



Kulamàlsi Hách? *How are you?*

In this issue of our Newsletter, we are trying a temporary new look! We'll probably play with the look some in our upcoming issues until we find what sticks. Enjoy the ride!

As always, *Wanishi* for all of your love and support!

Artist Spotlight – Braiden “Bright Spirit” Gould



Read on to learn more information about M.M.I.P, (Missing and Murdered Indigenous People), and the movement that impacts all of First Nations...



M.M.I.W.G Memorial Grove

Many support the movement behind M.M.I.W/M.M.I.P. Lenapehoking Reestablishment Project is pleased to introduce you to this Memorial Grove...



Tuelle's Snapshots



Artist Spotlight - April 2024

Braiden "Bright Spirit" Gould



Introducing Lenapehoking Reestablishment Project's youth representative and youth executive, Braiden "Bright Spirit" Gould. Braiden is the Grandson of Chief Mark "Quiet Hawk" Gould, former Tribal Chairman of the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape tribe of South Jersey. He is the son of Lia "Watching Sparrow" Gould, and adopted son of Ty "Dancing Wolf" Ellis. He is Nanticoke, Lenape, and Rappahannock.

Braiden is currently finishing his Junior year in High School. While juggling his responsibilities of school and High School sports, Braiden remains very active within his tribal community. He serves as a voice of the tribal youth, acting as the youngest Tribal Youth Council Liaison, tasked with being the bridge between the Tribal Government and the indigenous youth of the tribe. He has been raised in this way of life his entire life. He has spent many summers with his Grandmother, helping at food pantries and volunteering his help, time, and muscle whenever possible. This earned him awards and grants that were aimed for recipients with leadership qualities and an apparent passion to help the community.



Within his personal life, he is an athlete at Woodstown High School, participating in Football, Wrestling, and Lacrosse. Some of his 'arts' include drumming, singing, Bone Jewelry, and Drum Making. He is one of the youngest members of Red Blanket Singers, an Indigenous drum group originating from his home tribe.

Braiden has recently expressed his interest in teaching younger youth some of our ways, such as singing, dancing, social styles, and just how to conduct yourself as a tribal ila (warrior). He has also put his mind to following his passion to entering a college to earn a degree in Sports Medicine / Athletic Physical Therapy.

An accolade that is often emphasized within his family is his willingness to stand in front of over 2000 people at 2023's U.N.I.T.Y Conference and speak about his people.

He makes his family and his people proud.



Pages & Social Medias

Spotlight Page: <https://www.lrproject.org/featured/artist-spotlight-braiden-bright-spirit-gould/>

Twitter/X: <https://twitter.com/BarneyRapper>



Lenapehoking Reestablishment Project Sponsored

Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Strawberry Moon Pow-Wow 2024 Specials

Eastern Woodlands/ War/ Blanket (Men's & Women's Split)

1st - \$300

2nd - \$200

3rd - \$100

Two-Step

1st - \$300

2nd - \$200

3rd - \$100

Hand-Drum

1st - \$300

2nd - \$200

3rd - \$100

Specials in honor of lost loved one and those of her family members coming out of their year long mourning, in lieu of a give-away.

Rules and regulations will adhere to Pow-Wow Committee's Head Judge's standards.



Missing & Murdered Indigenous People (M.M.I.P)

M.M.I.P, originating from the movement M.M.I.W (Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women), is one of the largest and most relevant of many of movements shining light on past and ONGOING traumas that our people face. As per First Nations Development Institute (FNDI), the high rate of M.M.I.W is the leading issue in Indigenous Communities (by survey of Indigenous People) Indigenous People of these lands have been arguably the worst treated 'minority' group through the history of America. We have been treated less than human; unable to practice our culture until as recent as 1978, with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act; not recognized as full U.S. citizens until just a century ago, in 1924, and that was only in part. It wasn't until 1965 that this had been adopted throughout the entire country. Our histories have been omitted from textbooks, focusing less on the atrocities our people faced on U.S. soil. People often speak of the harsh treatment of Native people in the far past tense. Whereas, a lot of our parents and grandparents alive today lived through these times. All this to say that, until recently, our people have had to deal with less-than-human treatment, which includes the lack of representation AND the lack of coverage to Indigenous issues.



For generations, our people have been targeted by human trafficking. 4 out of 5 Indigenous Women experience some form of violence. They face murder rates ten times that of the national average, being the top 3 leading causes of death in Indigenous women under 25! This is still a very prominent issue in our communities; in part due to the lack of coverage and shedding light on these issues. And, as implied, this is not exclusive to Indigenous Women. There are families from the East to the West that are still left with unanswered questions about where their loved ones have gone, men and women alike.



