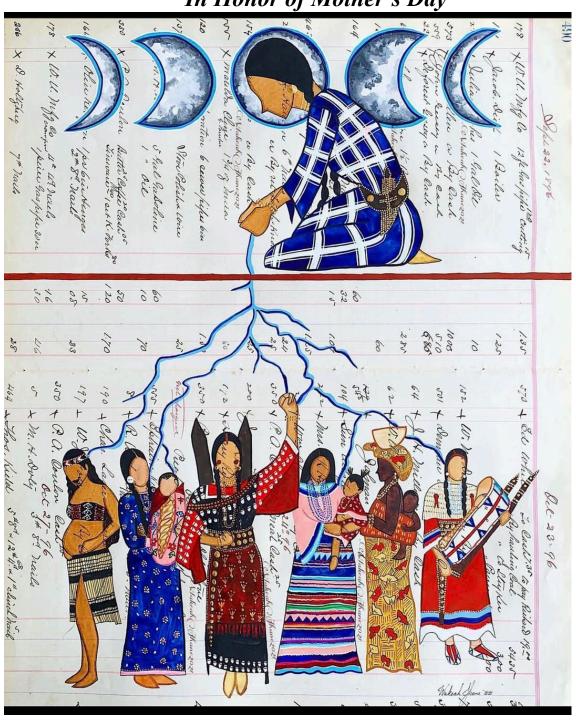
## In Honor of Mother's Day





"Treat the earth well: it was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children. We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our Children." ~Crazy Horse



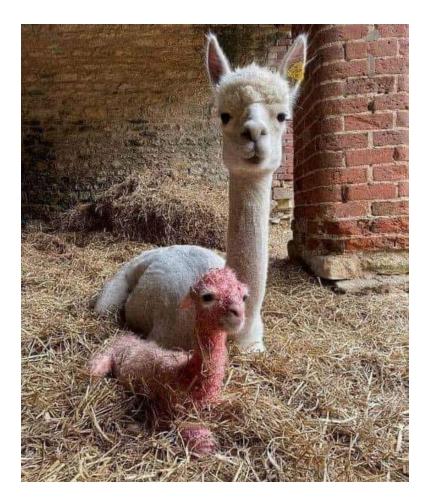
"The honor of the people lies in the moccasin tracks of the woman.

Walk the good road....

Be dutiful, respectful, gentle, and modest my daughter... Be strong with the warm, strong heart of the earth. No people goes down until their women are weak and dishonored, or dead upon the ground. Be strong and sing the strength of the Great Powers within you, all around you."

## Ariana Mackenzie International Womens Day • Grandmothers Prayer •

Long before she knew she would become a mother and a grandmother - she prayed hard for the future generations to come. She planted a seed in each of us. Praying that we would never suffer harsh realities that this world carries as she did. Praying for our strength and resiliency to overcome it all if we did. Praying for the wombs and the babies. Her prayers are the very roots of us. It flows through the blood in our bodies so gently and intently like water. Creating new and better paths. She prays that her prayers radiate and reach as far as those who came in contact with her relations. Our matriarchs are celebrated everyday by us simply being and carrying on their legacies. - Wakeah Jane



To the Lakota people, Ina and Unci, Mother and Grandmother, are held in the highest regard because of the compassion and wisdom they bring to their families and this world. In my travels today, when I meet and pray with women folk, it makes me happy and reminds me that we are not alone. We are connected through compassion. By acknowledging all mothers and grandmothers as relations, it honors all of them. The song "Mother" reminds me to thank Tunkasila for those women because without them we wouldn't be as compassionate or understanding. The song mother composed by #warfieldmoose #mitaoyate #mitaoyateculturalsociety #realnativebotanicals #lakota #oglalalakota #mitakuyeoyasin #pineridge #oglalasioux #

## **Mother's Day**



Sandhill Crane

Sandhill crane mom & chick



Feeling love with mom #worldwideelephantlovers







The Fabulous Weird Trotters
A mother wolf spider carrying her babies.
Credits: Nightfall Photograph



<u>Turtle mom 150 years old and her lovely children</u>

This tortoise has lived a lot longer than their average lifespan!.



## **Darnell Benally**

The fate of a mother is to wait for her children. You wait for them when you're pregnant. You wait on them when they get out of school. You wait on them to get home after a night out. You wait on them when they start their own lives. You wait for them when they get home from work to come home to a nice dinner. You wait for them with love, with anxiety, and sometimes with anger that passes immediately when you see them and you can hug them.

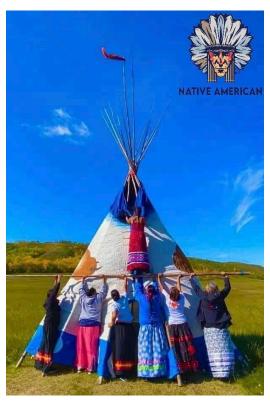
Make sure your mom doesn't have to wait any longer. Visit her, love her, hug the one who loved you like no one else ever will. Don't make her wait, she's expecting this from you. Because the membranes get old but the heart of a mother never gets old. Love her as you can. No person will love you like your mother will.



Oglala women and childrenPine Ridge Agency #334 Star Comes Out

"It is the mothers not the warriors who create a people and guide their destiny"

~Luther Standing Bear, Oglala Lakota~



Meanwhile in Saskatchewan

The Tipi is the spirit and body of woman, because she represents the foundation of family and community. It is through her that we learn the values that bring balance into our lives. That is why, when you construct a tipi, it involves ceremony: because the ceremony of making a tipi represents the value of women's teachings.

Love my Sisters

This picture illustrates unity, strength and womanhood





Message from the Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers:

"As you move through these changing times... be easy on yourself and be easy on one another.

You are at the beginning of something new. You are learning a new way of being. You will find that you are working less in the yang modes that you are used to.

You will stop working so hard at getting from point A to point B the way you have in the past, but instead, will spend more time experiencing yourself in the whole, and your place in it. Instead of traveling to a goal out there, you will voyage deeper into yourself. Your mother's grandmother knew how to do this. Your ancestors from long ago knew how to do this. They knew the power of the feminine principle... and because you carry their DNA in your body, this wisdom and this way of being is within you.

Call on it. Call it up. Invite your ancestors in. As the yang based habits and the decaying institutions on our planet begin to crumble, look up. A breeze is stirring. Feel the sun on your wings."

Author & Artist: Unknown



We were told we would see America come and go. In a sense, America dies from the inside out, because they have forgotten the instructions to live on Mother Earth. This is the Hopi creed, it is our creed, that if you are not spiritually connected to the Earth, and you don't understand the spiritual reality of life on Earth, chances are you are not going to make it.

Everything is spiritual, everything has one Spirit.

We are here on Earth only a few winters, then we go to the spirit world. The spirit world is more real than most of us realize.

The spirit world is everything. Most of our body is water. To stay healthy you need to drink pure water. Water is sacred, air is sacred. Our DNA is made from the same DNA as the tree, the tree breathes what we breathe out, we need what the tree expires. So we have a common fate with the tree. We are all of the Earth, and when the Earth and its water and atmosphere are corrupted, then the Earth will create her reaction. The Mother reacts.

In the Hopi prophecy it says that storms and floods will get bigger.

For me it is not negative to know that there will be big changes. It's not negative, it's evolution.

When you look at it as an Evolution, you know it's time, nothing stays the same. You should learn to plant something. This is the first connection. You should look at all things as Spirit, realize that we are family. It never ends. Everything is life and there is no end to life. —FW

