

# Weaving Our Knowledge

## Métis Culture Conference

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020



North Island Métis welcomes Métis people to participate in *Weaving Our Knowledge*, a two-day Métis cultural conference.

The Weaving Our Knowledge conference offers Métis people living on Vancouver Island and in the surrounding areas an opportunity to strengthen their relationship to Métis culture, identity and language. North Island Métis is especially proud to engage all Métis people on northern Vancouver Island through traditional knowledge and wellness services. We strive to provide a community where our children, youth, adults and Elders heal and thrive as a proud nation.

## SASH WEAVING – TIPI TEACHINGS – HISTORY – PEMMICAN – PAINTING – MICHIF LANGUAGE – LOOM BEADING – MINI CAPOTES

**FREE EVENT - STORYTIME WITH STELLA JOHNSON – KOKUM'S JOURNEY**  
Join us at 1:00pm for an interactive children's story. Children can be in the story as the puppet characters. One child will win a puppet character to take home.

**Registration fee: NIMA members - \$15 for 2 days, \$10 for Saturday, \$5 for Sunday**  
**General Admission - \$50 for 2 days, \$30 for Saturday, \$25 for Sunday**

Complete the registration form and send by email, mail or drop off at NIMA's office. Payments by cash, cheque, or e-transfer. More info at [www.nimetus.com/weavingourknowledge](http://www.nimetus.com/weavingourknowledge).



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### Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**9:00am** Welcome

#### Session 1

- A. 9:15am – 12:15pm Sash Weaving with Autumn Frederiksen – 20 seats available
- B. 9:15am – 10:00am Tipi Teachings with Bruce Dumont
- C. 10:05am – 11:05am Pemmican Making with Danielle Pennel
- D. 11:10am – 12:10pm Métis Culture and History with Stella Johnson

**12:15pm** Lunch

**1:00pm** Storytelling: Kokum's Journey with Stella Johnson

#### Session 2

- E. 1:30pm – 4:30pm Sash Weaving with Sheila Grieve – 20 seats available
- F. 1:30pm – 2:30pm Pemmican Making with Danielle Pennel
- G. 2:35pm – 3:35pm Métis Culture and History with Stella Johnson
- H. 3:40pm – 4:30pm Tipi Teachings with Bruce Dumont

### Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**9:00am** Welcome

**9:15am** Métis History - Origins and Growth of the Métis Nation with Bryce Mercredi

#### Session 3

- J. 10:00am – 1:00pm Métis Mandala Art with Kristi Bridgeman - 20 seats available
- K. 10:00am – 12:30pm Teddy Bear Capotes with Jackie Lever
- L. 10:00am – 12:30pm Loom Beading with Charlotte Lever

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### Session Descriptions

#### ***Sash Weaving*** (Session A, E)

What do the colours and patterns on the Metis sash mean? What were sashes used for? How were they made? Come discuss the answers to these questions and more while you finger-weave your own mini-sash. Learn the basics of finger weaving and a few patterns. These skills can later be used to make a full size sash. All supplies provided. 20 PARTICIPANTS MAXIMUM.

Autumn Frederiksen, Métis spinner and weaver. She has been active in the Mid Island Spinners and Weaver Guild since 2011 and looks forward to sharing her experiences and passion for the fibre arts.

Sheila Grieve, ECEC, MA. Her research, informed by her Métis heritage, relates ethnobotany to child development. She enjoys hands on activities involving plants and is an avid knitter.

#### **Métis Culture and History** (Session D, G)

Come learn about Métis cultural history with Stella Johnson. She will share her extensive personal knowledge of her own Métis culture through looking at different items such as the capote and sash. Stella is a fluent Michif speaker and she will incorporate language into the lesson at a beginner's level for participants to practice.

Stella Johnson, nee Erasmus was born in McLennan, Alberta and was raised by her grandmother from the age of five. Stella is currently an Elder at Vancouver Island University.

#### **Pemmican Making** (Session C, F)

Learn about pemmican in this session with Danielle Pennel. She will discuss the history of pemmican, its significance and demonstrate how to make it. Participants will get an opportunity to help make some pemmican and will get to do a tasting.

Danielle Pennel is Métis and a member of the North Island Métis.

