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The Beauty of Teachers Sogorea Te' Land Trust Over 250 Years of Resistance and Still Here - <u>linktr.ee/iiycla</u> Tongva Taraxat Paxaavxa Conservancy Prairie Island celebrates steps toward a green future Powwows The Secret Pocket Wae Rebo - village has been occupied by the Manggaraian people for almost 2,000 years Banned Book Week shorts Continuing to honor Indigenous peoples, Ohlone Park welcomes renovations Scholarships with November 2-15 Deadlines



Sogorea Te' Land Trust is an urban Indigenous women-led land trust based in the San Francisco Bay Area that facilitates the return of Indigenous land to Indigenous people.

Through the practices of rematriation, cultural revitalization, and land restoration, Sogorea Te' calls on Native and non-native peoples to heal and transform the legacies of colonization, genocide, and patriarchy and to do the work our ancestors and future generations are calling us to do.

Rematriate: to restore a people to their rightful place in sacred relationship with their ancestral land.

"The loss of land plays out in our every day lives and it shapes how we look at things and how we feel about ourselves. We've spent 15 years in the Bay Area doing community organizing in the Indian community. And honestly, all the issues we're struggling with come down to land. You know, the land was taken and that was such a deep soul wound. The taking of the land, the heart of the people, was the cause of a lot of problems. And I believe that with the land trust, and you know, the land itself, I think that's really going to help us to find our way back."

Johnella LaRose, Co-Founder/Director of Sogorea Te' Land Trust

We envision a Bay Area in which Ohlone language and ceremony are an active, thriving part of the cultural landscape, where Ohlone place names and history is known and recognized and where intertribal Indigenous communities have affordable housing, social services, cultural centers and land to live, work and pray on.

Sogorea Te' is centered in Huchiun, the ancestral homeland of the Confederated Villages of Lisjan, now known as the East Bay.

Ohlone Led and Intertribal

The Bay Area is also home to a diverse diaspora of Indigenous people who, over the years, either moved by choice to the Bay Area or were pushed off their traditional lands during the era of the US Government's Indian Termination (forced assimilation) policies, such as the Indian Relocation Act of 1956. While Ohlone women are central to our vision and leadership, the Sogorea Te' Land Trust is an intertribal and multicultural Indigenous women-led land trust. We work to restore reciprocal relationships with the sacred land we live on, and with the plants, animals and other human beings who we share this land with. Sogorea Te' creates opportunities for all people living in Lisjan territory to work together in re-envision the Bay Area community and what it means to live on Ohlone land.

"There are many Indigenous people in the San Francisco Bay Area, and there are many important places in dire need of protection. The land trust and accompanying tool of the conservation (or cultural) easement are mechanisms that Indigenous groups can use to protect, access, restore, and reclaim lands." Beth Rose Middleton Manning, Sogorea Te' Board Member

"As we reclaim our land in this urban area, it's important to understand that we are doing that work as Indigenous people from many tribes, working together to create healing on this land." Corrina Gould, Co-Founder/Director of Sogorea Te' Land Trust

Bringing the ancestors home

"The remains of over 9,000 of our ancestors are locked up at UC Berkeley and San Francisco State University, along with countless artifacts. The ancestors were violently taken out of the land because of development. That's one of the main things this land trust is about: getting those ancestors returned to us and put back into the ground so that we can all heal.

Shellmounds are sacred funerary monuments, burial grounds, for Ohlone people. At one time, 425 shellmounds surrounded the entire San Francisco Bay. Every one of them has been destroyed by development. My goal is that one day, we can re-create a shellmound so there is a place for us to actually bring those ancestors home and re-inter them. With everybody helping out, it can happen." Corrina Gould, Co-Founder/Director of Sogorea Te' Land Trust

"We believe that these ancestors are taking care of us, and we're going to become ancestors ourselves. If we don't take care of these ancestors, we're not going to get those messages, and those teachings that we need to move on in this life. So we have to do a good job of keeping them safe in their burial sites." Johnella LaRose, Co-Founder/Director of Sogorea Te' Land Trust

Indigenous Women Leadership

Sogorea Te' Land Trust is founded by and led by Indigenous women.

