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ANNE ARCHAMBAULT REELECTED

A WORD FROM THE GRAND CHIEF



Qyé dear Maliseet of Viger First Nation members
 From the bottom of my heart, thank you for everything!
 These are the first word that comes to mind. I'm so pleased
 to be able to represent our community's members for
 another term. Political stability is a bonus for the Maliseet
 Nation. It helps strengthen the foundations created during
 the last four years. Thus, it is easier to continue the
 negotiation activities, follow ongoing cases and as well all
 other aspects that affect in any ways First Nations.
 I was deeply touched by the display of affection and trust that
 you have shown me. It is with joy and serenity that I
 undertake this forth term. The experience you have allowed
 me to acquire will serve you well.
 By the same token, it is with humility that I want to share
 with you the honor of receiving Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond
 Jubilee Medal as part of the activities during the weekend
 « Two Nations, One Celebration, » Saturday 18 2012 at noon
 at Maliseet of Viger First Nation administrative office. This
 medal is awarded to individuals who have made outstanding
 contributions in their community, country or have completed
 an achievement abroad that has brought honor to Canada.
 The medal will be presented to me by the MP Mr. Francois
 Lapointe who nominated me.
 I hope to receive the medal in your presence at the upcoming
 4th edition of the "Rassemblement de la Route des Sauvages"
 POW WOW. Maliseet of Viger First Nation allowed me to
 grow and surpass myself. To that effect, you have contributed
 greatly to this event and I await you in large numbers. Be at
 this happening!
 I wish you all a great summer. Again, many thanks! Hope to
 meet you
 Anne Archambault, Maliseet of Viger First nation Grand Chief

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JUNE 10TH 2012 ELECTIONS

Qye... Qye... Hello to all Maliseet community members.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank the voters who have given me their support during the June 10th election. Rest assured that I will do my very best to carry out the mandates entrusted to me.

Meegwetch

Sébastien Thibeault

MVFN COMMERCIAL FISHING



The 2012 fishing season is well underway. Crab fishing activities took place from April 1st to the end of May 2012. The shrimp fishing season is well underway with more than 1 500 000 pounds caught. And the sea urchin fishing fall season should begin by the end of August until the first ice formation on the St-Lawrence River (around the beginning of December). **Boat naming contest:** During the last (march 2012) journal edition and our Fisheries Management Committee information booth at Hotel Universel during last June election we asked you to give us your choice of name (NUTAMET/fisherman or SAMAKWAN/water) for the « Stéphane L » shrimp boat. Participants have chosen « **SAMAKWAN** ». Ms Jessica Jenniss won a 100 \$ gift certificate, at « Crabe en Vrac », following a draw among participants in this contest.

PROPOSED MARITIME PARK AT POINTE RIVIÈRE-DU-LOUP

New positioning of the future proposed maritime park at Pointe RDL. Members of the Rivière-du-Loup

Carrefour Maritime Corporation met earlier this week for an update on the proposed Rivière du Loup Maritime Park. In fact, it turns out that after two years of increased efforts to secure the financing of the project, two major observations have been made. First of all, the major financial programs coming from both federal and provincial governments are not on hand, this was initially a 14 M\$ project.

Then, the yacht club has downgraded its proposed marina expansion, which dramatically changes the building's location and it's maritime and grounds areas compared to the original intentions. This has a positive impact since the costs of the marine facilities and land valued at \$6.5 million decreases by several million dollars.



Considering these facts and keeping in mind the original goals for the tourism, economic and cultural aspects of the Maritime Park project, the Corporation members have decided to stay on course but to review the entire project. The timeline has been set for early January 2013, to establish a new model of financing, as well as management plans and building project that reflect the current reality. In parallel, The Maliseet First Nation is still continuing to develop a business plan and is actively involved in the project since it will have significant economic and touristic benefits for the community.

