

Living Into Right Relations – November 2025

Hello,

It's November - already! The first week in November is Treaties Recognition Week in Ontario. Section 1 is dedicated to helping us learn more about treaties in general and offers maps to help identify specific treaties for areas of interest.

If you were unable to attend the excellent event with the authors of Valley of the Birdtail in Waterloo on October 25th, you can watch the recording [here](#). Readers of the book may be particularly interested in this recent [article](#) about funding for schools on reserves in Ontario.

Christmas and the season of giving is around the corner. Each year we include suggestions to support Indigenous organizations at this time, either through donation or by purchasing Indigenous-made products or artwork. Some holiday markets are planned for November as you will see in Section 4. If you have suggestions about other events or organizations to support, please drop an email to Nancy at the email below by the end of November and hopefully we will be able to include it in the December. Thank you!

Hoping you are able to get outside to soak up some of these last beautiful fall colours,

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1. Treaties Recognition Week. Learn more about treaties in general and about treaties in specific areas.

- a. [A Brief History of Treaties in Canada](#) Indigenous Corporate Training, INC, June 9, 2025.
- b. [North America's 1st treaty agreements were recorded in wampum belts](#) by [Candace Maracle](#), CBC, June 12, 2024. Includes treaties along the Grand River watershed.
- c. [Treaties Recognition Week](#) Info from Ontario Government website.
- d. [Office of Indigenous Relations University of Waterloo](#) A variety of resources here. It is the 2024 website, so double check the events dates, but the information is solid.
- e. [Books for all ages related to treaties](#) - from Goodminds Bookstore.
- f. **Map Resources:**
 - i. [Whose Land](#) a friendly starting place to learn traditional territory and treaty locations, where the residential schools were, how to develop land and territorial acknowledgements, and more. Good for teachers - and all of us!
 - ii. [Digital maps of Indigenous lands \(Native Land\)](#)
 - iii. [Yellowhead institute Interactive Treaty Map](#).

2. Land Back

- a. [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) - at Willow River Centre, 243 King St., Kitchener.
 - i. Read their Facebook posts.
 - ii. Look for their monthly arts market and other events below.
 - iii. How to support? [Support us | O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#).

3. Arts - Galleries, Concerts, etc.

- a. **Until Nov 23** [Kathleen Daly: Northern Exposures Revisited](#) Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery, 101 Queen St. N., Kitchener. Cost: Free, donation encouraged.
- b. **Through November:** AT THE MARGINS, 2025-2026 EXHIBITIONS Where Do We Still Plant Flowers? Art on the Wall, Martin Luther University College. Waterloo. An artistic invitation to reflect on the stories, traditions, and relationships that keep us accountable to a place. Artists: Bangishimo, Shalaka Jadhav, Roshan James, Bhavika Sharma, YW Kitchener-Waterloo transitional housing tenants.
Wed, Nov. 12, 5-6:30 p.m. Celebrate and explore the themes of the current exhibition through music, poetry and a panel conversation at Keffer Chapel Martin Luther University College. Refreshments to follow. Thank you, Beverly McNabb.
- c. **Until Dec. 14** [Currents of Change - Waterloo Region Museum](#) McDougall Cottage, 89 Grand Ave. S., Cambridge. Cost: By donation.
- d. **Until Jan 4, 2026** [Unsettling Conservation Collective: Reworldings](#). Art Gallery of Guelph, 358 Gordon St., Guelph. Free, donations appreciated.
- e. **Nov 25, 2025 – Mar 06, 2026** [Meryl McMaster: Bloodline](#) Master Museum of Art, 1280 Main St. W., Hamilton.
- f. **Sat, Nov. 29, 8 p.m.** [Elisapie](#) JUNO Award-winning Inuk singer-songwriter and activist, at the River Run Centre in Guelph.

4. Upcoming markets with an Indigenous Craft/Art focus

- a. **Sat, Nov. 15, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.** [Artfest: Art. Film Open Mic Storytelling](#) Woodland Cultural Centre, 184 Mohawk St, Brantford.
- b. **Sat, Nov. 22, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** [Jingle by the Grand](#) Holiday Craft and Artisan market. At the Gathering Place by the Grand, 2593 Chiefswood Rd, Brant.
- c. **Sat. Nov 22, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** [Winter Market](#). Brought to you by [Niwasa Hamilton](#). At the Shriners' Club of Hamilton, 82 Melvin Ave, Hamilton.
- d. **Sat, Nov. 29, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.** [Winter is Coming Arts Market](#) Willow River Centre, 243 King St., Kitchener.
- e. **Sunday Dec 7, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.** Healing of the Seven Generations' [Winter Art Market](#) Victoria Park Pavilion, 80 Schneider Ave., Kitchener.