"Right now I really feel like the land is calling women back...to take care of the land. I really feel like that's where we're are at this time in history." *Johnella LaRose, Co-Founder/Director of Sogorea Te' Land Trust*

"We have this opportunity to create an urban Native land trust that is women led: to bring in all our relations in a new kind of community that is so desperately needed in the world today." *Melissa K. Nelson, Board Member of Sogorea Te' Land Trust*

"My ancestors have always been here. That's my blessing, my grandchildren's blessing, that they were born on the land that their ancestors have always been on. And maybe my great-grandchildren will be born here, too. Our umbilical cords are buried in this land. Our ancestors' DNA is in this land. And we continue to stand our ground." *Corrina Gould, Co-Founder/Director of Sogorea Te' Land Trust* * * *

Over 250 Years of Resistance and Still Here - linktr.ee/iiycla

California Native Day is a day of recognition of over 250 years of ongoing colonialism, remembrance of those passed, and celebration of our communities today.

In Lisjan territory and much of the Bay Area and California, the colonization of this land began with the reign of terror inflicted by Spanish soldiers and missionaries in the late 17th century, who sought to convert all Indigenous people into Catholic subjects of Spain and steal their land. The Missions were plantations, built by slave labor and sustained through brutal physical violence and extractive land practices. The Spanish brought deadly diseases, invasive species and Christian ideology based on human dominion of the natural world with devastating consequences for the Lisjan people and all living beings they shared the land with.

Today, we continue to inhabit our ancestral homelands, fight for our sacred sites and revitalize

our cultural practices. Graphic by <u>@tamitnicill</u> IIYC - Los Angeles Chapter

Community Organization We create spaces for BIPOC youth and support them in becoming leaders in their communities through education, cultural practices and civic engagement.

We are returning ancestral lands in Los Angeles / Tovaangar for healing and reconnection.

For individuals: calculate your personal kuuy nahwá'a (guest exchange) here.

For organizations and businesses: calculate your institutional kuuy nahwá'a here.

The **Tongva Taraxat Paxaavxa Conservancy** is a Tongva-led org created to steward lands in Tovaangar, the traditional Tongva region, encompassing the greater Los Angeles basin. The Conservancy has received land back, is creating community and housing Native people, practicing ceremony, archiving, and rematriating the land.

Note: We request that large donations (\$1,000+) be made via wire transfer or check. Mail checks to the Tongva Taraxat Paxaavxa Conservancy PO Box 608 Claremont, CA 91711. For wire transfer or other questions please contact us for instructions: ian@tongva.land.

The TTPC is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit, EIN 87-1422866. All donations are tax deductible.

Prairie Island celebrates steps toward a green future

https://sahanjournal.com/climate-environment/prairie-island-indiancommunity-celebrates-green-future/

POWWOWS

35th Annual Thunderbird Intertribal Pow Wow 2023Nov 3 - Nov 5, 2023 - Niceville FLNovember 3-5, 2023 Contest Powwow - amount to be determined Guest Drums are InvitedCamping sites with electricity and water available Committee: Thunderbird Intertribal Council,...

Choctaw Pow Wow 2023Nov 3 - Nov 5, 2023 - Durant OKChoctawChief Gary Batton and Assistant Chief Jack Austin Jr. are proud to invite you and your family to
attend one of...

Los Angeles Pow Wow 2023

The United American Indian Involvement (UAII) is gathering people in Los Angeles for a oneday contest POW WOW! Featuring amazing vendors, artists,...