<p>BUSINESS START-UP</p> <p>The business plan At the beginning of this column we have identified seven steps to get your business started</p> <p>STEP 1: THE IDEA (Chronicle 1) STEP 2: CONTRACTOR (Chronicle 2) STEP 3: MARKET RESEARCH (Chronicle 3) STEP 4: PLANNING STEP 5: THE BUSINESS PLAN STEP 6: LE FINANCING STEP 7: GETTING STARTED</p> <p>Now you are ready to start drafting your business plan. The planning stage has helped you to gather all the necessary information for its preparation (journal March 2012). It is therefore a valuable tool to control all elements of your project. Your business plan will serve to communicate the outline of your project to financial partners (or others) to convince them that this is an interesting business opportunity, obviously viable and profitable. There are several business plan models. Whichever one you choose, you will need to write down the result of your application to the four previous steps (idea, contactor, market research and planning). It is important to detail the following:</p> <p>1. OVERVIEW OF YOUR BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mission or mandate - Short, medium and long term goals - Products and services offered 	<p>2. PRESENTATION OF THE TEAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Curriculum vitae des project promoters - Short, medium and long term goals - Products and services offered - Personal assessment of each officer - Everyone's asset and capacity <p>3. MARKET ANALYSIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential market qualitative and quantitative evaluation - Identification of your target market - Competitive situation evaluation - Potential suppliers' evaluation <p>4. MARKETING PLAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advertising and promotional strategies - Pricing and customer service - After sales service guaranty - Distribution method Definition and characteristics of the product <p>5. HUMAN RESOURCE PLAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Labor needs - Wages and work schedule - Manpower training <p>6. FINANCIAL PLAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Company's financial needs - Source of funding - Projected financial statements - Loan terms <p style="text-align: right;">as mentioned in the previous article,</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>do not underestimate the time devoted to your business project.</u></p>
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<p>"PRÊT À ENTREPRENDRE" PROGRAM</p> <p>On June 12 2012 the "Prêt à entreprendre" project was launched and provides financial support and guidance for entrepreneurs. This project came about from the efforts of six public and private partners who share the same desire: encourage the next generation of Quebec entrepreneurs. Supported by local authorities, this kind of partnership encourages local initiatives. For more information, visit: www.pretaentreprendre.com</p> <p>LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER</p> <p>The local development center (CLD) is a non profit organisation that in Quebec has the mandate develop local business and support entrepreneurship. A CLD is financed by the Quebec government and the regional municipalities (MRC). There are 120 CLD in Quebec. CLD's mission is to foster an environment conducive to development of entrepreneurship and the creation of sustainable jobs within an area, and this, together with all partners in the region. Entrepreneurs and promoters can find technical and professional support and, in some cases, financial assistance for implementing their business plans, wether private or collective entrepreneurship. Services offered and most Quebec CLDs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consulting services to developers and businesses - Financial assistance to developers and businesses - Animation and partnership - Promoting economic and living environment - Research and documentation <p>For more information, visit: www.acldq.qc.ca</p>
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SERVICES OFFERED BY THE LFNCs

The main role of the LFNCs is to offer their respective communities training and job development services that promote short and medium-term integration into the on-and-off reserve job market. To this end, the FNHRDCQ members have developed a panoply of measures to provide facilitating tools to the target clientele. These measures are grouped under three headings:

Support and guidance measures:

Information about the job market:

To provide documentation, job notice boards, etc.

Professional resources:

To offer professional resources that can help the clients develop professional integration and strategies.

Research and development:

To allow the Local Boards to support and develop methods for adapting or adopting innovative approaches to improve current situations.

Training and professional development measures

Professional training:

To enable individual clients or groups of clients to acquire the professional competencies required for a specific job.

General academic training:

To allow clients to increase their competencies in order to get a job or begin a career, or finish their secondary studies in order to undertake post-secondary training or re-enter the labor force.

On the job training: To permit employed clients to increase their competencies in order to remain competitive on the job market. It also allows employers to train new employees.

Employability measures

Job creation initiative:

To provide employers with incentives to help clients re-enter the workforce and acquire sufficient work experiences.

Self-employment assistance: To provide clients who want to start their own business with financial assistance during the first year of business operation.

Every LFNC that is a member of the FNHRDCQ also has a budget to provide support services for job-market reintegration and to provide financial support for specific action plans that may be developed for individual clients.

