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Kainai (Blood)



Harrison Red Crow, of the Kainai Blood Reserve, created this colourful geometric design using a beaded version of old-style quillwork. The checkerboard design was widely used among the four divisions of the Blackfoot Confederacy to decorate moccasins. In earlier times the Kainai made moccasins from a single piece of hide, folded to create a side seam. This type of moccasin had soft soles and was called *niit-tsi-tsi-kiin*, meaning "the true moccasin". Later moccasin styles adapted to the nomadic plains lifestyles to include two pieces of hide with hard soles and soft uppers.

Traditionally, naturally dyed porcupine quills were used to decorate moccasins. Working with quills was considered women's work and a sacred artform. Women were required to undergo an initiation ceremony before beginning to work in this artistic medium. With the arrival of white traders the use of seed beads grew in popularity.

History:

The Kainai, meaning "many chiefs" or "many leaders" in the Blackfoot language, Nitsipussin (the Real Language), are also known as the Blood Nation. They are part of the Blackfoot Confederacy along with the Blackfoot Siksiká, South Peigan (Aamsskáápipikani) and North Peigan (Aapatohsipikani). The dialects of the Blackfoot all stem from the Algonquian linguistic family.

Blackfoot traditional territory extended from the North Saskatchewan River in Alberta south to the Yellowstone River in Montana, and from the Rocky Mountains east to the Sand Hills of Saskatchewan. Considered the first occupants of the western plains, the allied tribes of the Blackfoot Confederacy had a well-established system of social and political structures. In 1877, Chief Red Crow of the Blood Nation signed Treaty 7 with the Canadian Government on behalf of his people. Not long after, the decimation of the buffalo herds led many Kainai, under encouragement from Chief Red Crow, to set up large ranch and farming operations. Today, approximately 2,500 Kainai live on the Blood Reserve, the largest reserve in Canada, which lies along the Belly River near Stand Off in southern Alberta. They have maintained traditional cultural values, supported by a strong sense of community. Every summer the Blood Reserve welcomes First Nations people from across North America to celebrate the Kainai Indian Days, a four day event that includes traditional song and dance competitions.

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Native Peoples of Newfoundland and Labrador



The original inhabitants of what is today Newfoundland and Labrador were:

The Beothuk, The Inuit ("Eskimos"), The Innu, and The Mi'kmaq. Today Métis join the list.

The Beothuk The Beothuk were the aboriginal inhabitants of the island of Newfoundland. They were Algonkian-speaking hunter-gatherers who once occupied most of the island. As a result of several factors, the Beothuk became extinct in 1829.

The Inuit ("Eskimos") The Inuit are the descendants of the Thule people who migrated to Labrador from the Canadian Arctic 700 to 800 years ago.

The Innu The Innu, (formerly known as the Naskapi-Montagnais), are descended from Algonkian-speaking hunter-gatherers who were one of the two Aboriginal peoples inhabiting Labrador at the time of the arrival of Europeans.

The Mi'kmaq, aka Micmac The Newfoundland Micmac are found on the island of Newfoundland. They are descended from Algonkian-speaking hunter-gatherers

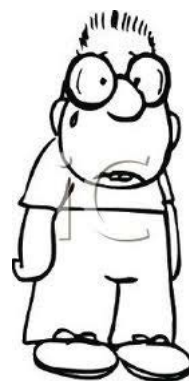
whose homeland included what is now Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, part of New Brunswick, and the Gaspé peninsula. Other people of Micmac descent live in central Newfoundland and on the west coast of the island.

The Métis The Labrador Metis are descendants of Europeans and Labrador Native people, primarily the Inuit.



First Nations in Manitoba

First Nations in Manitoba constitute of over 130,000 registered people. Of those, about 60% live on reserve. There are 63 First Nations in the Province and 5 First Nations linguistic groups. The languages are Cree, Ojibway, Dakota, Ojibway-Cree and Dene. They are listed by *common usage* names but other names may be applied in certain areas. For example, "Cree Nation" and "First Nation" is applied to certain bands on the same reserve. Taken from Wikipedia, the free [encyclopaedia](#).



Oops we goofed!

In our Special Edition #7 in May we failed to identify Darl Sutherland as the author.

Sorry Darl.

Art Haines, Director



First Nations University of Canada *tradition innovation leadership*

Established in 1976 as the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College (SIFC) through a federated partnership with the University of Regina. Thirty-five years after it was founded "to enhance the quality of life, and to preserve, protect and interpret the history, language, culture and artistic heritage of first Nations people", FNUUniv continues to fulfill this shared vision.



FNUUniv provides a unique opportunity to study in an environment that supports First Nations cultures, languages, and values. FNUUniv [students](#) can participate in and learn through ceremony with Elders as well as through classroom based experience.

