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**Thinking about the land with interdisciplinary artist Marlena Myles**

Myles says her approach has a basis in Dakota thought. “I don’t try to limit myself because I don’t think that’s the way my people lived ever,” she says. “I try not to place boundaries between areas of knowledge.”

<https://www.minnpost.com/artscape/2023/09/thinking-about-the-land-with-interdisciplinary-artist-marlena-myles/>

## AT LEECH LAKE POWWOW, CEREMONY MEETS FAMILY

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(l) Robie Rock, carrying the eagle staff, joked with Jon Schneider as they gathered for the grand entry at the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe powwow.

(r) A young dancer joined the grand entry. “All regalia has a story,” UMD professor Jill Doerfler said.

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CASS LAKE, MINN. – The regalia worn by Day- Bway-Wii-Da-Moog was passed down from his father, vibrant blue and yellow even after 40 years, affixed with plumes of feathers and intricately beaded butterflies.

The 58-year-old Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe citizen attends only the Cass Lake powwow each year on the Leech Lake Reservation, about 865,000 acres that sprawl into four counties in north-central Minnesota.

He goes to nurture a connection to his late father.

“We argued quite a bit, but this was one thing we could agree on,” he said.

Day-Bway-Wii-Da-Moog was one of hundreds dancing to powerful drumbeats and song at the Leech Lake powwow over the weekend — a threeday event that began Friday night with the grand entrance of more than 200 dancers at the Veterans Memorial powwow grounds.

From toddlers to elders, dancers wore dresses with clinking, cone-shaped jingles, colorful ribbons, fringed pants and feathered bustles as they entered a circular arena surrounded by bleachers, drum groups and the rich scents of tobacco and fry bread.

Powwows are held by tribes across the country, a celebration of culture, family, friendship and food that blend modern life with old traditions.

Many travel hundreds of miles to partake in another tribe’s event. The Leech Lake band plans several powwows a year in the warmer months, with attendance often reaching 1,000 on a single day.

“We’re celebrating life; each other’s company,” said David Northbird Sr., one of the two masters of ceremony Friday night. “We weren’t always allowed to do it.”

### **The history**

Powwows, ni-mi-win in Ojibwe, are a relatively new, intertribal tradition that include a series of dance styles and sometimes contests with prizes. As part of efforts to assimilate Indigenous people, the U.S. government banned Native American religious and spiritual traditions, including certain dances, in the late 1800s.

More of a social event than a religious ceremony, powwows became a way to express culture in the mid-20th century, as a way to skirt the law that remained unchanged by Congress until 1978 under the American Indian Religious Freedom Act.

### **How to attend**

It’s a common misconception that powwows are closed events, said Rodney Johnson, who coordinates them for the Leech Lake band.

“But everyone is welcome” to the hourslong events complete with traditional and fairstyle foods, craft vendors and campgrounds, he said.

All that’s asked is that attendees are respectful and follow a few rules: powwows are sober, with no drugs and alcohol allowed on site. Viewers shouldn’t enter the dancing arena unless asked to be there, such as when veterans are honored.

The master of ceremonies will typically say when it’s OK to take photos and when it is not, or whether it is time to stand or remove headwear.

The outfits dancers wear are called regalia and not costumes, and shouldn’t be touched without asking first.

If a loose feather is found, leave it and let someone in the master of ceremonies stand know so it can be handled properly, because feathers are sacred items.

Feel free to ask questions, but prepare for a joke, like the one Day-Bway-Wii-Da-Moog offered about the old shell casings he wore around his neck: “Each one of these was a German soldier,” he said.

Powwows are a good way for non-Native people to see contemporary Native Americans expressing culture, said Jill Doerfler, a University of Minnesota Duluth American Indian studies professor and a White Earth Nation descendant.

It can help “undermine the stereotypes and things we see replicated in dominant society,” she said, of representations of Native Americans still being set in the historic past.

