



May 2011— Temqw'iles (spring)

Lens of Empowerment

The Lens of Empowerment Project is an opportunity for women living in Sto:lo territory to explore their identity and citizenship. The project will culminate in a conference summer, 2012 in Loughborough, UK and exhibition(s) in Stó:lō territory.

Your personal stories may incorporate aspects of Bill C31, traditional and emerging roles of women, GLBQT, women in leadership, the urban experience, grandmothers, weavers, activists, status, non-status, Métis, disenfranchisement, advocacy, and medicine teachers.

Your stories - Your ideas

UFV is offering this unique chance to learn new skills as you develop your story. A key part of the Lens of Empowerment experience is enrolment in the following three credit courses:

VA 160 Introduction to Video Production (3 credits)

VA 180 Digital Photography I (3 credits)

VA 390 Community Arts Practice

Information Evenings:

Tuesday, June 7: 7:30 Chilliwack Bldg G

Wednesday, June 8th: 7:30 Abbotsford Campus

For more info contact:

Aboriginal Access Services

UFV Chilliwack campus

45635 Yale Road, BldgG

Phone: 604-795-2835 -

UFV National Aboriginal Day Pow wow Celebration: June 14th

On June 13, 1996, the Governor General of Canada proclaimed June 21st to be National Aboriginal Day, offering Aboriginal peoples an excellent opportunity to share their rich, diverse cultures with family members, neighbors, friends and visitors.

National Aboriginal Day is an opportunity to learn more about Aboriginal people and their contributions to Canada. Share in the Celebration!

UFV will be acknowledging National Aboriginal Day with a pow wow on the Abbotsford Campus Green June 14th.

Agenda:

8:30 - Set up

9:30 - Prayer/smudge

Tobacco for Big Drum

10:00 - Welcome: MC Stan Greene

10:45 - Grand Entry

Pow wow dance demonstrations

11:00 - BBQ - burgers: \$5.00 for lunch

2:00 - Closing

Vendors are also welcome.

Share in the Celebration!

For more information please contact Josephine Charlie at 604-795-2835 ext 2473



Convocation June 9 & 10

This year the ceremonies are being held at the Abbotsford Sports and Entertainment Centre next to UFV. There is no restriction on the number of family members you can invite to the ceremonies so please arrive early to ensure you find good seats for everyone. Aboriginal Access Services would like to congratulate all the graduates and their families. A reception has been planned for both days:

Location: UFV Building B Room 121

Time: June 9th immediately after ceremony

June 10th at 12:00

Please call Josephine Charlie for more information

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Indigenous Arts Certificate Program Fall 2011-Salish Weaving

The Indigenous Arts Certificate program is a unique one year program open to new and experienced artists. Its purpose is to combine traditional and contemporary practical skills with professional and entrepreneurial knowledge.

This curriculum has been designed cooperatively by Indigenous educators and visual arts faculty with a desire to expand indigenous world views at UFV. Inspired by traditional and contemporary approaches to indigenous artistry, students will create artworks that acknowledge traditional protocols and cultural contexts.

Each year, the program focuses on specific indigenous art practice. For the 2011-2012 year, the focus is in the discipline of Salish Weaving. Applications are currently being accepted for the program with the following courses:

FD 140 W-Indigenous Design & Technology I: Salish Weaving

IPK 277-Indigenous Art: Stories and Protocols

Elective-Recommended elective from Indigenous Peoples Knowledge Courses will run Tue to Thurs evenings on the Chilliwack Campus.

For information on applying to the program, contact the Aboriginal Access Services

Chilliwack: Elaine Malloway- 604-795-2835

Abbotsford: Betty Peters- 604-557-4069



Artist: Marlene Greene

Science Rocks!

Free Summer Camp—Aug 2nd-5th

The Faculty of Science at UFV is offering a special camp this summer designed especially for Aboriginal.