Thankfully, there are many activists and movements that look to continue shedding light on this issue. Stories are being told, both in form of documentary and in 'fictional' shows that are based off of what our people live through today. (IE. Alaska Daily, Murder in Big Horn) We bring this to your attention, so that you may be aware, and also bring awareness to these issues, if you are in the position to do so. There are ways to support; but one of the best ways to accomplish supporting our cause to shed light on this some more is to be willing to educate yourself on this matter. Become aware that these statistics aren't merely numbers... they are people.

#SayTheirNames

#MMIW

#MMIP

#BraidsFor Cole

Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Strawberry Moon

43rd Annual Pow-Wow

Sat. June 8th & Sun. June 9th, 2024

Salem County Fairgrounds 735 Harding Hwy Woodstown, NJ 08098

Bring a Lawn Chair

Head Staff

Master of Ceremonies

Keith Colston

Arena Director

Will Mosley

Head Man

Ascension Harjo

Head Lady

Sailee Sandy

Junior Head Man

Mathyias Ellis

Junior Head Lady

Maehawiaki Ridgeway

Host Drum

Stoney Creek Singers

Head Judge

Elyse Sparks

Saturday June 8th

Gates Open @10am

Gate Admission \$10 a Car

Grand Entry @12pm

Evening Social Dance

Sponsored by

Red Blanket Singers

Sunday, June 9th

Church Service @ 9:30am

Gates Open @ 10am

Gate Admission \$10 a Car

Grand Entry @ 1pm

Car Show 10am-3pm

Drum Contest

1st Place- \$2,000

2nd Place- \$1,500

3rd Place- \$1,000

Dance Contests

Adult Categories

1st-\$500 2nd- \$300 3rd-\$200

Teen Categories

1st-\$250 2nd- \$150 3rd-\$75

Boys & Girls Categories

1st-\$75 2nd- \$50 3rd-\$30

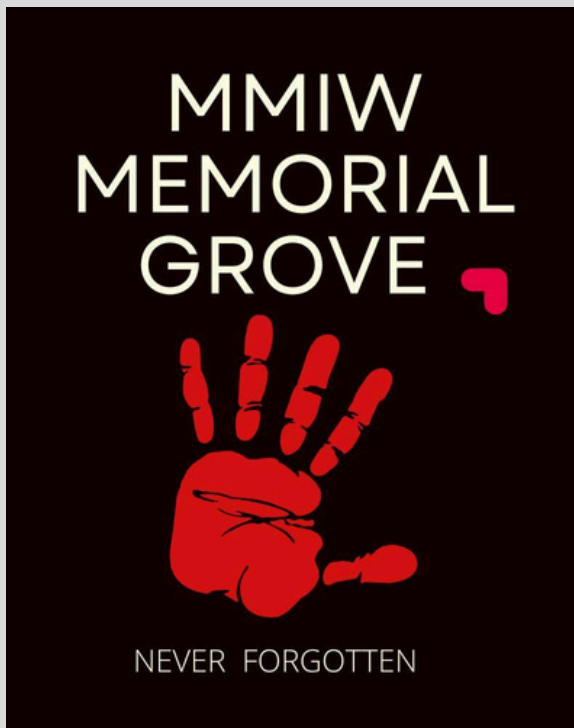
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M.M.I.W.G Memorial Grove



M.M.I.W.G Memorial Grove is based out of the East Coast, actively going from event to event, Pow-Wow to Pow-Wow, setting up a 'Grove' dedicated to a handful of victims falling under M.M.I.W/P.

Last year, Lenapehoking Reestablishment Project had the honor of being able to sponsor the Memorial Grove's attendance to the 2023 Nanticoke Lenne-Lenape Pow-Wow, having her set up a number of honorings to those who have been taken from this world too soon, along with their stories, ranging from babies to adults.

Though the Memorial Grove will not be a part of this year's Nanticoke Lenne-Lenape Pow-Wow, they set up at events up and down the East Coast, volunteering their time to collect donations for the families of these victims. Some of these events do fall in Lenape Territory, Lenapehoking. Though this partnership is very new, it is one that LRP takes much pride in being able to have, and we KNOW that we will be able to create future opportunities for collaboration.

For details on events, you can follow the M.M.I.W.G Memorial Grove on social media, where you may enjoy many photos and a agenda of past and future events.



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