

# TURTLETALK NEWSLETTER

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## SUMMER 2008

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## MCNAA NEWS & INFORMATION

### FUNDRAISING IDEAS OFFERED

In the 2008 Spring Issue of TurtleTalk we asked for your input on other types of special events we could hold to raise funds for MCNAA. A few of the ideas we received included holding a golf tournament, an electronics recycling program, and holding a talent show. Obviously, it's too late this year for the golf tournament but we will hold a talent show in November and we will share the electronics recycling information with you in this issue.

The Talent Show fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, November 2, 2008 in Middleboro. The talent pool is open to all of our members. Right now we have several people who will sing individually, someone will play the Native flute, a small dance group will perform "Rueda", We still need more acts so if you have a talent that you'd like to share with all of us, please contact Burne at [mcnaa@aol.com](mailto:mcnaa@aol.com) or 617-642-1683. The show will be a fun way to raise money for our programs. ■

# DVD OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CENTER FOR NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS (MCNAA) DANCE PRESENTATION FOR THE RED SOX NATION



As part of our on-going fundraising efforts, we have something new to offer our members. It's special to us.

As you may remember, Red Sox officials decided to honor team members who were born in different "Nations" during the first two weeks of pre-game shows at Fenway Park. They included Dominican Day, Japanese Day, Native American Day, and Puerto Rican Day. Since Jacoby Ellsbury is Navajo, The Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness [MCNAA] was invited to take part in "Nations Day-Native American" held on Friday, April 11, 2008. Thirty dancers from Mass, Maine, RI, and CT were invited by MCNAA to represent various dance styles (as well as the different Native Nations of people who are living in this region) and take part in this "history-making event". The Iron River Singers were a major part of this performance and contributed by singing/drumming the honor song.

The official program was recorded on DVD and includes not only MCNAA's dance performance but the entire evening of "Native American Day". Some of the things you will see in the DVD include:

- The Official Introduction to the Evening
- "Honor Song" by the Iron River Singers
- MCNAA Inter-Tribal Dancers performing their specific dance styles to the Honor Song: Aquayah Peters, Cheyenne Fox Tree-McGrath, Claudia Fox Tree, Leslie Tuplin, Maria Wilkins, Elena Morales, Le-Ann Araujo, Erin Meeches, Althnageebah Myles-Zamora, Gabby Bigos, Sgoagani Mye, Dr. Bert Waters, Don Barnaby, Ron Noel, Marvin Burnette, Chichil, LeRoy Araujo, Garry Meeches, Jr. and Albert Zamora, Jr. (In the DVD, you will miss David Weeden and Attaquin Weeden who were stuck in Friday's traffic and arrived just after the program ended.)
- The Code of Conduct for Fenway Park
- Native Bat Kids: 10 year old Josephine Belay of Cambridge and 9 year old Dave Ogawachic of Roslindale
- Blood Donor of the Game - Mark Malone
- Medical All-Star - Dr. Frederick Mandell
- Names of the New York Yankees Line-Up
- Names and photos of the Boston Red Sox Line-Up
- Shining Star Award awarded posthumously to "John Sammy Sapiel" and accepted by Shirley Mills
- Video Board Presentation - video of past & present Native players; and photos of some of the current Native dancers
- Navajo National Anthem (Flag Song) and the American National Anthem by Shawna Allison Vicente of New Mexico (cousin to Jacoby Ellsbury)
- Ceremonial First Pitch thrown by 90 years young Raymond "One Bear" Tremblay, Chippewa, Bay Mills Band and Co-founder of The Order of Preservation of Indian Culture (TOPIC)

- Final Words “Play Ball” by 11 year old Matthew Francel of Quincy
- Footage of the guys in the bull pen getting ready to go out on field to warm up
- Still photos of a few of the players (the still photos stay on screen a long time)
- Words from a few of the players

- Still photos continue
- An announcement about recycling soda cans and water bottles
- Stats on the players
- More still photos
- Highlights on some of that evenings’ innings
- ....and the dvd continues

We have copies of the DVD and are selling them for \$15.00 each which includes envelope and postage. This was a touching and memorable occasion and we hope you will want a copy of the DVD for your archives as well as an opportunity to help support MCNAA’s Cultural Arts Program for September (The Inter-Tribal Pow-wow at Plug Pond, Haverhill, MA).

