



MÉTIS NATION OF GREATER VICTORIA COMMUNITY UPDATE-SEP 2012:

Our next potluck is taking place Wednesday the 19th September 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 ALSO THAT YOU PARK ONLY ON THE SPORTS FIELD SIDE OF THE PARKING LOT OR ON THE STREET. ALSO WOULD YOU PLEASE ENTER THE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE FROM THE LOWER DOOR OFF THE PARKING LOT. The potluck is held in the gym at the far end of that corridor

There will be a presentation about the history of Metis firearms use, mostly related to the fur trade and the Buffalo hunting. If you want, bring your cameras for “photo-ops” too. Our presenters' will be dressed in period clothing and if you want, you can wear your finest traditional Metis clothing too? Al and Gary will be bringing about 30 to 35 guns in total to display covering the era from about 1800 until the turn of the century. (From the flint era to the cartridge repeating rifle era). They will also have some fur trade items to display as well as some early hand loading tools that would have been used for loading cartridges out on the trail.

HARVESTING CARD

If you are interested in applying for your MNBC harvesting card, there will be applications available. Someone is also bring a camera so that your photo can be added to the application. If you need to apply for your MNBC card there will be applications for that card available as well.

NEXT MONTHS POTLUCK will be on OCTOBER 17th 2012 AT THE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE .

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 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.

RECYCLE FUNDRAISER 13 OCTOBER 2012

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS MONTHLY FUNDRAISING EVENT WHICH TAKES PLACE ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH (13 October 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.

Christmas potluck

We are looking for volunteers to assist in the planning of our Christmas potluck that will be taking place on 12 Dec 2012. If you are interested in helping please let the office know.

Contact MÉTIS NATION OF GREATER VICTORIA: MNGV@TELUS.NET OR 250 380 6070