

# June/Jwaen 2023 Newsletter



*Taanishi kiiyawow/hello everyone*

## Coming Events

### ***Lispaas***

This is a new drop-in group that will be held the first Friday of every month, from 1:00pm - 3:00pm, in our office at Robron. This will give you some extra time to get help working on projects that you have started with us. The next session will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### ***Sashing Ceremony***

On Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00am, NIMA will be hosting a special Sashing Ceremony at Robron. 2023 Métis Grade 12 graduates are welcome to attend. As well, post-secondary grads from 2020-2023 are welcome to participate in this celebration of your accomplishment. Each grad will receive a sash and a graduation gift with keepsake certificate.

### ***Mamawi***

On Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm – 3:00pm, NIMA will be hosting the next Mamawi. This month members will be creating fish scale earrings. Hot water will be on for tea.

All Métis women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ individuals are welcome. Children are welcome to attend and participate. If you require childminding, let us know ASAP so we can arrange for childcare.



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## Vancouver Island Métis Rendezvous

June 10th, 2023  
Cowichan Exhibition Park  
Duncan, BC

A celebration of Métis culture and heritage with educational and cultural workshops, presentations, vendors, food, and a whole day of entertainment!

### ENTERTAINMENT BY

ED PEEKEEKOOT  
SUMMER SAGE  
COMPAGNI V'NI DANSI  
CALVIN CAIRNS & JEREMY WALSH  
IVAN FLeTT MEMORIAL DANCERS  
SHARKY BALLOONS  
BOOK SIGNING BY GREGORY SCOFIELD

With deep gratitude we acknowledge that this event takes place on the traditional territory of the Quw'utsun, Malahat, Ts'uubaa-asatx, Stz'uminus, Halalt, Penelakut, Lyackson, Pauquachin, Ditidaht and Pacheedaht Peoples

## EVERYONE WELCOME

Thank You to our Sponsors:  
Alberni-Clayoquot Métis Society | Cowichan Valley Métis Association  
Mid-Island Métis Nation Association | Miki'siw Métis Association  
North Island Métis Association | Powell River Métis Nation  
The Métis Nation Of Greater Victoria



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT  
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We hope to see you in Duncan for Vancouver Island Métis Rendezvous on June 10<sup>th</sup>!

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## Indigenous Family Engagement



CAMPBELL RIVER  
School District 72

You're invited to join us for an evening of conversation specific to Indigenous students' and families' experience of our schools and school district. What you share will help shape district direction and equitable learning opportunities for Indigenous learners and families as the district builds its next strategic plan.



**Thunderbird Hall, 1420 Weiwaikum Road, Campbell River**  
**5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Light Refreshments Will Be Served**  
**Some Prizes to Win for Those in Attendance!**



[RSVP to IndigenousEd@sd72.bc.ca by Monday, June 5 to help us plan food.](mailto:IndigenousEd@sd72.bc.ca)

### Need Transportation?

School bus transportation will be provided in town with pick up at 4:45 p.m. from:

- Bus Stop at Loughborough Dr.
- Bus Stop at Quinsam Hall
- Bus Stop at Homalco Band Office
- Cedar Elementary
- Robron Centre



### Can't Join Us? Online Survey

We understand, but hope that you might be willing to share your thoughts through this short online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SWR998P>

*\* Paper versions also available from the SD72 Indigenous Education Department.*

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## ***Indigenous People's Day at Spirit Square***

We will be at Spirit Square on Indigenous People's Day, Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. We will have our NIMA merchandise for sale and we will be giving out free temporary tattoos and offering beadwork inspired dot art on a rock. NIMA's office will also be open regular hours.

## ***Pihtikway***

This group gives members the opportunity to finish projects you may have previously started, such as fire bags, hair tufting, beading or moccasins, start a new project or just come and enjoy some wonderful conversation and laughs. Children are welcome to attend with an adult, but no childminding is available. We are now offering tea and snacks at Pihtikway. The next Pihtikway will take place at Robron on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

## ***FitNation – Geocaching***



FitNation geocaching starts on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the designated location each week at 10:00am. Please bring a water bottle because we could be gone for as long as two hours.



