



**MÉTIS NATION OF GREATER VICTORIA COMMUNITY UPDATE-OCT 2012:**

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**Our next potluck is taking place Wednesday the 17th October in the gym of the Victoria Native Friendship Centre commencing at 5:30 pm.**

We ask that you bring your own cutlery and dishes to help keep reduce the use of foam, plastic or paper disposable items.

**IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE POTLUCK WE ASK:**

**THAT YOU PARK ONLY ON THE SPORTS FIELD SIDE OF THE PARKING LOT OR ON THE STREET.**

**THAT YOU PLEASE ENTER AND EXIT THE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE FROM THE LOWER DOOR OFF THE PARKING LOT AND**

**THAT YOU DO NOT WANDER IN THE HALLS OF THE CENTRE. THERE ARE OTHER GROUPS AND WE DO NOT WANT TO DISTURB THEM.**

The potluck is held in the gym at the far end of that corridor

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**POTLUCK PRESENTATION**

This months potluck has a couple of different focuses. There will be an award presentation and a community presentation.

Trevor Day, Aboriginal Community Liaison from Camosum College will do a short introduction.

and we hope to get a jump on Christmas shopping by having some of the crafter's and entrepreneurs in our community have available for sale some of their creations.

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**NEXT MONTHS POTLUCK will be on November 21 th 2012 AT THE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE .**

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CHRISTMAS POTLUCK 12 Dec 2012

The Christmas Potluck will be on the second Wednesday of the month and we are looking for volunteers to help with the entertainment for that evening and we are looking for volunteers to help with the food and set up of the gym for this event as well.

If you are willing to tell a story, play an instrument, sing and/or dance by yourself or with a group please let the office know.

If there is someone willing to be the organizer for the evening that would be wonderful as well.

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VOLUNTEERS FOR THE SCHOOLS

We are inviting community musicians, dancers, artisans, artists, storytellers of all ages to accompany the MNGV's Education Coordinator into the classrooms for a brief demonstration or to assist with cultural crafts for the 2012-13 program.

The program consists of two visits per classroom. During Session One, the Education Coordinator presents a historical overview of Metis heritage and traditions to the class. In Session Two, a community member demonstrates an aspect of Metis culture and then students work on a cultural activity. As a special guest, Metis volunteers are not required to go into the classrooms alone.

If you can jig, bead, sing, play fiddle or any instrument; or if you wish to showcase artwork, speak about traditional practices, history, family traditions and folklore, your contributions will be highly valuable to our Metis children and MNGV's education program.

School volunteers require a Criminal Record Check with no costs involved. The CRC forms and a letter from MNGV verifying you are volunteering will be available to you. You are required to take this information in person to the local police detachment in your area.

If you are interested and would like more information you can contact Christine Donaldson by phone at 250-592-8697 or email: [cdonaldson@shaw.ca](mailto:cdonaldson@shaw.ca) at any time. She will also be available at the family picnic and potlucks to discuss any details of the program. You may also contact the MNGV office at 250-380-6070. Thank you for your interest.

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RECYCLE FUNDRAISER 9 NOVEMBER 2012

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS MONTHLY FUNDRAISING EVENT

WHICH TAKES PLACE ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH (9 November 2012 MONTH). OUR LOCATION IS BEHIND THE ARCHIE BROWNING ARENA IN ESQUIMALT AND WE ARE THERE FROM 9 AM UNTIL NOON. PLEASE LET BARB KNOW AT THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE ABLE VOLUNTEER AT THIS EVENT.

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