If you are interested in purchasing one or more DVD, please mail your check, cash, or money order to:

Mass. Center for Native American Awareness  
 ATTN: MCNAA-Red Sox DVD  
 P.O. Box 5885  
 Boston, MA 02114-5885 ■

## **CULTURAL ARTS: HIGHLIGHTS OF MCNAA’S LATEST POW-WOWS**

*by Anthony Silva*

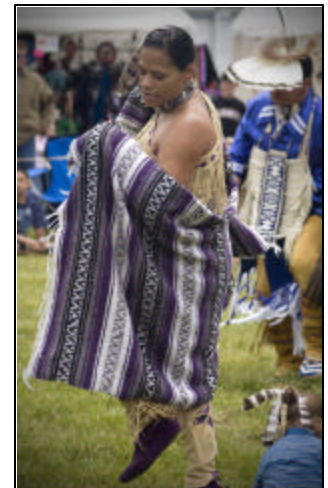
### **SPRING PLANTING MOON POW-WOW**

MCNAA successfully held its Spring Planting Moon Pow-Wow on Memorial Day weekend on Saturday and Sunday, May 24 – 25, 2008 at the Marshfield Fairgrounds.

The Creator blessed us with two beautiful sunny days to allow our Native Brothers and Sisters an opportunity to celebrate and practice our culture and customs as well as to share with the public.

Planning and executing this years’ event took a bit more effort and work as MCNAA’s rusty, but trusty truck was disabled and we were unable to transport much of our set up equipment and supplies. In addition to this set back, we were without loyal

friend and MC, Marvin Many Horses, who was unable to make it due to a prior commitment. Also missing were two of our biggest helpers Kim & Frankie Orben who moved to California in January.



Cheryl Frye-Cromwell performing Eastern Blanket Dance. Photo by Liz Feitelberg

However, despite all of this adversity, a number of our members and friends stepped up to ensure the success of MCNAA's Pow-Wow. Most notably was Advisory Committee member Don Barnaby who not only rallied himself and others to provide the necessary equipment (grilles canopies, coolers, etc.) but was able to get the Native American Color Guards to bring and display the 911 flag which has crossed the country. In addition to this extraordinary gesture, Don's friend, Junior Peter Paul, volunteered to MC both days. We were all pleasantly surprised at how skillfully he handled the day.

Of course, the flow of the Pow-Wow would not have been so easy, if not for the enormous help of another Advisory Committee member, Len Rose, who has unselfishly helped MCNAA in countless ways.

Our thanks to them and so many of you who, through these kind acts, help keep MCNAA's mission alive and show there still is a Native American "community". ■

## SUMMER MOON POW-WOW

Despite not being able to hold our Summer Moon Pow-Wow in Topsfield on Memorial Day weekend, we were able to honor the wishes of the many North Shore People to bring our culture and traditions to the Topsfield Fairgrounds on May 31-June 1, 2008. Although we had some torrential downpours on the first day, we were able to put together and sustain a very entertaining and educational program for the public.

Our MC, Marvin Many Horses, kept the day flowing and kept the public's attention with his wit and his wealth of knowledge of Native culture and customs. This was quite a feat as MCNAA was forced to set up and take down equipment while dodging the off and on torrential rains.



Dave Little Tree singing Iroquois Social Songs. Photo by Liz Feitelberg

Drumming and singing by the Iron River Singers provided the beat for the brave souls who disregarded the elements to dance and enjoy the camaraderie. Most admired were MCNAA friends Lee and Harry Edmonds. The public was thoroughly entertained and soon forgot about the inclement weather.

We were also fortunate to have Dave Little Tree who didn't let the inclement weather affect him as he sang and beat the small water drum to traditional Iroquois social songs.

Many of the families and their children were both entertained and educated through the storytelling of Peter White Fox and Lori Moondream, who tirelessly erected a Tipi and Wickiup despite the wet weather.