5. Learning at home and connecting in person

- a. [Anishinabeg Outreach](#) is asking for [Christmas gift donations](#) and inviting [volunteers](#) to help unpack and organize food donations for their Spirit Bundle program.
- b. **Tues, Nov 11, 25 and Dec 9, 6-8 p.m.** [Tea & Crafts with Totah Rhea](#) at Willow River Centre, 243 St., Kitchener.
- c. **Wed, Nov. 12, 9:30-3:30** [Indigenous Diabetes Research and Wellness Conference](#). Six Nations Polytechnic, 2160 4th Line Rd., Ohsweken.
- d. **Wed, Nov. 12 6:30-8:30 p.m.** [Author Evening with David A. Robertson](#), author of [52 Ways to Reconcile : How to Walk with Indigenous Peoples on the Path to Healing](#). Tickets are going fast!! [Cambridge Public Library](#).
- e. **Thurs, Nov. 13 6-8 p.m.** [Enforced Disappearances in Colombia and Indigenous Missing Persons in Canada](#) knowledge exchange conversation. Sponsored by The Orchestrating Listening Research Project (ORLI) and United College's Human Rights Program and Indigenous Studies. Held at United College Alumni Hall, 190 Westmount Rd. N., Waterloo. Links for tickets here: [online](#) or [in person](#).
- f. **Sat, Nov. 15, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.** [Indigenous Sharing Circle with Kelly Welch](#) Forest Heights Library, Meeting Room, 251 Fischer-Hallman Rd, Kitchener.
- g. **Sat, Nov. 22, 8 a.m.** [Grand River Water Ceremony](#), at [Otterbein Kayak Launch](#) in Kitchener. Please arrive on time to walk to the river together and smudge. Wear ceremonial regalia as your spirit calls; drums and shakers are also suggested.
- h. **Mon, Nov. 24 1:30-2:30 p.m.** [Nations Uniting](#) Sharing Circle - To join this event and be part of their mailing list contact Rhonda Johns at nations.uniting@gmail.com.
- i. **Tues, Nov. 25, 7-9 p.m.**, [The Canada Lecture on Citizenship](#) Tanya Talaga, KPL. Tickets are going fast!
- j. **Wed. Nov 26, 12-2 p.m.** Grandmothers' Tea at the South Cayuga United Church, 25 Munsee St. S, Cayuga. Potluck lunch and sharing time. Contact Joan (519-754-8786) or Shirley (519-753-5789) for more information.

On the Radar

- k. **Mon. Dec. 1, 2-3:30 and 7-8:30 p.m.** Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton "Listening to Indigenous Voices" online book study, facilitated by Donna McGreal. Dec title: [Moon of the Turning Leaves](#) by Waub Rice. Here is an [interview with the author](#) To register and for more information email dwmcgreal@gmail.com.
- l. **Tues, Dec. 2, 3-4:15 p.m.** UWaterloo Indigenous Speaker series presents [Mary Spencer](#), member of the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation and World Boxing Association super welterweight world champion. Registration is appreciated but not required. Everyone is welcome! Theatre of the Arts, Modern Languages building, 200 University Ave. W. Waterloo.
- m. Other events in your area may be found on [Eventbrite](#).

6. Good Reads, News and Views

a. Reads

- i. November is Indigenous Education Month - a listing from [Indigenous Education Press](#). Thank you, Beverly McNabb.
- ii. [Correcting Misconceptions: Aboriginal Title, Private Property, and the Cowichan Tribes Decision](#) by Kate Gunn, First Peoples Law, October 27, 2025. About the recent decision in Richmond BC.
- iii. [Braiding Accountability: a 10-year review of the TRCs Healthcare Calls to Action](#). From The Yellowhead Institute.
- iv. [Grave Error: How The Media Misled Us \(and the Truth about Residential Schools\)](#) edited by C P Champion and Tom Flanagan. A popular book that I hope to read, whose description begins "After the announcement by the T'k'emlups First Nation of the "discovery" of unmarked graves at Kamloops, many politicians, Indigenous leaders, and media have thrown aside balance, restraint, and caution, turning truth into a casualty." Here is a [review of the book](#).

b. News

- i. [The Missing Indigenous Women Canada Refuses to See](#) By Eva Jewell, The Walrus, Sept. 29, 2025.
- ii. [The world is watching how Canada treats Indigenous rights](#) Niigaan Sinclair, Winnipeg Free Press, Oct. 22, 2025.
- iii. [First Nation seeks to ensure Ring of Fire developed on nation-to-nation basis](#) by [Matt Prokopchuk](#), SN Newswatch, Oct. 3, 2025.
- iv. [Northwestern Ontario lithium project sparks mixed reactions over new provincial process](#) by [Oskar McCarson](#) CBC Oct. 30, 2025.

c. Views

- i. [In the name of Christ](#), a documentary on the Doctrine of Discovery, from the [Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery](#). 45 min. Includes study guide. Recommended donation.
- ii. Recommended in Biidaajimowin | News from the Centre [Oct 15, 2025](#), the podcast Crash Course Native American History. Here's [Episode 1](#) and one on the [History of Indigenous Women](#).
- iii. Watch for the film [Indian Braves](#) on the Knowledge Network. The experiences of Indigenous veterans who served in the Canadian military during the 20th century's major conflicts are explored, revealing a sense of pride and camaraderie, as well as the historic injustices faced upon their return home. Available Nov. 11.