

Living Into Right Relations – March 2026

Hello,

If you are taking time during the March break for local trips there is certainly lots going on in our regions, including two winter pow wows. A big thank you to searcher Lorna Aberdein for collating exhibitions, children's events and films throughout the Grand River Watershed and from Hamilton along the Niagara Peninsula. Look especially at Guelph Civic Museum in the Learning section if you're looking for events with children. (They are very popular and tickets are going fast!)

We wish everyone a sense of wonder and anticipation as we move into spring this month. As always, we welcome relevant information - please send it our way. Thanks!

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1. Land Back

- a. [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) - at Willow River Centre, 243 King St., Kitchener.
 - i. Read their Facebook posts.
 - ii. How to support? [Support us | O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#).

2. Arts

- a. [Woodland Cultural Centre Exhibitions - Indigenous Artists](#)
 - i. **To Spring 2026**, Tsi Non:we Entewaha'hara'ne (Our Path Forward) by R.G. Miller: Mohawk Institute, 184 Mohawk St, Brantford.
- b. **To May 3**. [Kananginak Pootoogook: Printing The Inuit World](#). Art Gallery of Guelph, 358 Gordon St., Guelph. Free, donations appreciated.
- c. **To May 10** [Shary Boyle: How We Are](#) Art Gallery of Hamilton, 123 King St. W. Hamilton. Admission applies.
- d. **To May 16, Sat 1-4 p.m., Sun 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.** [Ahkwenya'on:we. A Look at Historical Iroquoian Clothing](#). Dundas Museum & Archives, 139 Park St. W, Dundas.
- e. **To May 24** [mīgīsak mīgohk / Beads in the Blood: A Ruth Cuthand Retrospective](#). Art Gallery of Hamilton, 123 King Street West, Hamilton. Adults \$15, Seniors (65+) \$12.
- f. **To Dec 31** [Where The Rivers Meet](#) Guelph Civic Museum, 52 Norfolk St., Guelph. \$6.25 (general admission)

3. Highlighting initiatives and organizations that are Indigenous-led or Indigenous focused:

Thanks to Donna McGreal for these recommendations:

1. GoodMinds Bookstore - www.goodminds.com
2. Mother Earth - www.motherearth.ca
3. Indigenous Box - www.indigenousbox.ca

From Bev McNabb: Grand River Modular - <https://grandrivermodular.com>

4. Learning at home and connecting in person

- a. [Crow Shield Lodge](#) in Waterloo Region has a range of events related to education, healing, land stewardship and reconciliation. Events listing [here](#).
- b. **Mohawk Institute** Virtual and in-person self guided tours. Click [here](#) for information.
- c. Guelph Civic Museum has lots of events during March Break:
 - i. **Mon, March 16, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. OR 1-2:30 p.m.** [Learn with the Land, Make with Clay – Workshop for Kids](#) by Tanya Gluvakov.
 - ii. **Tues, March 17, 1-3 p.m.** [Roots & Rhythms Drop-in Dance Session for Kids & Families](#) by Cleopatra (Gaabawi-Giizhigo).
 - iii. **Wed, March 18, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** [Three Sisters Lunch & Learn - Food & Stories with Cleopatra](#).
 - iv. **Thurs, March 19, 1-2:15 p.m.** [Making Corn Husk Dolls with Patricia Chrisjohn](#).
 - v. **Fri, March 20, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.** [Family Shorts Film Screening in collaboration with imagineNative](#).
- d. **Sat, March 7, 3 p.m.** Thinking about joining the [Two Row on the Grand](#) annual paddle this year? Consider attending an [info session](#) to get your questions answered. Here's a short [video](#) describing the intent and value of the 10-day event. **Registration opens March 15.**
- e. **Sat, March 7, 12:00-5:00 p.m.** [Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre Mid-Winter Pow-Wow](#). 796 Buffalo Rd., Fort Erie. Free.
- f. **Sun, March 15, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.** [Spring Art Market](#) Victoria Park Pavilion, 80 Schneider Ave., Kitchener. A joint event from WONAA (Weejeendimin), Crow Shield Lodge, Healing of the Seven Generations and Ga'niquhi:yo.
- g. **Sat, March 21. 8:00 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. **Sat, March 21. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.** [Pow Wow - Conestoga College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning](#) Recreation Centre, Doon Campus, 299 Doon Valley Drive, Kitchener.
- i. **Sat, March 21, 2-3:30 p.m.** [Indigenous Drumming and Sharing Circle](#) with Kelly Welch. PP Meeting Room [Pioneer Park Library](#), 150 Pioneer Dr., Kitchener. Free.
- j. **Mon, March 23, 1:30-2:30** [Nations Uniting](#) Sharing Circle - To join this event and be part of their mailing list contact Rhonda Johns at nations.uniting@gmail.com.
- k. **Tues, March 24**, 2 shows. For schools. [The Spirit Horse Returns Education Concert](#) Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, FirstOntario Concert Hall (formerly Hamilton Place). 1 Summers Ln., Hamilton.
- l. **Wed, March 25, noon-2 p.m.** Grandmothers' Tea at [Fifty United Church](#) 1455 Highway #8, Winona. Potluck lunch and sharing time. Contact Joan (519-754-8786) or Shirley (519-753-5789) for more information.
- m. **Thurs, March 26, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.** WLU Brantford's [MarketFest: In Peace and Friendship 2026](#) 1 Market St., Brantford. A free, family-friendly event featuring artists, live performances and an Indigenous vendor marketplace.
- n. **Tues, March 31. Last Day to sign up.** [Timmins Learning Tour August 17-21](#) MCC's Indigenous Neighbours team offers a week of listening to First Nations communities and engaging in art and cultural activities, land-based learning and visits to partner organizations in Timmins. \$1300 includes single accommodation, carpool there and back, all meals in Timmins and activity costs. Sign up by March 31. Email fionali@mcco.ca if you have questions.
- o. **Tues, March 31** is [National Indigenous Languages Day](#)
- p. **Tues, March 31, 6-7:30 p.m.** [Nomad: Correcting the Narrative](#) An evening of Song and Stories with Canadian award-winning Inuk singer-songwriter, Susan Aglukark. Brought to UWaterloo by the UW Office of Indigenous Relations. Location: Quantum Nano Centre (QNC) 0101. Register through the link.
- q. **Tues, April 7, 2-3:30 and 7-8:30 p.m.** RC Diocese of Hamilton "Listening to Indigenous Voices" online book study. [Who We Are : Four Questions For a Life and a Nation](#) - the late Hon. Murray Sinclair (Part 2, pp 268 – 465). Facilitated by Donna McGreal. To register and for more information contact dwmcgreall@gmail.com.
- r. Other events in your area may be found on [Eventbrite](#).

