

thank you

We were honoured by the participation of our Métis veterans at the Louis Riel Commemoration Ceremony at the Alberta Legislature and the City Hall Proclamation and Flag Raising Ceremony. We remain eternally grateful for their dedication and sacrifice. This year's Métis Veterans included John McDonald, Don Langford, Colon Bonneau and many others. Thank you all!

Métis Artists



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Veterans



Thanks to the wonderful Métis artists who tabled at our Open House! This year's artists included Laura McLaughlin, who is renowned for her ribbon shirt designs and has sewn a number of shirts for dignitaries; Carole Schwendelman, who is an avid seamstress and shows incredible skill in moccasin-making and Lisa Ladouceur, who crafts finely detailed beaded jewelry in sash and infinity patterns.

YOUTH LAPEL PIN DESIGN CONTEST

The MNA is starting up a annual youth lapel pin design competition, which will run every year during Métis Week. There were eight amazing and creative submissions for this year's contest. Decided by a vote, Ava Parker, Justine Tymofichuk and Kane Pendry were this year's winners. Congratulations to everyone for their creativity and hard work. Artwork from the 2015 competition will remain on display at the MNA Provincial Office until next year.

The competition is open to youth across Alberta. There are three age categories within the competition: 3-7, 8-12 and 12-17. For details about the competition and information regarding how to get involved in the upcoming year, please contact April Magee at 780-455-2200, or email communications@metis.org.

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6.6 KILOMETER WALK COMMEMORATES RIEL

Sherwood Park, AB - Sunday, November 15, 2015

The 5th Annual Louis Riel Walk was undertaken on Sunday, November 15th at 10 in the morning. Accompanied by a horse and buggy, a group of walkers ventured to St. Margaret's historic church located in Sherwood Park for a noontime mass.

MLA for Sherwood Park, Annie McKittrick attended the walk and stated that "I was honored to walk with the Métis Nation of Alberta to St. Marguerite Church and participate in a mass commemorating the death of Louis Riel. The church and cemetery are located in Strathcona County and I hope to work with the Métis Nation of Alberta so that the history of the Métis Nation in the County becomes better known."

A mass delivered by Father Joe took place after the walk. Father Joe encouraged the group to participate in the singing of hymns, which filled the tiny St. Margaret's church with joyous song.



additional activities!

notice

The MNA seeks volunteers for workshops to run throughout the upcoming year and during Métis Week 2016. *If you have experience in beading, weaving, or jigging and would like to share your knowledge with the community, please contact communications@metis.org.*

Thank you!



Senior's Come-and-Go Tea and Genealogy Open House



Red River Cart Presentation at the U of A



Rupertsland Centre for Métis Research (RCMR) "Métis Talks"

Box Social Auction and Jam

MUHC/MCHC Open House

Métis Week 2015 in Edmonton was host to a variety of events. For more information about each event and for pictures of the events, please visit our MNA Facebook page at <http://bit.ly/METISNATIONOFALBERTA>

UPDATES FROM THE REGIONS

REGION 1

Metis Region 1 served an authentic dinner that included neck bones, boiling beef and all the fixings! The event was well attended - almost all of the seats were filled and others came to fill the empty ones. Local 2097 also hosted a meal on Monday November 16, 2015 at the MacArthur Place that was very well attended. It was wonderful to see the people come together to eat, socialize and share laughs with one another.

REGION 3

Region 3 celebrated Métis Week with events including a ceremony at Calgary city hall, an open house, senior's supper, family fun day and many more! There was never a dull moment during Métis Week in Calgary.

REGION 4

Region 4 hosted their annual proclamation and flag raising ceremony at Edmonton city hall. Check out the page to the right for details about this great event! >

REGION 6

The Métis flag flew high above the Peace River skyline during Métis Week! A flag raising was one of many Region 6 events including an open house, Métis awareness outreach, Youth Moving Forward "Fun Night" and Youth Moving Forward beading workshop.



Making balloons at the Region 3 family fun day!



Ray Lambert demonstrates his painting skills at the Region 3 Métis Week family fun day!



Larry Bergum, Doreen Bergum, Dorothy Walker, Mayor Naheed Nenshi, and MNA Region 3 President, Marlene Lanz at the Region 3 city hall Métis Week ceremony.



Doreen and Larry Bergum dance with the Calgary Star Dancers at the Region 3 Senior's Supper



Calgary City Hall was packed for the official recognition of Métis Week



Region 3 youth show off their best moose calls at the family fun day!



Playing music at the Reion 3 Métis Week family fun day

PROCLAMATION & FLAG RAISING CEREMONY COMMEMORATES MÉTIS WEEK

Edmonton, Alberta -
Monday, November 16, 2015

Métis Albertans gathered at Edmonton City Hall at noon today for a proclamation and flag raising ceremony in celebration of Métis Week. The ceremony is hosted annually by the Métis Nation of Alberta Region 4 and the City of Edmonton to proclaim the week surrounding November 16th as Métis Week.

MNA dignitaries including President Audrey Poitras, Region 4 President Cecil Bellrose, and Region 4 Vice President James Atkinson attended today's ceremony. Government dignitaries included Randy Boissonnault, MP for Edmonton Centre; David Sheperd, MLA for Edmonton-Centre and Tony Caterina, Councillor for Ward 7 of the City of Edmonton.

President Poitras stated that "The annual flag raising and proclamation ceremony is symbolic of the MNA's commitment to working together with the City of Edmonton to promote Métis rights and wellbeing." MNA Region 4 President, Cecil Bellrose, remarked that "Métis Nation of Alberta Region 4 is enthusiastic to host another flag raising and proclamation ceremony at Edmonton City Hall. It is through these commemorative events that the significant contributions of Region 4 Métis Albertans are recognized." Edmonton Councillor for Ward 7, Tony Caterina also pledged his support for Métis Week stating that "The Métis community, with its rich cultural heritage, is an important part of the character and history of Edmonton. Métis Week is an annual reminder of these strong links between our proud past and promising future."



MNA HOSTS LOUIS RIEL COMMEMORATION AT ALBERTA LEGISLATURE

Edmonton, Alberta -
Monday, November 16, 2015

Some years ago, the MNA registered as protestors to host Louis Riel Day on the steps of the Alberta Legislature. We are happy to announce that for the past few years, the Alberta Legislature has opened its doors and welcomed the MNA to remember the legacy of our fallen hero. This year was no exception - the Métis community turned out in full force for Louis Riel Day at the Legislature, which was also attended by politicians from all levels of government including:

Mr. Randy Boissonnault
MP for Edmonton Centre

Mr. Greg Clark,
MLA Leader of the Alberta Party

The Honourable Kathleen Ganley,
Minister of Aboriginal Relations

Mr. Tony Caterina,
Councillor, City of Edmonton

Mr. Brian Jean,
MLA Leader of the
Official Opposition

Mr. Jean Johnson President,
L'Association de tous les
Francophones de l'Alberta

Dr. David Swann,
MLA Leader of the
Liberal Party

Mr. Merle White President,
Alberta Native Friendship Centres

Mr. Ric McIver,
MLA Leader of the Progressive
Conservative Party

Mrs. Audrey Poitras President,
Métis Nation of Alberta

The ceremony commenced at 11 am with an opening prayer by Mr. Herb Belcourt - a respected scholar and philanthropist in the Métis community and closed at noon with a reading of the "Prayer of the Council" by Mr. John McDonald, the President of the Aboriginal Veterans Society of Alberta. It was an emotional and meaningful ceremony for the many in attendance as each leader delivered remarks about the significant contributions made to Canadian society by Louis Riel. Thank you to everyone who participated in this very special day!