



MÉTIS NATION OF GREATER VICTORIA COMMUNITY  
UPDATE-MAR 2012:

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Our next **potluck is taking place Wednesday the 21st MARCH at the University of Victoria** commencing at 5:30 pm.

**RECYCLE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Our next recycle date is this coming Saturday, March 10th and volunteers are needed to help sort the recyclables that come into the depot. Our depot is behind the Archie Browning Arena in Esquimalt and we meet there at 9 am. You will see us under the white tents at the back of the parking lot. This is a fundraiser for MNGV and helps to keep the office open. Please let Barb know at the office you are able to help. [mngv@telus.net](mailto:mngv@telus.net)

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The Victoria Native Friendship Centre on 231 Regina Avenue is offering a "FEMALE ONLY" ( 19+ years & older) Basketball Night every Monday in there gym 8:00pm - 9:30pm.

You can also find more information on the Facebook page,  
"Women's Basketball @ VNFC"

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wool and yarns

If any of you have some wool and other yarn that you would be happy to give away, the Victoria Native Friendship Centre (VNFC) could use it for some of the many projects they have going on. The yarns could be dropped off at VNFC or you can bring the yarn to a potluck and Barb will get it to the Centre staff.

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**sashes for sale**

There are sashes available for sale at the MNGV office. The sash is available in blue or red for \$25.00 each and I still have some of the black Olympic sashes available at a price of \$40.00 each.

I also have 2 red and 1 black of the sash bags (tote size) available for sale. They are \$35.00 each. Please contact Barb by email [mngv@telus.net](mailto:mngv@telus.net) or phone (250 380 6070) at the office if you are interested in a sash or a bag.

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### **Calling on Metis Volunteers to Share Demonstrate Talents, Gifts and Memories in The Classroom**

MNGV with the School Districts in Greater Victoria (#61 and #62) implement the Metis Education Enhancement Program in Grade 4. Community members are invited to once again share their skills and talent in this setting. We have completed the program in School District 62 (Western Communities) in Jan and Feb and will now do visits in some Victoria Grade 4 classrooms.

When: 1<sup>st</sup> week of April for School District 61 (Victoria)

We welcome community musicians, dancers, artisans, artists, storytellers of all ages to come into the classrooms to share our Metis history and culture. This program nurtures pride in our Metis

students and fosters a sense of place and belonging within diversity in the school.

Don't be shy... if you jig, play the spoons, fiddle, are an artist, or can tell about traditional practices or history or family traditions please consider that as worthwhile to share to our young learners.

School volunteers require Criminal Record Checks (CRC) and these are available to you at no cost with forms obtained through MNGV. If you are interested or need more information please contact Pat Ekland at 250-656-1789 as soon as possible (as the CRCs can take a week or two to come through). Also feel free to contact the MNGV office at 250-380-6070.

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***Metis Nation of Greater Victoria has been working hard to update our website. Please visit [www.mngv.ca](http://www.mngv.ca)*** We are also on facebook.

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