FNUUniv's courses, programs, and instructors are accredited by the University of Regina and all U of R classes are open to FNUUniv students. FNUUniv offers academic programming through our Department of Professional Programs (Indigenous [Education](#), Indian Social Work, Business and [Public Administration](#), Health Sciences and Nursing) and through our Department of Interdisciplinary Programs (Indigenous Studies, English, Science, Indian [Fine Arts](#), Indian Communication Arts, Indigenous Languages, Literatures and Linguistics).

FNUUniv welcomed over 800 full-time students and over 2000 students (through FNUUniv, Campion College, Luther College and the University of Regina) in over 230 FNUUniv courses for the fall 2010 semester. The institution has more than 3000 alumni – Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal graduates alike who are making positive contributions in Saskatchewan and across Canada.

FNUUniv is a unique Canadian institution that specializes in Indigenous knowledge, providing post-secondary education for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students alike within a culturally support environment.

Congratulations!

There is good news to share about an OMFRC Métis family. Megan Gervais and Sarah Marleau, daughters of John and Marie Gervais, recently received wonderful news about their educational studies.



1Sarah, Marie, John and Megan

Sarah earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Carleton University and is also graduating from community college this Spring with a degree in Museum Studies. She was recently notified that she has made the Dean`s Honour List for 2012. Sarah has also won the Governor General`s Academic Medal for achieving the highest grade average in the school for two consecutive years.

Megan will be graduating from Carleton University this spring with a Degree in Criminology and has made the Deans Honour List for 2012. She was accepted into the Master`s Program at both Carleton and Ottawa Universities. Megan has also been accepted into Law School at Ottawa University this fall.

Congratulations Sarah and Megan!
Every time one of us has success we all become stronger.



Interested in Métis history?

<http://roohit.com/site/showArc.php?shid=fc184>

**Doug from Kenora says this is a great site for Research.
Thanks Doug.**



Canadian Powwows

Alberta

<http://goo.gl/PWRoi>

British Columbia

<http://goo.gl/rViOX>

Manitoba

<http://goo.gl/TUiPM>

New Brunswick

<http://goo.gl/KUEzE>

Newfoundland

<http://goo.gl/Is6Pm>

<http://goo.gl/dmeIO>

Nova Scotia

<http://goo.gl/bVHk6>

NWT

<http://goo.gl/QnccJ>

Nunavut

<http://goo.gl/H92E3>

Ontario

<http://goo.gl/QWZd6>, <http://goo.gl/sjwvQ>

Prince Edward Island

<http://goo.gl/aaQqZ>

Quebec

<http://goo.gl/2kmc8>, <http://goo.gl/htR8M>

Saskatchewan

<http://goo.gl/NFZZ4>

Canada

<http://goo.gl/1W5Eu>

United States

<http://goo.gl/Elzbw>, <http://goo.gl/JNluU>

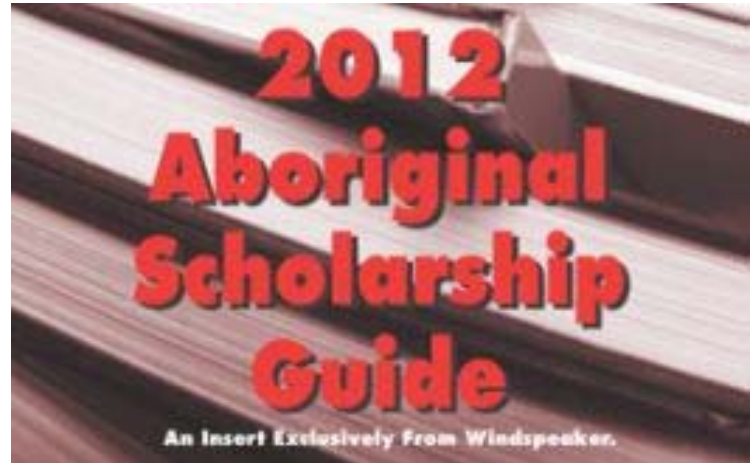
You can also search for a particular area in Google, such as powwows Toronto or powwows Calgary, etc.

If you know of a good website for powwow listings, please send it to us.



Welcome to the online Guide to Aboriginal Scholarships and Bursaries

<http://www.ammsa.com/community-access/scholarships>



Windspeaker and AMMSA maintain an extensive list of scholarships and bursaries available to Aboriginal students.

If you are a Canadian Native (First Nations, non-status, Métis, Inuit) student, there are a variety of available funding sources to help offset the financial burden of receiving an education.

Please check the lists to determine which scholarships/bursaries that you may qualify for, and then contact the program administrators listed directly...

[Scholarship Search](#)

- [Alberta Heritage Scholarships](#)
- [Alberta Scholarships](#)
- [BC Scholarships](#)
- [CASTS Scholarships](#)
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This link was provided to us by John Gervais. Thanks again John.



Did you know?