## **The regalia**

Wendy Merrill's red jingle dress was made by Adrienne Benjamin, a master jingle dress maker from the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

The dress, and the dance of the same name are important to the Mille Lacs band, where it is said the dress originated when a man with a sick daughter during the 1918 pandemic dreamed about one. He made the dress, and when she danced in it, she was healed, Merrill said, and today the dress is known as the healing dress.

"You're dancing to heal and you're dancing for the people who can't," said Merrill, who attended with her daughter. "And it makes me feel beautiful."

Powwow regalia can be a personal reflection of the wearer. On Friday, a child wore a "Frozen" themed glittering shawl and a teen paired a Tupac T-shirt with a ribbon skirt. The clothes are usually labor intensive to make and many items are handed down through generations.

"Regalia has a deep, personal meaning regardless of what anyone might see," Doerfler said. "All regalia has a story."

Red has become a more common color in recent years, she said, related to the movement to recognize and find murdered and missing Indigenous women and relatives.

## **The mood**

Powwows can be lighthearted, with gentle ribbing and jokes by the emcees.

For Candace Gotchie, of Ball Club, Minn., whose granddaughters no longer dance because they're too busy "chasing boys around," powwows are spiritual.

"It just feels good to be here," she said. They are solemn as respect is paid to flags, veterans and elders, and they are breathtaking as dancers become lost in the drumming and song. "You just close your eyes and dance," Northbird said.

If you go: Leech Lake holds its final powwow of the season Sept. 15-17 at its Battle Point grounds on Battle Point Drive in Federal Dam, Minn. Grand entries are held at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.



## **Lithium Extraction Projects**

### **Cypress' Clayton Valley Lithium Project, Nevada, USA**

The project is estimated to require 30,283l of water a minute to meet its processing requirements. Approximately 75% of the water in the processing plant will be recycled and returned to the leaching circuit for reuse.

<https://www.mining-technology.com/projects/cypress-clayton-valley-lithium-project-nevada-usa/>

<https://thenevadaindependent.com > article > in-remote-nevada-valley-a-race-for-more-lithium-comes-down-to-waterfbfb>

In remote Nevada valley, race for more lithium comes down to water Oct 31, 2022  
Lithium companies are exploring areas across Nevada, from Dixie Valley to Railroad Valley. Still, Clayton Valley is an area that continues to capture interest. "There's a lot of contention there between the entities in Clayton Valley and who has rights to this, that and the other," noted Mike Visser, the division's administrator.

<https://ameriwestlithium.com > projects > railroad-valley>  
**RAILROAD VALLEY, NEVADA - Ameriwest Lithium**

The 15,300 acre Railroad Valley Property ("RRV" or the "Property") is a greenfields lithium brine exploration target located in Railroad Valley, Nevada ("Railroad Valley" or the "Valley"). The North Railroad Valley drainage basin is larger in size and has similar geologic potential to host a lithium brine deposit similar to the one found in Clayton Valley, Nevada, located just ...

<https://data-ndom.opendata.arcgis.com > pages > lithium-claims>

### **Lithium Claims - ArcGIS**

Apr 30, 2023 Economic brines have lithium concentrations in the range of 200 to 400 milligrams per liter." As of April 30, 2023 an estimated 20,127 active, filed, and submitted placer claims, have been located in Nevada, presumably for lithium or lithium brine in 18 different hydrographic basins. Typical exploration is completed by drilling and sampling ...

**cool map:** <https://ameriwestlithium.com/>

Deer Musk East (DME) is a 7,400-acre property located on the eastern side of Clayton Valley, in what appears to be a down dropped block of ground known as a graben. Ameriwest believes this graben is a parallel structure to one where Albemarle's (NYSE:ALB) Silver Peak Mine and Pure Energy Mineral's (TSXV:PE) Clayton Valley Property are found. The property hosts a lithium brine target identified with geophysics.

