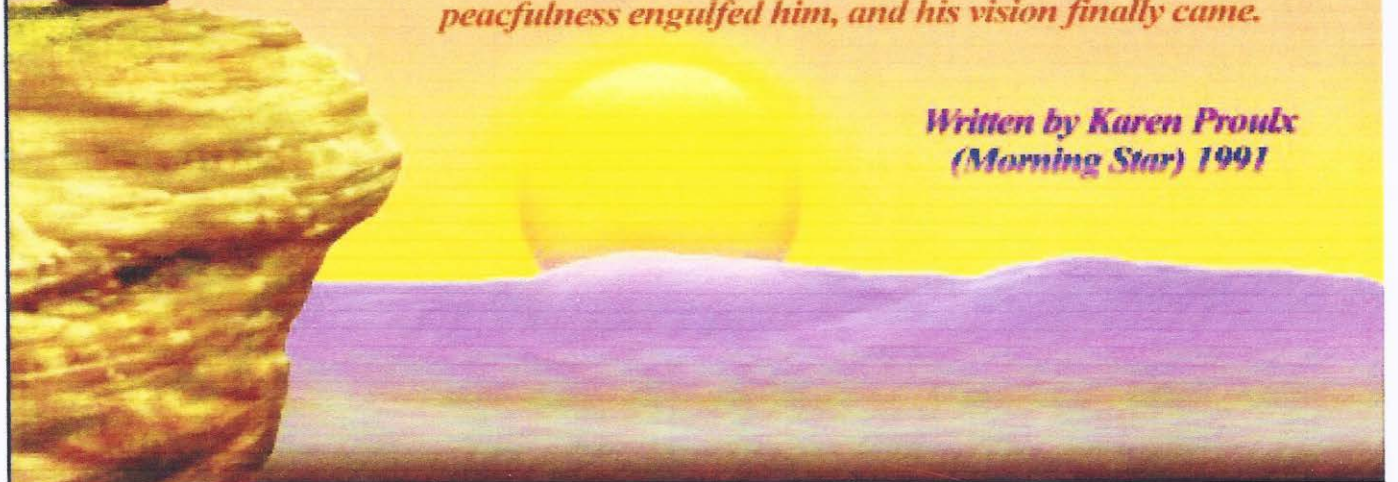
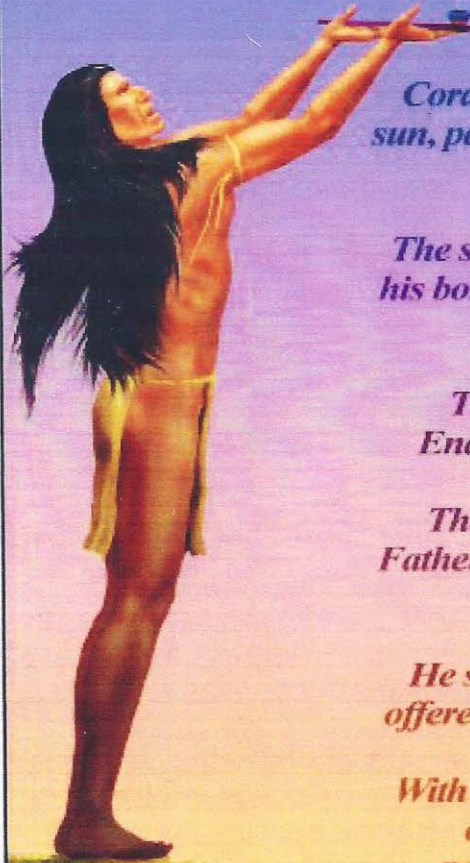
*Time seemed immobile as he continued on his quest,
Endurance of his spirit were put through unyielding test.*

*The four directions he would honor, Mother Earth, and
Father Sky, catching a glimpse of brother eagle, he too wished
he could fly.*

*He sang the song of Creation and smoked the sacred pipe,
offered cornmeal and tobacco, praying for a vision that night.*

*With a heavy heart, no longer could he endure, the elements
of cold wind and rain. A final cry tore from his lips,
peacefulness engulfed him, and his vision finally came.*

*Written by Karen Proulx
(Morning Star) 1991*





Eagle Sings

CHASE FARM
669 Great Road
Lincoln, RI

WELLBRIETY POWWOW

September 19 & 20

**Native American
Drumming & Dancing
EMCEE STAR WAITE**

- \$2 for Adults
- Youth 16 & under *FREE!*
- Native Craft Vendors
- Drums & Traders by Invite Only
- Camping available - NO OPEN FIRES!
- NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS PERMITTED
- Spot Dances

Traders open at 10am-5pm

Grand Entry at 12 NOON Sat & Sun

Special Wellbriety Dances by Eagle Sings Drum

Come out and join us who are in Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Addiction and also those who are Survivors of Domestic Violence. We also want to help in any way we can to give direction to those who are struggling with these challenges in life as Native or Non-Native people.

Bring a chair and let's enjoy a time to share in the Native Culture and set a positive path for the road ahead!

**Special Guest from Anchor Recovery
Community Center**

Sponsored along with Thirteen Moons Turtle Clan and Friends of Hearthside

Native Recipe

Chestnut Cakes



Once the great American Chestnut tree prospered in this country. Indians ate chestnuts for years, usually roasted and eaten plain. Indian women also pounded them into flour and mixed this with cornmeal, wrapping the mixture very tight in corn husks and then boiling.

Colonists stored chestnuts successfully for winter use and used them in many ways – roasted, in cakes with vegetables, with meats (often as stuffing) and even as desserts.



Ingredients:

1 lb chestnuts ½ small onion cornmeal pinch of salt, to taste

Instructions:

Roast 1 lb of chestnuts, cool, peel and puree.

Add ½ small onion chopped fine and enough cornmeal and boiling water to hold mixture together.

Make hamburger – size patties and fry in hot oil till golden on each side. Drain, salt and eat! Do not salt before cooking, as it causes cornmeal to crumble.

Next meeting:



**** Sunday Sept 6, 1:00**
@ 222 Middle Rd Portsmouth
Guests Always Welcome



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(see *Dreams of Wolves* for a detailed list)



Inspirational:

Experience is the wisest teacher....

3 Horses, Comanche

From 3 Horses:

In our busy lives we seem to have so much to do and so little time to do it, or even to enjoy it. It feels like time goes by swiftly and you later realize you missed out on something good.

There are two wills available for us: self will and God's will. Our choice is: figure it out ourselves, or have the Creator involved in our lives. If we are honest with ourselves and look at past experiences, what are our lives like when we try to figure it out ourselves? Is there fear, confusion, frustration, anger, attacking others, conflict, fault finding, manipulation, teasing others, belittling others or devaluation? If these things are present, they indicate that we are choosing self will. What is it like if we turn our will over to the Creator? What are the results if we ask the Great Spirit to guide our life? Examples are: freedom, choices, consequences, love forgiveness, helping others, happiness, joy, solutions, and peace. *Which will I choose today, “self will or Creator’s will”?*

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

3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves



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