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Cultural & Heritage Centre

The Millbrook Cultural & Heritage Centre are pleased to announce that we will be having a Speaker Series during the Month of October to celebrate Mi'kmaq History Month. Each week we will have a different speaker into the Centre to speak about different topics, from the night sky, fishing rights and history, to our language and lastly about our overall history and culture. If you are interested in learning about any of these topics, please feel free to come free of charge. Light refreshments will be served. This was all made possible with the help of The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq and the Department of Communities Culture & Heritage – Support4Culture, so please come out and join us for a fun filled evening. Here is the lineup for October:



Presenter Bio:

Gerald Gloade – October 5, 2016 from 6-8pm

Millbrook First Nation

Gerald R. Gloade is an artist and educator who is currently the Program Development Officer for the Mi'kmawey Debert Project based in Truro, Nova Scotia. He started his career working as a Graphic Designer for the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources' Communications and Education Branch more than 30 years ago. The focus of his work with the Province moved from forestry education and graphic art to sharing his culture and history in the landscape and environment of Mi'kma'ki with audiences of all ages.



Presenter Bio:

Kerry Prosper- October 12, 2016 from 6-8pm

Paq'tnekek First Nations

Kerry Prosper is a Mi'kmaq Elder, Pipe Carrier. Kerry Prosper is a member of the Paq'tnekek Mi'kmaq First Nations community located along the shores of St. Georges Bay not far from Antigonish, Nova Scotia. Prosper served as Chief of his community for twelve years and is presently an elected Councilor. Kerry is currently the research coordinator for the Paq'tnekek First Nation in the Social Research for Sustainable Fisheries project. In this role, he works with the Paq'tnekek Fish and Wildlife Society and St. Francis Xavier University.

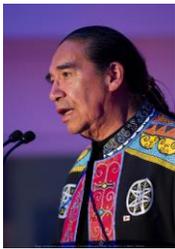


Presenter Bio:

Curtis Michael – October 19, 2016 from 6-8pm

Sipekene’kati First Nation

Curtis Michael was born and raised on the Sipekene’kati First Nation. He is married to Rose Michael (nee Nevin) and they have 11 Children. Curtis teaches our Mi’kmaw Language at the L’nu Sipuk Kina’muo’kuom (LSK). Curtis has created a flash card Mi’kmaw Language game called, “Mi’kmaw Made Easy” and has been an advocate for our language for many years.



Presenter Bio:

STEPHEN J. AUGUSTINE – October 26, 2016 from 6-8 pm

Hereditary Chief Mi’Kmaq Grand Council

Dean Unama’ki College and Aboriginal Learning at Cape Breton University, Nova Scotia

Until January 2013 Stephen Augustine was the Curator of Ethnology for Eastern Maritimes, in the Ethnology Services Division of the Canadian Museum of Civilization (since 1996), in Gatineau/Ottawa for sixteen years. He holds a Masters degree in Canadian Studies from Carleton University (Ottawa) focussing on traditional knowledge curriculum development in the context of the education system. He obtained a B.A in Anthropology and Political Science from St Thomas University (N.B) in 1986.

Over the years, Mr. Augustine has shared his expertise in research and traditional knowledge with many organizations, including government departments, the Assembly of First Nations, and various Aboriginal communities across Canada. He is part of an advisory panel on biodiversity issues and has worked extensively with the United Nations programs on development and the environment. He has been teaching for eight years a sessional course at Carleton University (course: *Aboriginal Peoples and the Knowledge Economy*). He has been invited as guest speaker at national and international conferences. He has published papers, been recorded for radio programs and various video programs on traditional knowledge, Maritimes history and treaties, and storytelling. He has organized cross-cultural workshops and made presentations to a wide variety of institutions (U.N., federal and provincial departments, universities, museums, UNESCO and The Vatican). His book on the CMC collections (*Mi’kmaq & Maliseet Cultural Ancestral Material*, Mercury Series, CMC, 2005) has proven a valuable resource for academic researchers and educators alike.

Over the last few years, he has been accredited as an expert witness in various court cases, involving Aboriginal access to resources in the Maritimes, being recognized for his knowledge both of oral history and ethno-history, and of the treaties in the region. He has recently been named the recipient of the 2009 National Aboriginal Achievement Award for Culture, Heritage and Spirituality and the 2009 New Brunswick Lieutenant-Governor's Dialogue Award. He has also been named (fall 2008) member of the Sectoral Commission for Culture, Communication and Information for the Canadian Commission for UNESCO. He has been Elder Advisor to the Federal Court of Canada Judges, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Human Rights Commission of Canada. In his role as a hereditary Chief on the Mi'kmaq Grand Council and by Elders' training since an early age, Stephen J. Augustine has a thorough command of traditional practices, his language and the history of his people.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Heather Stevens at 1-902-843-3493 or email at heather@millbrookheritagecentre.ca



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