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Shane Moad Artist Extraordinaire



The name of our Newsletter, "Feathers in the Wind", is meant to symbolize how Metis ancestry has been randomly scattered throughout the population and across the country due to chance and circumstance. Our banner was created by Shane Moad, a wonderfully talented Australian artist. The symbolism represented by Shane creating our banner couldn't be more perfect. Shane is one of those 'feathers' that has been blown the furthest by the winds of time. His ancestors emigrated from Manitoba and eventually ended up in Australia. Please read our article regarding Shane for more information.

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Volunteer Week is very special to the OMFRC as it gives us an opportunity to thank the many volunteers who generously donate their time and energy to our community. Most of our members don't realize how many volunteers are hard at work behind the scenes to keep our organization growing and thriving. Our organization wouldn't exist without our volunteers.

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Lake Manitoba



Did you know?

The Origin of the Name Manitoba: The name for the province of Manitoba probably comes from either the Ojibwa word "manito-bah" or the Cree "manito-wapow," meaning "strait of the spirit" in reference to The Narrows of Lake Manitoba. The roaring noise of pebbles on a beach on Manitoba Island in Lake Manitoba was the source of an Indian superstition that a "manito" or spirit was beating a drum.

Source:

<http://canadaonline.about.com/cs/provinces/g/manitoba.htm>

Man In The Mirror A Young Man Reflects Back On His Life



Receiving Metis Status and meeting my biological father has reconnected me to my Aboriginal lineage that was lost; but don't let me get ahead of myself, it all started when.....

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Policing Award Winner AKA Metis Artist



Raquel Leroux grew up in Southern Ontario and attended Guelph University. Raquel was a former social worker in Hamilton and later relocated to Ireland where she became a long time police responder for the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

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Sacred Water Walk



Everyone is invited to attend a Sacred Water Walk at 7:00am Saturday May 10th hosted by the Mississaugas Scugog Island First Nations (near Port Perry, Ontario). Women are asked to wear long skirts and men should wear long pants. There is no charge for the event. Hope to see you there. More information can be found at: <https://www.sacredwater.ca/waterwalk/>

Rod Borghese The Artist



In our March Newsletter we featured OMFRC member Rod Borghese the Architect, this month we would like you to meet Rod Borghese the Artist. Rod's oil paintings and watercolours have been sold and on display at the National Gallery of Canada, the Museum of Civilization the Cube Gallery and the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa Ontario.

Rod's great, great... grandmother Josephthe Sai-sai-gono-kwe (woman of the falling snow") was a member of the Odawa Nation (the traders) and was born in Michigan. She was the niece and adopted daughter of Chief Kitchi Bashigigan and a close relative of the famous Chief Tecumseh. You can view more of Rod's art, including a picture of his grandmother at: <http://www.RodBorghese.com>

Educational Funding 2014



There are many members of the OMFRC community who have been successful in obtaining support through several of these programs. **Please Note: Each organization has its own guidelines for qualification.**

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A MEMBER WRITES:

Thank you. I wasn't aware of the Facebook site, and just had a look through it. It's very engrossing, hugely informative, and yet very sobering. Linda

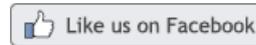
Thanks Linda - if that's the case we are hitting the mark we have set for ourselves.



The OMFRC would like to thank everyone that is standing with us to support the Ontario Metis Family Records Center Community Facebook Page.....your response is nothing short of incredible!

Stay connected and celebrate your heritage! Share that you're a member of the OMFRC Community with your family members on Facebook. It has never been more important to stand up and be counted!

Have you visited our Facebook page? We welcome you to join our OMFRC Community - we want to hear from you.



Ontario Metis Family Records Center



We're on the web!

See us at:

www.aboriginalstatus.org
www.omfrc.org

New Submissions

Our editors are always looking for original submissions that would be of interest to our community. Do you know of any upcoming events that you would like to share either through the Newsletter or Facebook?

If you have something you would like to add to future issues we would be happy to consider it; please call or email putting Facebook or Newsletter material in the subject line!

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Is Your Membership Coming Up for Renewal?



If it is, call 1-613-332-4789 and you can do it right over the phone in just a couple of minutes.

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