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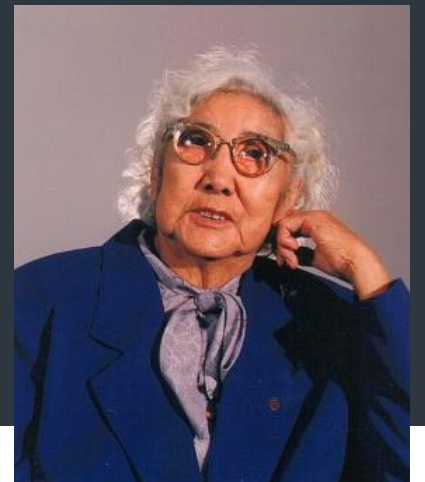
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A place of deep Spirit...

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*Dr. Jessie Saulteaux
Resource Centre celebrates
its past and its future*

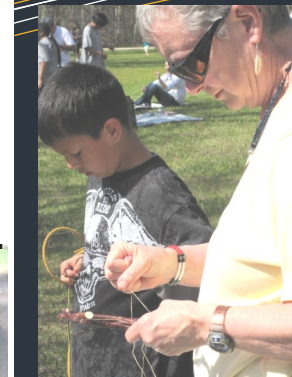


A very successful 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Dr. Jessie Saulteaux Resource Centre was held at the Centre's property outside the town of Beausejour on the Brokenhead River on Sunday, May 24, 2009.

Grant Queskekapow welcomed the 200+ people who attended the celebration which included craft workshops to create beaded key chains, bracelets, necklaces, and dream catchers. Bernice Saulteaux, Melody McKellar and Olive Flett shared their thoughts of the Centre. The Summer Bear Dance Group took part with drumming, songs and a hoop dancer. A plentiful and delicious feast was enjoyed by all.

It was my pleasure to serve as Chair of the Planning Committee for this event. I would like to thank the other committee members - Gail Larson, Paul Smith, Frank Baker, Darlene Molinski, Ina Gibson and Doug McMurtry. Thank you to the volunteers and staff that contributed to make the celebration a most special and memorable event.

Lorraine Kakagemic



Dr. Jessie Saulteaux Resource Centre

What's Happening

at DJSRC?

- 25th Anniversary celebrations with many friends, on a sunny day in May.
- Spring and Summer Ceremonies were lead by Stan McKay and Melody McKellar.
- Melody visited students at Red Sucker Lake and promoted the theology programme there.
- The Spiritual Gathering and Grand Council for the All Native Circle Conference was held in June at Norway House.
- June classes studied the Seven Sacred Teachings led by Melody with Jane Marx as Elder. The second week focused on Christian Education with children led by Joanne Kury and Melody with Alice Paupanekis as Elder. A highlight for the students was an encounter with bison at Melody and Ernest's ranch.
- Other activities included teacher retreats, cross-cultural days for students, a national meeting of the Native Youth Sexual Health Network, Aboriginal Health and Wellness groups, ANCC meetings and more. We are grateful for the assistance of Fern Reis with the school groups.
- Melody led a workshop about following two spiritual paths at an international meeting of diaconal ministers held in Atlanta. The Martin Luther King Memorial was a highlight for her.

Comings...

Paul Smith joined the staff in January on a contract basis as **Keeper of the Centre**. He has contributed a great deal to the administration of the Centre. Though he left us to join Princess Auto in early September, he intends to stay connected to the work here.



Norah McMurtry joined the staff in May as **Program Manager** and in September became **Interim Keeper of the Centre**. She is enjoying the prairie skies in Manitoba again after a long absence. Norah has been involved with anti-racism education and solidarity with Aboriginal communities in the United Church and ecumenically.



....and goings

Melody McKellar, Keeper of the Circle, leaves in September, to take on a position as female Elder at the Selkirk Mental Health Hospital. Melody has given much to the Centre and to the ministry students with whom she



has worked closely. As Pipe Carrier and Lodge Keeper, Melody has shared traditional teachings and ceremonies at Dr. Jessie Saulteaux Resource Centre. Her presence and gifts of teaching will be missed very much by the students, staff and volunteers. We wish her well in her new work.

Be a part of the Centre

Be a Volunteer

Design and development of our Web Site

"Greening" the Facilities

Developing Inter-cultural Programmes

Call the office if you want to get involved.

Join us for Winter Ceremonies

Winter Ceremonies will be held from Thursday, December 10 at 6 PM to the 13th. This is a time for honouring and giving thanks for the changing seasons. You are invited to participate in all or part of the ceremonies. We begin with a sweat lodge ceremony followed by a potluck feast. The sacred fire will be tended for the four days and three nights – a task shared by everyone. There will be time to walk the land, visit with others and reflect and renew your selves. There is no cost; we share tasks, food and clean-up. For more information or to register, please call the office.

Returning to Spirit

Returning to Spirit: Residential School Healing and Reconciliation is a training program that moves participants through principles of personal empowerment to healing and transformation. Part One of this workshop will be held at DRSRC this Fall on November 16-20 and is designed specifically for Aboriginal clergy and staff working in the church. We plan to offer a Part Two Workshop for non-Aboriginal people and church communities in Spring 2010. For more information contact the office.



DJSRC Students to hold a Gospel Jamboree

During the Winter classes, the ministry students at Dr. Jessie will hold a night of music to raise money for the Centre. This Gospel Jamboree will be held at the Centre and will be broadcast on NCI radio (Native Communications Inc.) and worldwide on the internet. Join us at the Centre or tune in to NCI on January 23-24 to pledge your money in exchange for your favourite gospel song. It should be a spirit-filled night!



Aboriginal Ministries Circle

Aboriginal peoples in the United Church of Canada will participate as equal partners in the life and work of the UCC through the new Aboriginal Ministries Circle. It is a call to honour the Sacred Ways given to them by Creator. The Circle will work in partnership towards a vision of spiritual healing, stewardship and economic wellbeing – a vision to be nurtured at national Spiritual Gatherings. These gatherings will give direction to an Aboriginal Ministries Council. DJSRC will be a corresponding member of the Council.

Ambassadors for Reconciliation

Three national churches will sponsor events across Canada to equip church leaders to engage with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Watch for events in Manitoba and Alberta later this year.

Mamow Be-Mo-Tay-Tah – Let Us Walk Together

A new racial justice resource to help Canadians engage with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Residential Schools. To order call the Canadian Council of Churches toll free at 1-866-822-7645 or download from the CCC web site at www.ccc-cce.ca/english/justice/racism.