



SUMMER SOLSTICE CEREMONY

JOIN US IN A SWEAT, A FEAST AND A CELEBRATION ON:

JUNE 22ND @ 2 MILE LAKE AT 4PM.

Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year, the shortest night, and a tipping point: from here on out the days get shorter and the nights get longer. Many Native American tribes held ritual dances to honor the sun. Usually performed during the June Solstice, preparations for the dance included cutting and raising a tree that would be considered a visible connection between the heavens and the earth, and setting up teepees in a circle to represent the cosmos, Participants abstained from food and drink during the dance itself. Their bodies were decorated in the symbolic colors of red (sunset), blue (sky), yellow (lighting), white (light), and black (night).



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HONORING OUR RESISTANCE WITH DR. ALLAN WADE



Listening: Focus on attentiveness, purposeful listening, summarizing, listening for strengths, and methods of seeking clarification.

Reserving Advice and Opinions: Emphasizes awareness of the nature and influence of one's biases on counseling and community work. Participants develop the ability to identify and set aside their own biases to more fully consider and respect the value of the client's views.

Ethics: Stresses the importance of ethical behaviour in all human service work, considers the nature of ethical behaviour from cultural and professional perspectives, and focuses on specific concerns such as gossip,

reporting abuse, handling sensitive information, creating safety, and taking an ethical position publicly.

Confidentiality: This is an especially important concern for survivors of sexual and physical abuse in residential school and community members generally. Considers the practical aspects of maintaining confidentiality in a small, closely knit, and sometimes divided community.

Avoiding Re-traumatizing: Stresses that healing from sexual and physical abuse in residential school need not involve "reliving" trauma or focusing only on the effects of the trauma.

June 9th and 10th—2 Mile Hall—9-4pm—lunch served
July 15th and 16th—2 Mile Hall—9-4pm—lunch served
August 11th and 12th--2 Mile Hall—9-4pm—lunch served



DRUM MAKING WORKSHOPS WITH DENNIS SHORTY

LAWS is pleased to announce that Dennis Shorty will be returning to Watson Lake to teach the art of making traditional drums. The dates are May 25th to May 29th and June 15th to June 18th at 2 Mile Hall from 10-4pm.

Please note that the proposed project for May 25th to May 29th with contributions from the art fund will be to make your own drum and paint your own design on it as well.

Dennis is of Kaska heritage and has lived most of his life near Ross River, Yukon (YT).

By watching his grandfather and father carve traditional tools and toys, Dennis became interested in art. For him, making art is a spiritual path and a way to communicate with his ancestors. Carving natural materials, including moose, caribou and deer antler, muskox and sheep horn, and wood, he achieves his refined and detailed imagery using a variety of hand and power tools. Acknowledging their importance to the survival of First Nation people, Dennis carves animals to honour them. When depicting humans, he will include their animal totem, relating the work to the idea of transformation and legend. He utilizes natural pigment derived from cranberries, coffee or tea for accent colours and to achieve the traditional Kaska colours such as red, which is considered sacred and blue which represents the sky.



Native Pride by Dennis Shorty



Medicine Man by Dennis Shorty

ANNOUNCING THE RETURN OF TRADITIONAL HEALER ROBERT BEAULIEU



Liard Aboriginal Women's Society is pleased to announce the return of traditional healer Robert. He will be offering one on one sessions from **May 2 –6 at 127 Nisutlin Drive.** Please call LAWS at 867-536-2097 to book your appointment asap as space is limited and fills up quick.

SEWING AND CRAFTS WORKSHOP



LAWS would like to invite all community members to join us in our sewing and crafts workshop making baby bunting bags and canvas backpacks from :

June 3-5th at 2 mile Hall from 10:00-4:00pm



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