Once again this concluded a very successful month and allows planning for the success of the Fall. ■

## MCNAA WISH LIST

Donations of all types needed!

- Reams of copier paper
- New computer with flat panel monitor
- Postage stamps
- Memorial Gifts – When a friend or relative passes into the spirit world, honor their memory and send a tax-deductible contribution to MCNAA. Your contribution will be acknowledged by MCNAA to you and to the family.
- A Building – Donate a useable building for MCNAA's permanent administrative offices and programs. Certain tax benefits may apply.
- We will also accept a parcel of land that will be used as financing leverage to build our Center. Any size or location within the I-495 belt is acceptable. Certain tax benefits may apply. ■

## FOR RENT – TIMESHARE WEEK IN PROVINCETOWN, MA

Sandcastle Condominium  
Route 6A  
Provincetown, MA

This timeshare week at the Sandcastle Resort in Provincetown, Mass. was donated to MCNAA in 1990 by members Bob and Barbara Varnerin. It's a 1-bedroom unit and sleeps 6 people.



Living Room. Photo by Ron Bergeron

The week is #41 and runs from Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, October 18, 2008. This year it falls on Columbus Day Week.....a great time to get away to Cape Cod! We are renting it between \$400-\$500 for the week or best reasonable offer.

Here is information about the resort, the unit, and the surrounding area:

A vacation at Sandcastle Condominiums provides plenty of opportunity for you to enjoy numerous activities. You can play tennis, volleyball, and shuffleboard on site or take a dip in the indoor and outdoor pools. The resort's beach provides another outlet for aquatic activities. Fishing charters and boat rentals can be arranged through local marinas. For superb sight-seeing, visit area attractions, such as the Provincetown heritage Museum, the Cape Cod Pilgrim Memorial, and the Provincetown Art Association and Museum of Art. Bike through area trails or enjoy whale-watching.

### UNIT AMENITIES

Air Conditioning  
Carpet  
Kitchen – small full  
Microwave  
Telephone

### ON-SITE AMENITIES

Beach  
Games Room  
Laundry  
Swimming Pool (indoor/outdoor)  
Tennis  
Whirlpool/Hot Tub

## AMENITIES AROUND THE RESORT

Auto Rental (3.0 miles)

Boating (3.0 miles)

Fishing (3.0 miles)

Golf (5.0 miles)

Grocery Store (nearby)

Hairdresser (3.0 miles)

Medical Facilities (3.0 miles)

Playground Area (3.0 miles)

Restaurant (3.0 miles)

Scuba Diving (3.0 miles)

Shopping Area (3.0 miles)

Snack Bar (3.0 miles)

Water Skiing (3.0 miles)

Wind Surfing (3.0 miles)

Please let us know if you are interested in renting the unit by calling MCNAA at 617-642-1683 or e-mailing us at: [mcnaa@aol.com](mailto:mcnaa@aol.com) ■

## RECYCLE ELECTRONICS

One of our members in New Hampshire asked us to share this information with you. It's about a new electronics recycling company called SECOND ROTATION based in Waltham, MA. The company is about a year old.

The company started a new website this week -- [www.gazelle.com](http://www.gazelle.com) -- where anyone can mail them small electronic devices they don't want and they will send you a check. They want to make it really easy, so they mail you a SASE for you to mail them your small electronic devices.



If you go to their website, you type in what you want to send them, and you can look up their list of price quotes or they will send you a price quote by email within 24 hours.

The average person receives \$111.00 for what they send in. Currently, they only accept electronic devices that are the size of a laptop or smaller, but they eventually hope to recycle larger items like computers and TVs, and continue to add more businesses as their customers.

Many of the electronic items contain hazardous materials, and recycling them prevents them from being put in landfills -- and taking up space in the landfills. It was estimated that there are 400,000,000 electronic items tossed in landfills each year. That is a staggering amount.

The member who sent us this information thought that MCNAA could use these items as a way of raising funds -- by having our membership send in the items and having the checks made out to MCNAA -- or by donating to MCNAA the money they receive from the recycled electronic -- or by giving the devices to MCNAA to send in for profit. Either one of these 3 ways would work.