**Broadbent offers many ways to assist mining industry:** Broadbent & Associates, a Nevada-based environmental and civil engineering firm, provides services to the mining industry, including soil and water remediation. The company has offices in Reno, Las Vegas, and Elko, positioning it to work for mines across the state. ([elkodaily.com](http://elkodaily.com))

**CAT Strategic Metals Files 32 Lode Claims at Jackpot Lithium; Additional Sampling and Results Received for Stag's Leap Northern Elko County, Nevada:** CAT Strategic Metals has filed 32 lode claims at Jackpot Lithium in Elko County, Nevada, with the BLM Reno office. The company also received additional sampling results for Stag's Leap. ([juniorminingnetwork.com](http://juniorminingnetwork.com))

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*From UC Botanical Garden:*

**Traditional Amaranth Harvesting**

*A family-friendly event!*

Sunday, Oct 1, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

Come experience traditional amaranth harvesting methods and practices in our Crops of the World Garden with Indigenous Permaculture. They will share the rich history of this important food to the people of Mesoamerica. We'll listen, observe, use our hands, taste treats, and share in community as we celebrate the deep indigenous connections and practices surrounding amaranth.

UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley | 200 Centennial Dr, Berkeley, CA 94720



**[Research Librarian \(Natural Resources, Energy, and Environment\)](#)**

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Responds to congressional and internal requests for information related to issues requiring in-depth knowledge of the context/background of the issue, and for information that is difficult to find and/or requires filtering/synthesis. Utilizes specialized knowledge to prepare responses to requests and develop and execute research methodologies for specialized topics.

Develops and maintains knowledge of research resources. Identifies, tests, and evaluates new, specialized research resources; performs market analyses on competing resources; and recommends specialized information resources and research materials for purchase or renewal.

Provides orientation and training/instruction to congressional clients, colleagues, and peers on research methods and research resources.

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**Note from Carole Wright:**

Like the article regarding cradleboards. Several things you might add next time.

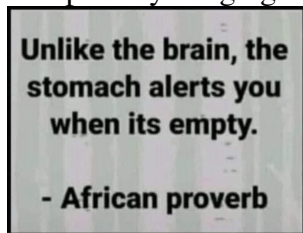
My doctor who took care of mine when they were babies was Dr. Mark Raymond. He loved cradleboards and would recommend them to non-Indian women whose babies who were born with a clubbed foot or legs and/or hips that needed to be straight, rather than surgery later.

Also, cradleboards allowed the baby to sleep longer regardless of what was going on around them.

In many cases, it allowed the mother to do assorted chores.

Local cradleboards were made with woven willow with buckskin or cloth for edging. Beads were sewn across the front and when the baby was awake it would look at those beads when moving and it strengthen their eyes and help in the development of the eye muscle and improve eye movement and coordination.

Many cradleboards made with buckskin and had beautiful beadwork. Many mothers still have their cradleboards, covered in plastic and proudly hanging on their walls.



**[Biden administration restores the power of states and tribes to review projects to protect waterways](#)**

States and Native American tribes will have greater authority to block energy projects such as natural gas pipelines that could pollute rivers and streams under a final rule issued Thursday by the Biden administration. The Environmental Protection Agency says the new regulation will empower local authorities to protect rivers and streams while supporting infrastructure projects that create jobs. Associated Press

**Do you know a teacher making a difference in Reno? [Nominate them here](#) for a Teacher Spotlight on Patch. *(What about our language teachers?)***

**[Anne Willie Susan](#)**

UC-Berkeley offers specific classes for Alums at no cost, so yours truly signed up and will start on-line at the end of the month. I found a pencil that should handle notes when I don't have my computer. You are never too old to learn...