Pine trees were used by First Nations to make a tea that helped relieve coughs. I suffered with bronchitis every year as far back as I can remember until about five years ago when a kind Native lady told me about Cedar Tea. She told me to take about 3 cedar leaves the size of your hand and boil them in a medium sized pot of water for about 10 minutes – then drink the tea. I decided to add a bit of honey and am happy to report it was delicious. But more importantly I didn't cough again for the entire season and amazingly enough the bronchitis has never returned.

Lynn Haines
Administrator



Aboriginal Student Awards RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program

<http://goo.gl/RQ15w>

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The RBC [Aboriginal Student](#) Awards Program was launched in 1992 to assist Aboriginal students to complete post-secondary education, and provide an opportunity for RBC to strengthen its relationship with the Aboriginal community. Selected students are awarded up to \$4,000 each academic year for two to four years to use towards tuition, [textbooks](#), supplies and living expenses.

RBC awards 10 [scholarships](#) in two categories:

- For students majoring in disciplines related to the financial services industry
- For students majoring in disciplines unrelated to the financial services industry
- We also consider scholarship recipients who are interested in careers in [financial services](#) for summer and post-graduate employment.



Careers in the federal public service
jobs.gc.ca

<http://goo.gl/KBhso>

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Aboriginal Persons Inventory

On behalf of the Public Service Commission Aboriginal Centre of Excellence, and in a continued effort to hire a diversified and representative workforce reflective of Canadian society, the federal Public Service is recruiting Aboriginal persons for a variety of jobs across Canada.

IF YOU HAVE APPLIED TO THE INVENTORY FOR ABORIGINAL PERSONS (REFERENCE NUMBER: PSC09J-008455-000449), YOU WILL NEED TO RE-APPLY TO THIS PROCESS.

Upon receipt of a request for referrals from federal departments or agencies, searches of the inventory will be conducted according to the criteria provided by the department or agency. Your application will be referred for review, if you meet the search criteria.

Attention Students! Financial Assistance



<http://goo.gl/aYwgO>

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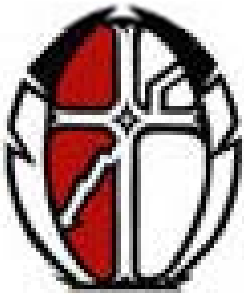


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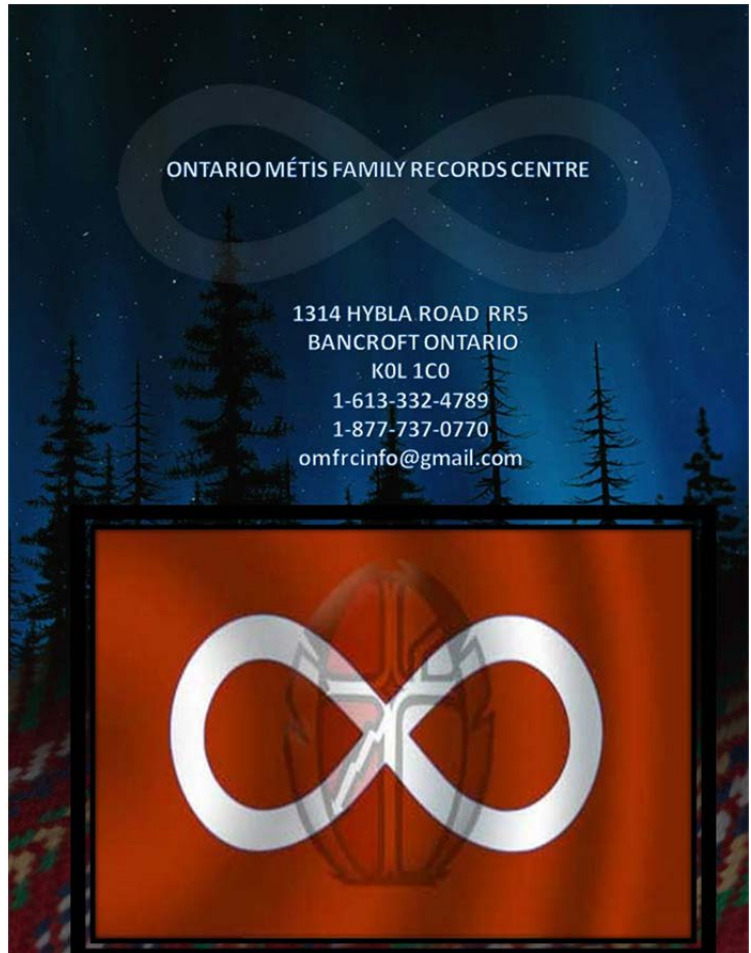
New Submissions!

We are always looking for new interesting submissions to add to upcoming issues of the OMFRC Newsletter. If you have something you would like to add to the newsletter please call or email us! We'd be happy to consider it for an upcoming issue.

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.



This poster was created for us by one of our members, John Gervais. It is beautiful John.

Member of the Bancroft & District Chamber of Commerce