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### Dreaming of Spring



**Thank you so very much for including my profile in your current newsletter. It is, to me, such a great honor, especially being welcomed into the community; like coming home. Once again, thank you and I wish you nothing but the greatest**

**"Behold, my brothers, the spring has come; the earth has received the embraces of the sun and we shall soon see the results of that love! Every seed has awakened and so has all animal life. It is through this mysterious power that we too have our being and we therefore yield to our neighbors, even our animal neighbors, the same right as ourselves, to inhabit this land."**

*~ Sitting Bull*

Source: Goodreads Quotes

success in all your endeavours.

Very sincerely,  
Walter Borden

## Language and Culture Rolled Into One

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has enabled Anthropology Professor Sonya Atalay to bring the Native American Ojibwe language and culture to UMass Amherst.



## Building Canoes and Language Skills



Visiting lecturer Howard Kimewon is teaching students to build a traditional birchbark canoe.

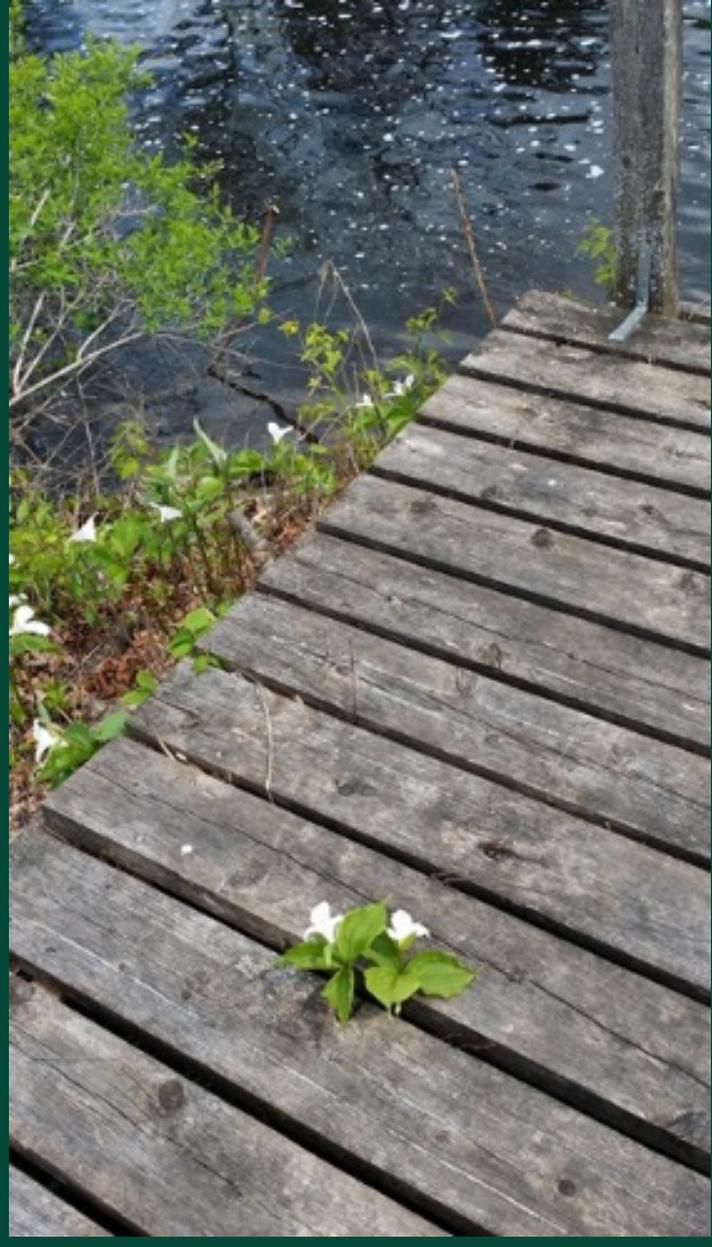
*Photo Source: Video above*

## Birchbark Basket Making from the Northwest Territories Arts



## Birchbark Baskets

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## One Man's Passion



Photo: William Buxton and James Rasan - taken NE Saskatchewan  
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In 1988 when Artist Tom Byers walked into the House of Treasures, a former Trading Post in Sudbury, ON the only thing he saw was the 13 ft Birchbark Canoe, build by Patrick Maranda, hanging from the ceiling. As Tom

## Birchbark Homes, Long Houses and More



### Native American Architecture

describes it the "Spirit of the Canoe" was speaking directly to him saying, "The spirit of man and the spirit of earth are one in me, this is what can be accomplished when man works with nature rather than against it".

Today, some 27 years later Tom's passion for canoe building has made him one of the premier birchbark canoe builders in North American.



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Just wanted to let you know the OMFRC Community Facebook page has been amazing with linking distant family, comparing lineage, family trees. Very helpful and informative among other members in addition to what your organization posts.

*Jean Paul*



**Thank You  
Volunteers!!!**

With heartfelt thanks we would like to thank Paul Allaire, Marc Gervais and Ed Granger just to name a few. These OMFRC

## Surprising Facts How First Nations Differ From the Rest of Canada



11 facts about the gap between First Nations and the rest of Canada

The Globe and Mail's Sherrill Sutherland takes a look at the disconcerting gap in education, wealth and health between First Nations people and the rest of Canada.

Members/Volunteers have gone above and beyond the call of duty by assisting our Editorial Staff in providing captivating articles for our readers each and every month.

### New Submissions

Our editors are always looking for original submissions that would be of interest to our community. Do you know of any upcoming events that you would like to share either through the Newsletter or Facebook?

If you have something you would like to add to future issues we would be happy to consider it; please call or email putting Facebook or Newsletter material in the subject line!

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### Dance Festival a Brilliant Growing Showcase of Native Culture

As night falls The Museum of  
Anthropology is like  
entering a world of myths and legends



*Dancers of the Damelahamid at the Coastal First Nations Dance Festival in British Columbia.* Derek Dix

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### Educational Funding 2015



There are many members of the OMFRC community who have been successful in obtaining support through several of these programs.

**Please Note:** Each organization has their own guidelines for qualification.

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[http://www.metisnation.org/media/164044/bursary\\_guide-web.pdf](http://www.metisnation.org/media/164044/bursary_guide-web.pdf)

<http://carleton.ca/awards/wp-content/uploads/Metis-Nation-of-Ontario-Bursary-2013-2014.pdf>

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<http://www.mohawkcollege.ca/financial-assistance/awards-scholarships-bursaries/external-awards.html?PageMode=Print>

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## **Employment and Training**

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**The OMFRC would like to thank everyone that is standing with us to support the Ontario Metis Family Records Center Community Facebook Page.....your response is nothing short of incredible!**

**Stay connected and celebrate your heritage! Share that you're a member of the OMFRC Community with your family members on Facebook. It has never been more important to stand up and be counted!**

**Have you visited our Facebook page? We welcome you to join our OMFRC Community - we want to hear from you.**