### **Tipi Teachings (Session B, H)**

North Island Métis has a 16' diameter tipi that we set up at special events. Join Bruce Dumont to learn how to set up (session B) and take down (session H) the tipi, while learning the history and importance of the tipi for Métis people. He will also teach about the name and meaning of each of the poles. Bruce is a fluent Michif speaker and he will incorporate language into the session at a beginner level for participants to learn.

Bruce Dumont grew up in central Alberta in a small rural town. He was President of the Métis Nation of British Columbia for 12 years before retiring in 2016. Currently, Bruce works with the Indigenous Program at Cedars in Cobble Hill, BC.

### **Métis History - Origins and Growth of the Métis Nation (Session I)**

Bryce will discuss Métis culture, history and his own personal story as a Métis person using his collection of family heirlooms. Participants will get the opportunity to look at various pieces in Bryce's collection.

Bryce Mercredi was the president of MIKI'SIW Métis Association in Courtenay. He is currently an Elder in the Comox Valley School District.

### **Métis Mandala Art (Session J)**

The session will discuss the history of mandalas, the medicine wheel and Métis floral designs. Kristi will demonstrate the process and then participants will make their own custom circular Métis designed mandala art. This session is open to adults of all levels of artist experience. All supplies will be provided. Please wear clothing appropriate for painting. 20 PARTICIPANTS MAXIMUM.

Kristi Bridgman is a Métis artist and member of the Métis Nation Greater Victoria. Her art has been featured in many museums and galleries, and she has created over 28 children's books.

### **Teddy Bear Capotes (Session K)**

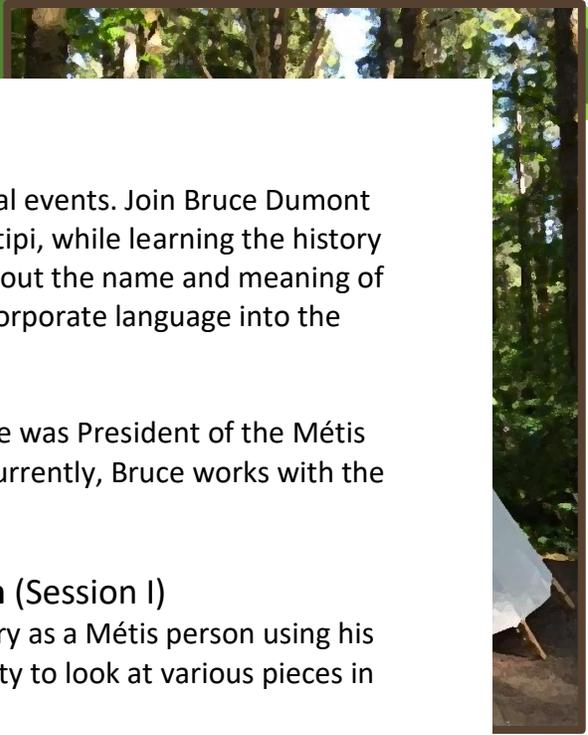
Learn how to make a capote in miniature. Using a template, participants will get to make a Métis capote that is sized to fit a teddy bear. The skills learned in this session can be used if one wanted to make a full sized capote. Participants will learn about the capote, how to blanket stitch. By the end of the session, each person will have a mini capote to take home.

Jackie Lever is the Executive Director of North Island Métis and a proud Métis person. She is an educator, curriculum developer and works with publishers as an Indigenous consultant and sensitivity reader. She is also a member and former board director of North Island Métis.

### **Loom Beading (Session L)**

Participants will learn how to bead with a loom. Each person will use a loom to create a bracelet in a design provided for them or they can create their own design. All supplies will be provided.

Charlotte Lever is the Vice President of North Island Métis.



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### Registration Form

March 28th & 29th, 2020

PLEASE PRINT

Name				
Address				
Phone				
Email				
Métis Community Connection (choose all that apply)	NIMA	MNBC	Other MNBC Chartered Community (specify): _____	Self-identifying Métis or non-Indigenous
<p>Using the Session Description sheet, choose your sessions for Saturday and Sunday. Please note sessions times may overlap and Sessions A, E &amp; J have limited seats available.</p>				
Session 1 choice:				
Session 2 choice:				
Session 3 choice:				
Free Story Time	Yes, I am attending	No, I am not attending		
Saturday Lunch	Yes, I am attending	No, I am not attending		
Food allergies/concerns: _____				
Office use only	Registration fee owed \$ _____	Registration fee paid _____		