If you feel this is a good idea and if you want to donate any \$\$ that you receive for your electronic(s), we will be happy to accept it. ■

## **NEWS, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS AROUND THE REGION**

### **GIVE YOUR CHILD A HEAD START THE NATION'S #1 EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM**

Education, health, social and nutritional services right in your neighborhood at NO COST to you. Apply Now.

Native American Head Start  
Openings for 3, 4, and 5 year olds.  
Must meet income guidelines.  
Contact: Patricia Landry  
Director, Native American Community Head Start  
105 South Huntington Avenue  
Jamaica Plain, MA  
617-232-8534 ■

### **THE EXILES - NATIVE AMERICAN FILM PREMIERE AT MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS**

MCNAA was asked to help spread the word about a fantastic Native American film called "The Exiles," a film made in 1961 but never received distribution until now. A company called Milestone Films is releasing it into theaters for the very first time in Boston at the Museum of Fine Arts this September until October.

The film follows a group of young Native Americans who left their reservations in hopes of finding new exciting lives in Los Angeles. "The Exiles" is praised not only for its Native American content, but also for its gorgeous cinematography. Entertainment Weekly, New York Times, and Time Magazine have given it rave reviews. Native American author Sherman Alexie and filmmaker Ben-Alex Dupris are supporters of the film as well.

The screenings at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts are as follows:

Friday, Sept. 26, 6:45

Friday, Oct. 3, 4:30\*

Saturday, Sept. 27, 7:30

Saturday, Oct. 4, 12 noon\*

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 6:45

\*Ticket price for the first 3 screenings: \$10 gen. admission; \$8 for MFA members, students, & seniors; ticket price for the last 2 screenings: \$7 gen. admission; \$6 for MFA members, students, & seniors.

Tickets will be available online ([www.mfa.org](http://www.mfa.org)) and in person at the Remis Box Office starting on August 12th or by calling 617-369-3306.

If you would like more information about "The Exiles," please visit the official website at [www.exilesfilm.com](http://www.exilesfilm.com). ■

## BOSTON CHARTER DAY EVENTS



THE PARTNERSHIP OF THE HISTORIC BOSTONS, INC.

September 4-7, 2008  
Boston Charter Day Events

“A celebration of Boston’s founding on September 7, 1630”

Thurs., September 4, 2008  
“In The Time Before Now: Stories of the  
Massachuset People”  
Gill Solomon  
Boston Public Library  
Boston, MA  
7PM – 8PM  
617-536-5400

Commonwealth Museum  
230 Morrissey Blvd.  
Boston, MA  
6PM Reception and Exhibit  
7PM Presentation  
617-727-9268

Fri., September 5, 2008  
“Perspectives of the Early Colonial  
Period of the  
Massachusetts Bay Colony”  
Gill Solomon and William Fowler

Sat., September 6, 2008  
Boat Tour of Native American Legacies  
Rowes Wharf  
Boston, MA  
10AM – 1PM weather permitting  
617-482-1722

Sat., Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> Workshops - Boston Public Library, Boston, MA are as follows:

2PM – 5PM The Massachuset People - by members of the Massachuset-Ponkapoag  
Tribal Council

2PM and 4PM Living in Two Worlds - by Gill Solomon

2PM & 3PM The Massachuseuk Language - by Sleeping Beaver & Dreaming Bear

3PM Two Worlds: A Youths Perspective - by Wild Wolf & Swift Runner

3PM & 4PM A Living Spirituality of Balance, Well-being, and Healing by Ren Green

## FUTURE EVENTS OF BOSTON

Sunday, September 14, 2008  
“Walking Tour of John Eliot’s Natick”  
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Natick Historical Society and Museum  
58 Eliot Street, Natick, MA 01760  
Contact: 508-647-4841  
Contact: [www.natickhistory.org](http://www.natickhistory.org)

