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“Celebrating and Honoring the Lives of Kaska MMIWG”

Liard Aboriginal Women’s Society recently received funding to honor the lives of our Kaska sisters who were murdered or missing. Through this project we will honor the lives of some 20 Indigenous women from our Kaska homelands, each to be commemorated through working with their families to gather and commemorate their loved ones with a feast, and a headstone to be placed in their memory.

To begin this process, community and family engagements were held this summer in Good Hope Lake, Ross River, Lower Post and Watson Lake, and we are now in the process of connecting with lead family members to work with Sidrock in designing headstones.

Our Elders have asked that Crow and Wolf potlatches be held in Ross River and Watson Lake to honour our MMIWG in the fall of 2023, and we have engaged several Kaska women in our communities to coordinate the sewing for our potlatches. In keeping with our traditions, we are asking all families and community members to please become involved and help with the sewing for your opposite clan as a way of gifting honour to our missing and murdered Kaska women.

In addition to formal commemorations, we also plan to sew commemorative dresses, placing one in each of our First Nations offices in Lower Post, Watson Lake, Ross River, and Good Hope Lake.

Debbie Groat – Lower Post

Carla Boss – Lower Post

Victoria Metcalfe – Ross River

Alicia Vance – Whitehorse

Katelyne Porter – Watson Lake

Jody Dick – Watson Lake

Linda McDonald – Watson Lake



We recognize and respect that this is may be difficult for family members and please advise any of the individuals listed above should you need support with a counsellor or an elder.

Vest Making Workshop

We are pleased to offer a vest making workshop for community members with our elders/teachers Penny Louie and Jenny Caesar to sew vest with melton. We have some amazing material and color's for you to choose from.

The only requirement is asking that the first vest be made for the opposite clan for the upcoming Crow and Wolf potlatches in 2023, after which you are welcome to make one for yourself. There will be draws for free packages of bingo cards for the Xmas Bingo on December 9th. You must be present at the workshop to enter the contest.



When: November 18th ,19th, 20th

Time: 9 am to 4 pm

Where: 2 mile hall



Fur Hat Making Workshop



We are excited to offer fur hat making workshop with Elder Dorothy Smith. Anyone interested in learning to make these hats are welcome to attend. Again, we respectfully ask that the first hat be made for opposite clan for workshop after which you can make one for yourself. There will be draws for free packages of bingo cards for the Xmas Bingo on December 9th. You must be present at the workshop to enter the contest.

When: December 8th ,9th, 10th

Time: 9 am to 4 pm

Where: Curling Lounge – Rec Centre





December 6th Vigil

In honor of the *National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women*, our community's Advocates and Youth for Dignity participants together are hosting a vigil on Tuesday, December 6th, 2022.

December 6 marks the anniversary of the deaths of 14 students at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal who were targeted and murdered by a gunman in 1989, because he hated women and resented these young women for being accepted into engineering school. This hatred is known as misogyny and is often the reason men kill women.

In Canada, a current or former partner murders a woman every six days. Indigenous women's organizations have reported that, over the last several decades, up to 4,000 Indigenous women are missing or have been murdered. We all have a role to play in building a culture of dignity and respect and taking action to ensure that these tragedies never happen again.

The community vigil will honour the women whose lives have been cut short by violence, the 14 young students in Montreal, and the 42 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in the Yukon.

**Community Vigil on December
6th at Watson Lake High School
Auditorium**

Time: 11 am

Lunch to follow



Everyone is invited to stand with us in solidarity to end violence against women.



AGM 2022

Liard Aboriginal Women's Society is holding the AGM via zoom:

When: December 12

Time: 2 PM

Where: zoom – online – please email Ann at majeraider@gmail.com for the link