3rd Annual Honoring our Veterans Pow Wow 2023Nov 4 - Nov 5, 2023 - Springfield MOFree Admission Singing, Dancing & Food Saturday:12:00pm - 2:00pm Gourd Dance;

Nov 4 - Los Angeles CA

2:00pm-5:00pm Intertribals; Dinner Break; 6:00pm-7:00pm Gourd Dance; 7:00pm-10:00pm Intertribals Sunday: ...

Waccamaw Indian People Cultural Arts Festival & Pauwau 2023 Nov 4 - Nov 5, 2023 -Aynor SC

15th Annual Native Rhythms Festival 2023 Nov 10 - Nov 12, 2023 - Melbourne FL Our 15th Annual Native Rhythms Festival featuring award winning musicians/dancers/artists at the family friendly free of admission three day event under the...

Bowie State University 1st Native American Heritage Pow Wow 2023 Nov 11 - Bowie MD This pow wow is in honor of Native Culture and all veterans. Everyone is welcome to the event. 11:00am - 6:00pm. Free...

13th Annual Richmond Contest Pow Wow 2023 Nov 11 - Richmond CA November 11, 2023 ADA Accessible Venue Alcohol & Drug Free Event Bring Your Own Chair Gourd Dancing 11:00 AM; Pow Wow Contest 12:00 -...

Spirit of the Veteran & Warrior Pow Wow 2023

Come join us for one or both days, for an old-school, traditional, non-competition powwow! Bring a chair and an open mind and...

10th Annual Cultural Celebration with The Sumter Tribe of Cheraw 2023 Nov 12 -**Sumter SC**

11:00am - 4:00pm Come join us in celebrating the 10th annual cultural celebration with the Sumter Tribe of Cheraw. Dancers, Drummers &...

24th Annual Pahrump Social Pow Wow 2023 Nov 17 - Nov 19, 2023 - Pahrump NV Celebration of Youth http://www.pahrumppowwow.com/

47th Annual BAIC Pow Wow 2023

11:00am - 7:00pm Admission: \$10 Adults; Children (4-12) \$5.00; 3 years & under Free Free Parking Food; Crafts; Dancing; Music; Vendors Emcee: ...

30th Annual Austin Pow Wow 2023

Gates Open - 9:00 am till 9:00 pm Gourd Dance - 10:30 am Grand Entry - 12 noon HEAD STAFF MC -...

Billings Pow Wow 2023

Nov 25 - Nov 26, 2023 - Billings MT Everyone welcome! Check out the Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ **billings.powwow**

Poarch Band of Creek Indians 51st Annual Thanksgiving Pow Wow 2023 Nov 23 - Nov 24, 2023 - Atmore AL

WHERE: 6477 JACK SPRINGS ROAD, ATMORE, AL 36502 ADMISSION: \$15 FOR...

Nov 18 - Timonium MD

Nov 18 - Austin TX

Nov 11 - Nov 12, 2023 - Dayton TN

<u>Reading Power Gear</u> ·

I love when I learn of a new book from comments on my posts! Thank you to Brandy R Engdahl and several others who mentioned this one. (I immediately rushed down to Mosaic books to buy a copy!) **The Secret Pocket,** written by Peggy Janicki and illustrated by Carrielynn Victor, tells the true story of how Indigenous girls at a residential school sewed secret pockets into their dresses to hide food and survive. It's heartbreaking but hearing the author's mother's story of her time in the Lejac residential school is such an amazing example of resilience -- little girls using the sewing skills their mothers, aunties and grandmothers taught them, to sew secret pockets in their clothing to hide and share food. Definitely a book to be read with a teacher or parent. I imagine many powerful discussions will be launched from this story of survival, courage, and hope. A beautiful afternote is that the story has been placed in specially sewn pockets in the graduation robes of indigenous graduates of University of Fraser Valley, Chilliwack Senior Secondary School and Mission School District.