Who: Aboriginal Youth in Grades 4, 5 and 6 (As of Sept 11')

Dates: August 2-5, 2011

Lunch: Included

Location: UFV Chilliwack Campus, 45635 Yale Rd, Aboriginal Access Services, Bldg G

Dress: Appropriate for the weather and science activities. UFV Science students facilitators will work with small groups of youth.

Cost: Free

Enjoy the most popular activities from all the Science Rocks! camps. Topics include:

Volcanoes, Van de Graaff and Vapor

- What causes waves?
- Does space ever stop?
- What causes potholes?
- Cryptography, Codes and Crime Scenes
- Can fish breath air?
- Why is there liquid inside a blister
- Where does weight go when you lose it?

Animation, Animals and Artifacts

- Why do mosquito bites itch?
- Where do fish go in winter?
- Why do camels spit a lot?

Lasers, Light sabers and Lightening

- What is a googol?
- How does the earth float in space and not fall?
- Do rocks grow?

Students will be either indoors or outside depending on the weather and the activity. Between science activities, campers will get a chance to do other activities related to science, including games, physical activities, and competitions.

For more details:

Email: sciencerocks@ufv.ca

Leave a voice message: 604-851-6346 for prompt reply



Writer, Tomson Highway to visit UFV

Tomson Highway is coming to UFV Sunday, October 23 and Monday October 24.

The hosts, University of the Fraser Valley Special Event Committee and the English Department, are in the process of planning a series panel discussions and readings over the two days he will be in the Fraser Valley.

On Monday, October 24th the committee is hoping to provide an opportunity for a small group of secondary students who have studied the works of Tomas Highway to attend a reading at the Abbotsford Campus.

If you are interested please contact:

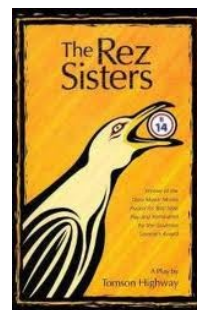
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Tomson Highway, a full-blood Cree, is a registered member of the Barren Lands First Nation, located in northern Manitoba where the borders meet Saskatchewan and Nunavut.

Tomson is best known for his plays, "THE REZ SISTERS" and "DRY LIPS OUGHTA MOVE TO KAPUSKASING" as well as his first novel, "KISS OF THE FUR QUEEN."

His children's books are written bilingually in Cree (his mother tongue) and English: "CARIBOU SONG" (2001), "DRAGON FLY KITES" (2002), and "FOX ON THE ICE" (2003). Tomson is also an accomplished musician.





Aboriginal Access celebrates

First Salmon Ceremony

April 20th, 2011

First Salmon Ceremony is celebrated in honor of our ancestors, the salmon people. This ceremony demonstrates our respect for the salmon and offers thanks to the ones that sent them. The salmon people sent their children up the river to give us better energy. An important part of the ceremony is the collection of the bones from the first salmon eaten and return them back to the river. This is done as a sign of respect for the salmon in hopes that they will send their children every year. At the UFV First Salmon Ceremony, Sto:lo elder, Stan Greene shared information on the importance and the history of the Salmon Ceremony. Thank you to all who helped make this event successful including, elders Stan and Rene Greene, elder Terry Prest, The drummers and helpers, Victor Harry, Chris Silver and Sophie Moreno. Following the ceremony, elder Stan Greene shared the story of the One-Horned Mountain Goat.



(Chris Silver, Victor Harry and Elder, Stan Greene)



Good Luck and Farewell to the NITEP Students!

Congratulations to Camille Laslo, Emerald John and Rose Harry who completed 3rd year of the NITEP program. They are on their way to UBC to continue in the NITEP program this fall. We will miss your smiling faces. Good luck with your studies! Enjoy.



Camille Laslo, Emerald John and Rose Harry

Fall 2011-Registration

Have you registered for your classes yet? Registration times are now available. Check your MyUFV account for your registration date and time. Classes are filling up quickly. Register right away to avoid disappointment.