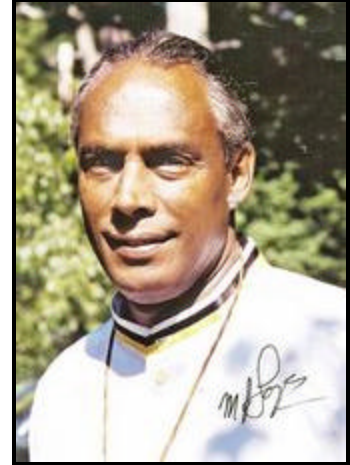
June 8 thru September 14, 2008  
“Reproduction of 17th Century Cottage  
with Exhibit about local Native People”  
The Peak House  
Sundays only 2-5 p.m.  
Medfield Historical Society  
Rte 109 at Pound and South Streets  
Medfield, MA 02052  
Contact: 508-359-4773 ■

## INTO THE SPIRIT WORLD

### MAURICE L. FOXX

We are shocked and deeply saddened by the sudden death of our friend, Maurice Foxx (also known as Strong Bear.) Maurice, a well known member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, died on Thursday, August 7, 2008 of complications after surgery. He was 59. He had a history of heart issues but the latest surgery was to repair a vertebrae in his neck. It's unclear if his heart condition contributed to his death.

Many of you knew him from seeing him at MCNAA's events. He was a frequent visitor at our annual pow-wows, benefit auctions, and anniversary celebrations. It was Maurice who won the 50/50 raffle at our last Anniversary event in April 2008. He felt good giving some of it back to MCNAA during the small silent auction part of the event.



Some of you knew him from his position on the Commission on Indian Affairs. He became a Commissioner in 1995 and served as Chairman until his death.

Maurice was very active in tribal affairs. At one point, he served as the Director of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Museum. Over the years, he also sat on a number of boards and committees that included the Wampanoag Confederation, the Advisory Council for Plimoth Plantation's Wampanoag Indian Program, the Pilgrim Society Advisory Board, and the Mashpee Wampanoag Pow-wow Committee. He also collaborated with Children's Museum in Boston on the development of their Wampanoag website.

At the time of his death, Maurice was divorced. He is survived by 3 adult children, 4 brothers and 1 sister (Anne Foxx, MCNAA Advisory Committee Member.) ■



### **MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT MUSEUM & RESEARCH CENTER**

110 Pequot Trail  
Mashantucket, CT 06338

### **SPECIAL EXHIBIT**

### **SISTERS OF THE GREAT LAKES: ART OF AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN**

Exhibition addresses how American Indians, specifically 20 women living in the Great Lakes region, visually address the complexities of being Indian in the modern world, October 5 – November 30, 2008 daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., last admission at 3 p.m., free with regular Museum admission.

## **GIFTS OF THE LAND HARVEST CELEBRATION**

Celebrate the bounty of Fall in traditional Native American style with music, games, food, a puppet show and hands-on activities for the whole family, Monday, October 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., free with regular Museum admission. ■

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT MASS. CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**



### **NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGIOUS SERVICES SPIRITUAL MENTORING PROGRAM**

You may be aware that the Department of Correction offers its inmates the opportunity to take part in educational, treatment and reintegration programs as well as mental health, substance abuse and religious programs.

Presently the Department is seeking volunteers to participate in Native American religious services and/or spiritual mentoring programs at correctional facilities in Bridgewater, Norfolk, Shirley, and Gardner.

If you or if you know of someone who may be interested in or would like more information about these volunteer opportunities please contact Bill Milhomme, Director of Volunteer Services, 508-620-6437 x104 or [wtmilhomme@doc.state.ma.us](mailto:wtmilhomme@doc.state.ma.us) ■



## **MCNAA CALENDAR**

### **2008**

Sat. & Sun., Sept. 6-7 Annual Intertribal Pow-wow, Mill St, Plug Pond, Haverhill, MA

Sun., Oct. 26 Annual Benefit Auction & Reception, Holiday Inn, Randolph, MA  
12 Noon

Sun., November 2 Talent Show Fundraiser, VFW, 30 Station Street, Middleboro, MA  
1PM

Sat., November 15 Nat'l Native American Heritage Day Pow Wow, LOC: TBA

### **2009**

Sat., Jan. Annual Pot-luck Feast, Social, and Scholarship Drawing, VFW, 30 Station Street, Middleboro, MA 5PM ■