For more books to honour Truth and Reconciliation, check out my Top 10 Tuesday post:



www.readingpowergear.wordpress.com

https://amzn.to/3PwhoeB

Museum of Artifacts ·

High in the jungle mountains of Flores Island in Indonesia at an altitude of 4200ft. is one of the last remaining ancient and isolated villages in the world. Called **Wae Rebo, the village has been occupied by the Manggaraian people for almost 2,000 years.**

There are eight traditional conical thatched homes called Mbaru Tembong that are occupied by one or more families. Subsisting on agriculture products like taro, coffee, vegetables and jungle meat, their lifestyle has changed little in two millennia.

Blog: https://thetravelbible.com/mysterious-archaeological-finds/

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"Books bring us together. They teach us about the world and each other. The ability to read and access books is a fundamental right and a necessity for life-long success," says Burton. "But books are under attack. They're being removed from libraries and schools. Shelves have been emptied because of a small number of people and their misguided efforts toward censorship. Public advocacy campaigns like Banned Books Week are essential to helping people understand the scope of book censorship and what they can do to fight it. I'm honored to lead Banned Books Week 2023." - La Var Burton

Saturday, October 7, will mark **Let Freedom Read Day**, a day of action against censorship. From calling decision-makers to checking out or buying banned books, to writing letters and more, everyone is encouraged to do at least one thing to defend the right to read and to speak on behalf of those who ensure access to information. For information about ways to participate and resources, visit <u>bannedbooksweek.org/let-freedom-read-day/</u>.

The Banned Books Week Coalition includes <u>American Booksellers for Free Expression</u>, <u>American Library Association</u>, <u>Amnesty International USA</u>, <u>Association of University Presses</u>, <u>Banned Books Week Sweden</u> (a collaboration between Sweden PEN and the Dawit Isaak Library), <u>Children's Book Council</u>, <u>Comic Book Legal Defense Fund</u>, <u>Foundation for Individual</u> <u>Rights and Expression</u>, <u>Freedom to Read Foundation</u>, <u>Little Free Library</u>, <u>National Book</u> <u>Foundation</u>, <u>National Coalition Against Censorship</u>, <u>National Council of Teachers of English</u>, <u>PEN America</u>, <u>People for the American Way Foundation</u>, and <u>PFLAG</u>. Contributors include <u>American Society of Journalists and Authors</u>, <u>Authors Guild</u>, <u>Index on Censorship</u>, <u>GLAAD</u>, and <u>Project Censored</u>. Banned Books Week is endorsed by the <u>Center for the Book in the Library of</u> <u>Congress</u> and receives generous support from <u>HarperCollins</u> and <u>Penguin Random House</u>.

Since 1982, the annual Banned Books Week highlights the value of free and open access to information, and promotes inclusive and diverse literature for all ages. Over the past 40 years, thousands of books have been challenged by extremists seeking to censor educational materials

Here in California, our state's elected leadership has taken action to prevent such censorship. Just last week, Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 1078 by Asm. Corey Jackson, which prohibits school boards from banning instructional materials or library books. Equality.org

Continuing to honor Indigenous peoples, Ohlone Park welcomes renovations WILLIAM YAU | STAFF

The Ohlone Park renovations closely incorporated community input, which emphasized a "natural" aesthetic for the park.

The city of Berkeley's Parks, Recreation & Waterfront department is highlighting Indigenous voices through their newest public space. The city unveiled the newly renovated Ohlone Park to residents with a ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday.

The entire upper park space is undergoing renovations, which include new playgrounds, a mural highlighting Indigenous peoples, a garden and additional open space, according to Scott Ferris, director of the city's Parks, Recreation & Waterfront department. *Edited*

In addition to a new garden, the mural will be painted in the northwest corner of the park, accompanied by benches and a grinding stone, Ferris said. The piece will not be completed until early next summer.

Ohlone Park, named after the people Indigenous to the area, will continue to honor the land through the mural commissioned by Indigenous artist **Jean LaMarr**, Ferris added.

The park currently displays Lamarr's previous murals, which celebrate Indigenous peoples' history in the Bay Area.

According to Ferris, the new mural will call for a larger celebration to welcome the park's full completion. The rest of the park is expected to open in another three to four months.