**Wow! The Choctaw Nation was able to germinate their traditional seeds that were recovered from a dig that took place in 1811 !!**

**[#GrowingHope](#)**

**(FB Post)**



## Scholarships with October 15-31 Deadlines

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| <a href="#">American Cancer Society Postdoctoral Fellowships</a>                    | \$70,000  | October 15, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund</a>                             | Varies    | October 15, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Balanced Man Scholarship- University of Virginia</a>                    | \$1,000   | October 15, 2023 |
| <a href="#">CIEE College Study Abroad Scholarships</a>                              | Varies    | October 15, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Daniels Scholarship Program</a>                                         | \$100,000 | October 15, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Empower College Scholarships Program</a>                                | \$20,000  | October 15, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Gen.G Foundation Scholarship</a>                                        | \$10,000  | October 15, 2023 |
| <a href="#">GHF Emerge Scholarship</a>                                              | \$1,000   | October 15, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Hawaiian Financial Federal Credit Union Scholarship Program</a>         | \$2,000   | October 15, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Hopi Tribe Grants and Scholarships Program</a>                          | Varies    | October 15, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Keep Your Chin Up Scholarship Fund</a>                                  | \$5,000   | October 15, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association Scholarships</a>                | Varies    | October 15, 2023 |
| <a href="#">OHM Advisors Diversity Scholarship</a>                                  | \$1,000   | October 15, 2023 |
| <a href="#">RERF Veteran Stipend</a>                                                | \$10,000  | October 15, 2023 |
| <a href="#">RIVMA Veterinary Student Scholarship</a>                                | \$2,500   | October 15, 2023 |
| <a href="#">SHAPE America Bill Kane Undergraduate Scholarship</a>                   | \$1,000   | October 15, 2023 |
| <a href="#">SVC Foundation College Scholarship</a>                                  | \$5,000   | October 15, 2023 |
| <a href="#">University of Texas- San Antonio Distinguished Transfer Scholarship</a> | \$6,000   | October 15, 2023 |
| <a href="#">WICHE Professional Student Exchange Program</a>                         | Varies    | October 15, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) Colorado Chapter Scholarships</a>  | \$5,000   | October 15, 2023 |
| <a href="#">CCME Educators Scholarships</a>                                         | \$1,000   | October 16, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Luce Scholars Program</a>                                               | Varies    | October 16, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Mechanical One Scholarship</a>                                          | \$2,500   | October 16, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Sargenti Scholarship + Experience</a>                                   | \$2,500   | October 16, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Single Parent Degree Program Scholarships of Northwest Arkansas</a>     | \$2,500   | October 16, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Flinn Scholarship</a>                                                   | Varies    | October 19, 2023 |

**New scholarship endowment continues support for future public health leaders:** A scholarship endowment in honor of Dr. Gregory J. Hayes will benefit public health graduate students at the University of Nevada, Reno. ([unr.edu](http://unr.edu))