### **Geocaching 2023 Schedule**

*Meet up at the designated area each week at 10:00am, don't forget your water bottle!*

*We will head out for up to two hours. This event is for all NIMA members.*

- June 28<sup>th</sup> – Beaverlodge South McPhedran parking lot**
- July 5<sup>th</sup> – Erikson Road Willow Creek Trail entrance**
- July 12<sup>th</sup> – Beaverlodge Trask Road parking lot**
- July 19<sup>th</sup> – Baikie Island parking lot**
- July 26<sup>th</sup> – Beaverlodge Hilchey/Dogwood**
- August 16<sup>th</sup> – Erikson Willow Creek Trail entrance**
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sims Creek Rockland Road Entrance (near Timberline)**
- August 30<sup>th</sup> – Beaverlodge Hilchey/Dogwood**

Art by Leah Dorion

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## ***Canada Day at Spirit Square***

NIMA will have tables set-up on Canada Day We will be offering tattoos, beadwork inspired dot art on a rock, and will have the tipi up. Make sure to pop by to say “taanishi” if you are downtown that day. If you would like to help with the tipi set-up, please contact the office.

## ***Port Hardy Cultural Evening***

NIMA staff will be heading up to Port Hardy on July 14<sup>th</sup> and will be at Sacred Wolf Friendship Centre from 3:00-8:00. We will be providing dinner and bringing materials for NIMA members to start their own Fire Bags. This will also give members from the North Island a chance to meet our new Métis Patient Navigator, Eric de Montarnal.

## ***FiLoMi Days (Port Hardy)***

On July 15<sup>th</sup> NIMA will be partnering up with Gina Coutts, from the MNBC Early Years Program, and will have a table at FiLoMi Days. Stop by for a tattoo or to create beadwork inspired dot art on a rock to take home.

## ***Eric de Montarnal – Métis Patient Navigator***



Eric de Montarnal is a member of NIMA and MNBC. In his role as the Métis Patient Navigator, he is excited to be supporting advocacy of patient centered care in the Métis community. He holds a BSc. of Physiotherapy which he attained abroad in the Netherlands while playing hockey. He and his wife have two young daughters and enjoy spending their time being outdoors or anywhere that has ice cream. In his spare time, Eric is actively involved in youth sports, currently working in Minor and Jr. Hockey as a medical trainer and athletic development coach.

Please free to connect with him about any health concerns you have at [edemontarnal@nimetis.com](mailto:edemontarnal@nimetis.com) or (250) 895-4123.

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## NIMA Cultural Camping Event

Join NIMA from July 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> at Elk Falls Provincial Park Campgrounds for a weekend of connecting to culture, community, and the land. Sites open Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00.

### Activities for the weekend will include:

Storytelling/Culture and Tipi Set-Up with Elder Bruce Dumont  
Spoon Lessons with Brigette Furlonger  
Plant Medicines with Corinna Stevenson  
MNBC Early Years Team  
Sash Weaving  
Plant Identification Walk  
Geocaching  
Scavenger Hunt  
Traditional Games  
Making Barley Coffee

Lunch sandwich supplies and dinners will be provided for Friday and Saturday (hotdogs/hamburgers, salads, and camping desserts). Please bring your own breakfast foods!

A limited number of campsites have been booked (for tenting), or pop by throughout the event. We do ask that you RSVP – more information regarding sites will be provided upon registration. To register for the event please call the office – 250-287-7417 or via email – [events@nimetis.com](mailto:events@nimetis.com). This event is open to all NIMA members in good standing.

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**Have you checked out our Facebook page lately? On Fridays, we post a Michif Word of the Week. We are currently beginning a series called Animal Tracks in June.**

**To see all the facts, many great animal jokes, and more photos from all our events, check out our website!**



Making fish leather here ☺



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Lispaas at Robron 1:00-3:00	2 Graduation and Sashing Ceremony 11:00 at Robron
4 Mamawi – Loom Beading at Robron 1:00-3:00	5 Get Jiggy with Us – Robron/Zoom 6:00-7:00	6 Get Jiggy with Us – Robron/Zoom 6:00-7:00	7 Indigenous People's Day at Spirit Square (office closed)	8 Get Jiggy with Us – Robron/Zoom 6:00-7:00	9 Vancouver Island Mé'tis Rendezvous in Cowichan Valley	10 Vancouver Island Mé'tis Rendezvous in Cowichan Valley
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9 Mamawi - Robron Embroidery 1:00-3:00	10	11 Pickleball at Robron Field Court 6:00-7:00	12 FINation Geocaching - 10:00 (Trask Road)	13 Pickleball at Robron Field Court 6:00-7:00	14 Port Hardy Dinner and Cultural Event @SWFC 4:00-8:00	15 Flomi Days - Port Hardy
16	17	18 Pickleball at Robron Field Court 6:00-7:00	19 FINation Geocaching - 10:00 (Bakie Island)	20 Get Jiggy with Us - Robron/Zoom 6:00-7:00 <hr/> Pickleball at Robron Field Court 6:00-7:00	21 Métis Culture Camp - Elk Falls Provincial Park 1:00	22 Métis Culture Camp - Elk Falls Provincial Park
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