The renovation of Ohlone Park was carefully planned with community input, Ferris noted.

"We talked to the community about where the money would go, (with) meetings about what they wanted to see in the park," Ferris said. "(Originally,) the two to five and five to twelve play areas were separated at different ends of the park, (but the community suggested) putting them together — if you have two young kids, you can't watch them both if the play areas are separate, so we combined the play areas."

Ferris remarked on the community's emphasis to create a "natural" look to the park while incorporating challenging playground equipment. He noted the difficulty of creating wood-based structures as opposed to plastic, citing community meetings to discuss the design and planning process of the park.

The Ohlone Park renovation was given \$1.1 million in total funding, Ferris noted. Most of the funding came from Measure T1 and Measure FF. Ferris said the city's 2014 increase of parks taxes gave Parks and Recreation a boost in funding. *Edited*

https://www.dailycal.org/2023/09/27/continuing-to-honor-indigenous-peoples-ohlone-parkwelcomes-renovations?mc_cid=0f5134ab1a&mc_eid=9a443e4f7b

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New Study: 'Very Bad News' -- Human Activities Increased Extinction Rate of Species Groups by 35 Times

The study, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, found that 73 genera—the next thickest branch from species on tree of life—had been lost since A.D. 1500. Without the mass exploitation of the natural world that took off around that date with European colonization, the number lost in the past 500 years would have been only two, and it would have taken 18,000 years to reach 73 extinctions. "Such mutilation of the tree of life and the resulting loss of ecosystem services provided by biodiversity to humanity is a serious threat to the stability of civilization," study co-authors Paul Ehrlich of Stanford University and Gerardo Ceballos of the National Autonomous University of Mexico wrote in the abstract. Previous attempts to grapple with the sixth mass extinction had focused on the number of species lost or at risk. But looking at genera can provide a clear view of the "magnitude and impact" of these losses, the authors wrote

The New Colonialist Food Economy: How Bill Gates and Agribusiness Giants are Throttling Small Farmers in Africa and the Global South

"Obama came here saying GMOs are good, but his family had an organic garden behind the White House! All of the Western leaders are like hunters who use poison. They don't eat that meat. They sell it," recalled Fuseini Bugbono, a 64-year-old cowpea and cassava farmer in northern Ghana's Gundoug Nabdam district.

"At the Gates Foundation, its investments are the program. American taxpayers are subsidizing, via tax deductions, billions of dollars of investments that grow the foundation's endowment. The so-called charity arm of the foundation funds industrial agriculture in Africa in ways that benefit the companies the foundation is invested in," said Stacy Malkan, cofounder and managing editor of the research group U.S. Right to Know.

Learn how Western biotech corporations, Big Ag, and billionaires like Bill Gates have been trying for decades to colonize and swindle African farmers. Even with the help of governments, they have, so far, failed. Let's keep it that way

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Imaginaton is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.