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| <a href="#">CALG Scholarship Program</a>                                       | \$1,000   | October 23, 2023 |
| <a href="#">WTS Minnesota Dan Meyers High School Scholarship</a>               | \$2,000   | October 23, 2023 |
| <a href="#">WSOS Career and Technical Scholarship</a>                          | \$12,000  | October 24, 2023 |
| <a href="#">The National Housing Endowment/Lee S. Evans Scholarship</a>        | Varies    | October 26, 2023 |
| <a href="#">New York State Senate Undergraduate Program</a>                    | \$7,500   | October 27, 2023 |
| <a href="#">BBB Students of Integrity Scholarships</a>                         | \$1,000   | October 28, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Students of the Year- Los Angeles</a>                              | \$2,500   | October 28, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Albert &amp; Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation Scholarship</a> | \$1,000   | October 30, 2023 |
| <a href="#">California Polytechnic State University Scholarships</a>           | Varies    | October 30, 2023 |
| <a href="#">CME Beef Industry Scholarship</a>                                  | \$1,500   | October 30, 2023 |
| <a href="#">WGA Evans Scholars Program</a>                                     | \$120,000 | October 30, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Alma Exley Scholarship</a>                                         | \$5,000   | October 31, 2023 |
| <a href="#">American Culinary Federation Scholarships</a>                      | \$2,500   | October 31, 2023 |
| <a href="#">ASNT Fellowship Award</a>                                          | \$20,000  | October 31, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Boeing Engineering 2024 Internship Program</a>                     | \$15,000  | October 31, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Brooks Instrument Undergraduate Engineering Scholarship</a>        | \$2,000   | October 31, 2023 |
| <a href="#">CREW Chicago Scholarship</a>                                       | \$25,000  | October 31, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Deloitte HBCU Emerging Leaders Scholarship</a>                     | \$10,000  | October 31, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Doc Cohen Franchising Scholarship</a>                              | \$3,000   | October 31, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Fred DeLuca Foundation Scholarship</a>                             | \$2,500   | October 31, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Infinitus Dream Scholarship Fund</a>                               | \$3,000   | October 31, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Mel C. Marshall Student Scholarship</a>                            | \$500     | October 31, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Mildred C. Hanson SIOR Memorial Scholarship</a>                    | \$8,000   | October 31, 2023 |
| <a href="#">National Rice Month Scholarship Contest</a>                        | \$5,000   | October 31, 2023 |
| <a href="#">New Jersey State Golf Association Caddie Scholarship</a>           | \$3,000   | October 31, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Pennsylvania Society of Public Accountants Scholarships</a>        | \$3,000   | October 31, 2023 |
| <a href="#">SC Wildlife Federation Scholarships</a>                            | \$500     | October 31, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Steel Root Scholarship</a>                                         | \$10,000  | October 31, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Stewart and Jane Bainum Fund Scholarship</a>                       | \$2,500   | October 31, 2023 |
| <a href="#">Students of the Year - Middle Tennessee</a>                        | \$2,000   | October 31, 2023 |
| <a href="#">VFW Voice of Democracy Competition</a>                             | \$35,000  | October 31, 2023 |

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## Remains of 3,280 Native Americans found in MO haven't been returned to tribes. Why?

<https://www.kansascity.com/news/local/article278741144.html>

## A Tale of Two Tribal Nations : Throughline

<https://www.npr.org/2023/09/14/1198748505/throughline-draft-09-14-2023>

### Calendar

September 15-17 - Prescott Pow Wow, Elders Embracing the Youth, Watson Lake Park, Prescott. For more info, click [here](#).

September 16-17 - Prescott Indian Art Market, Sharlot Hall Museum, Prescott. For more info, click [here](#).

September 19-20 - 2023 Strong Families Az Home visiting Conference, "Creating Connections". Gila River Resort Wild Horse Pass & Conference Center. For more info, [here](#).

September 23 - Native American Bar Association Annual Seven Generations Award Dinner. Wild Horse Pass, Chandler. For more info, click [here](#).

September 26 - NATIVE HEALTH Central hosts Bank of America's Native American Professional Network for "Taking the Next Step in Your Business". 5:30 p.m. Dinner provided. For more info, or to register, click [here](#).

September 26-28 - Pascua Yaqui Tribe's 6th Annual ICWA Conference, Casino Del Sol Resort. For more info, click [here](#).

September 28-29 - Navajo Nation Opioid Summit at the Navajo Nation Museum in Window Rock, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more info, contact [Sebastian](#).

September 28 - American Indian Chamber of Commerce Fall Symposium, Gila River Resorts & Casino Wild Horse Pass. For more info, click [here](#).

September 30 - Ak-Chin Indian Community's Native American Recognition Day. Fun Run/Walk, performances, demonstrations, vendors, etc. 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. For more info, contact the Museum Office at (520) 568-1350.



[Elveda Martinez](#)

Kateri and Kelsey wanted to be a part of the Jr. Indian Beauty Pageant this year so they could participate with their cousin Látis who is one of the 2023 Happy Canyon Princesses for the Pendleton Round-Up.