On the radar

- s. **Sat, June 13, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. SAVE THE DATE** Strawberry Thanksgiving and Communion, held this year at Six Nations Polytechnic in Ohsweken. More details and registration in upcoming newsletters.
- t. **August 17-21** Timmins Learning Tour. March 31 is the deadline for registration. See above for details.

5. Good Reads, News, Views and Podcasts

a. Reads

- i. [Wearing A Broken Indigene Heart On The Sleeve Of Christian Mission](#) By Dr. Carmen Lansdowne.
- ii. [Addressing Spiritual Violence Against Indigenous People in Canada: Ethical Guidelines and Calls to Healing](#), from the United Church of Canada is now available to order in softcover format or free to download as a PDF.

b. News

- i. [Inuit not sure where they fit into Carney's economic, defence agenda: ITK president](#) APTN News, CP, Feb 9, 2026.
- ii. [How Kapapamahchakwew - Wandering Spirit School is empowering Indigenous students in Toronto](#) Nov. 2024. I had not heard about this school. Thanks, Bev McNabb.
- iii. [Modern treaty commissioner legislation moves to committee after passing second reading](#) Fraser Needham, APTN, Feb. 9, 2026.
- iv. [First Nations' Ring of Fire report calls for immediate environmental monitoring](#) Carl Meyer, The Narwhal, Feb. 12, 2026.
- v. [Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief raises alarm over Ontario's Permits to Take Water Program changes](#) Feb. 5, 2026.

c. Views

- i. **Tues, March 10, 7:00 p.m.** [From Earth to Sky](#), with post-film discussion. Presented by FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre in partnership with the Niagara Society of Architects The Film House, 250 St. Paul St, St. Catharines. \$10 – General admission, \$8 – Film House members.
- ii. **Thurs, March 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** [Land Language and Kinship: Haudenosaunee storytelling through three short films](#). Princess Twin Cinema, 46 King St. N., Waterloo. Discussion following.
- iii. 8th Fire. When I was reading Wab Kinew's book [The Reason You Walk](#) , I was reminded that he created this series. Lots to learn. You can start with 11 minutes in Part 1 here [8th Fire- Part 1](#) .

d. Podcasts - If you know of a podcast focused on Indigenous affairs, let us know! When we have new ones to share, we'll post them here..

- i. [Indigenous 150](#) 7 podcast episodes that provide unique insights into the legacy and impact of residential schools hosted by young people from across the country.