—-Albert Einstein

Scholarships with November 5-15 Dec	uumnes	
Prudential Emerging Visionaries	\$15,000	November 02, 2023
Daniel K. Shipp Scholarship	\$5,000	November 03, 2023
Inspired by Design: PAVE Student Visionary Award	\$7,500	November 03, 2023
NRF Foundation Ray Greenly Scholarship	Varies	November 03, 2023
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Visual Arts Fellowship	\$8,000	November 03, 2023
Dr. Lorraine G. Spranzo Memorial Scholarship	Varies	November 04, 2023
Future Technology Workforce Leaders & Visionaries (F12) Scholarship	\$1,000	November 04, 2023
St. Ives' Free Your Stress for Free Tuition Contest	\$50,000	November 05, 2023
SLAS Graduate Education Fellowship Grant	\$100,000	November 06, 2023
Act Six Indianapolis Scholarship	\$184,000	November 07, 2023
Ayn Rand Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest	\$10,000	November 07, 2023
Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholarship	\$250,000	November 08, 2023
Roy G. Post Foundation Scholarship	\$5,000	November 08, 2023
APSA Diversity Fellowship Program	\$5,000	November 10, 2023
Joon Care Scholarship Fund	\$2,000	November 10, 2023
Live Your Dream- Utah Single Mother Scholarship	Varies	November 10, 2023
National GEM Consortium Fellowships	\$16,000	November 10, 2023
Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program	Varies	November 10, 2023
Anchor QEA Scholarship Program	\$10,000	November 11, 2023
Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship	\$50,000	November 13, 2023
NALP Foundation Scholarships	\$5,000	November 13, 2023
Occidental College Barack Obama Scholars Program	Varies	November 13, 2023
10x Digital Marketing Scholarship	\$4,000	November 15, 2023
AAUW American Dissertation Fellowship	\$25,000	November 15, 2023
ACES Bill Walsh Scholarship	Varies	November 15, 2023
ACES Education Fund Scholarship	\$2,500	November 15, 2023
AIM Center for Independent Living Scholarship	\$1,000	November 15, 2023
Catawba College Socratic Scholarship	\$133,600	November 15, 2023
Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowships	\$31,000	November 15, 2023
College of Wooster College Scholar Award	\$164,000	November 15, 2023
College of Wooster Covenant Scholarship	\$12,000	November 15, 2023
College of Wooster Music Scholarships	\$32,000	November 15, 2023

Scholarshps with November 3-15 Deadlines

College of Wooster Scottish Arts Scholarships	\$32,000	November 15, 2023
College of Wooster Theater and Dance Scholarship	\$32,000	November 15, 2023
Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award	\$10,000	November 15, 2023
Levine Scholars Program	\$155,000	November 15, 2023
Lincoln-Lane Scholarship	\$5,000	November 15, 2023
Marine Band Concerto Competition for High School Musicians	\$2,500	November 15, 2023
Mark Kilroy Foundation Scholarships	\$4,000	November 15, 2023
National Space Club and Foundation Keynote Scholars Program	\$15,000	November 15, 2023
Orangesoft Women in Technology Scholarship Program	\$500	November 15, 2023
Robertson Scholars Leadership Program - High School Students	Varies	November 15, 2023
Soroptimist's Live Your Dream Award	\$16,000	November 15, 2023
Stanford University Scholarship	\$86,045	November 15, 2023
Ted & Holly Rollins Scholarship	\$5,000	November 15, 2023
The James Alan Cox Foundation for Student Photojournalists	\$2,500	November 15, 2023
UCT Scholarship Program	\$2,500	November 15, 2023
University of Massachusetts- Boston Krystle Campbell Scholarship	\$5,000	November 15, 2023
University of Oregon Stamps Scholarship	\$125,000	November 15, 2023
University of South Carolina Alumni Scholars Award (Nonresidents)	\$116,900	November 15, 2023
University of South Carolina Trustees' Award	\$20,000	November 15, 2023
VFW "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship"	\$5,000	November 15, 2023
Wild Fish For All Scholarship	\$1,000	November 15, 2023
Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowship	\$10,000	November 15, 2023
Georgia State University Presidential Scholarship	\$112,000	November 15, 2023
HaPI Measurement Scholarship	\$500	November 15, 2023
IISE Society for Health Systems Scholarship	\$4,000	November 15, 2023
Illinois Tech Camras Scholars Program	\$198,572	November 15, 2023
Robertson Scholars Leadership Program - High School Students	Varies	November 15, 2023
Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara Honors Scholarship	Varies	November 15, 2023
Scott Cooper Miami Scholarship	\$1,000	November 15, 2023
Soroptimist's Live Your Dream Award	\$16,000	November 15, 2023
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IF YOU'RE DISRESPECTFUL, YOU WILL BE FED TO THE GIANT

THE GIANT LIVES RIGHT HERE UNDER THE PYRAMID IN A CAVE BENEATH THE LAKE