At Maliseet of Viger First Nation LFNC, support is based on an individual approach requiring first the identification of the customer's needs in terms of training and employment, followed by an action plan that outlines the steps necessary to acquire or increase skills and remain competitive on the labor force. For additional information, please contact Ms Odette Rioux, LFNC agent for the community Monday to Thursday between 8 h 00 and 16 h 30. Toll free number 1.888.399.2393 or at 418.860.2393, or by email:

odette.rioux@malecites.ca

HEALTH CONTRIBUTION TO FINANCE THE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM

Since December 31, 2012, all Quebec residents must pay an annual \$100 health contribution to finance the public health system, which amount will rise to \$200 from 2012. This contribution has all the attributes of a tax, therefore, the statute Indians are not required to pay if their income was earned on a reserve. So if you work or have worked on a reserve, and you are an Indian, you are not required to pay the contribution under section 87 of the Indian Act. In case you have already paid the contribution, you must submit a notice of objection to Revenu Quebec within 90 days from the date your Notice of Assessment (produced as a result of filing your tax return) has been established.

To find the form Notice of Objection MR-93.1.1, go to:

http://www.revenuquebec.ca/en/sepf/formulaires/mr/mr-93_1_1.aspx

INVITATION TO THE 2ND FIRST NATIONS YOUTH FORUM



The First Nations Youth Network and the Secretariat of the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador are pleased to announce the second First Nations Youth Forum. This event will take place from August 24 to 26, 2012 at the Chateau Mont-Sainte-Anne in Beauré near Quebec City. We are expecting nearly 100 First nations youth from Quebec and Labrador.

The Forum's main objective is to encourage the mobilization of First Nations youth aged 18 to 30 years in communities and urban areas. We hope to demonstrate to youths the importance of getting involved, to mobilize, to organize themselves and become agents of change for the benefit of First Nations youths. We wish to emphasize the individual, the community and the power of everyone to improve the youth's quality of life. This 2nd forum was designed to equip

and inform participant youths.

In addition, participants will attend several presentations, conferences, participate in workshops, documentary viewing and, above all, share with other young people about the benefits of mobilization and networking.

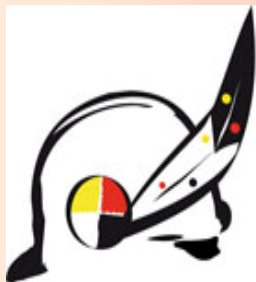
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VCTACT



**CFP pour Autochtones dans les
métiers de la construction**

**VTC for Aboriginals in
Construction Trades**

Vocational Training Center for Aboriginals in the Construction Trades. The VCTACT is a specialized and virtual school for Aboriginals that offers vocational training leading to the construction industry.

The VCTACT is able to offer all of the training programs associated with this industry. Created in 2009 under the *Aboriginal Skills and Employment Partnership (ASEP)* program, the VCTACT does not

have its own infrastructure.

Instead, this school for Aboriginals has a team of professionals who coordinate training activities in all parts of the province in collaboration with different Aboriginal communities and with existing vocational training centers. These partnerships not only make this training more accessible to Aboriginals, but also allow structures to be created that encourage the success of Aboriginal students and their integration into the job market.

For more information, visit: www.cfpamc.ca

JUNE 10 ELECTIONS

I want to congratulate all the members who have participated in this democratic exercise vital for the formation of the Nation Council, whether by postal voting or by the General Assembly attendance in Rivière-du-Loup. Special thanks to those who trusted me by voting for me. Rest assured that I will put all my strength and determination at the Nation's services and achieved the goals that I expressed in my presentation as a candidate for Chief Advisor.
Carol Dallaire, Chief Advisor



COMPREHENSIVE LAND CLAIMS

The work plan of comprehensive claims is always on the move. We filed our revised Framework Agreement draft with federal officials for our next negotiation meeting. We also worked on the new description of territorial foundries of the Quebec Maliseet traditional territory: le **WOLASTOKUK**. An information leaflet has been prepared for this presentation and was distributed at the June 9th General Assembly. If you wish to receive the leaflet, contact the administrative office and we will mail you one. Also Mr. Geoffry Kelly, Quebec Minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs was met at the beginning of May and invited to participate with the federal government at the negation table on the comprehensive land claim. A mandatory attendance in order to begin negotiations. The meeting was very positive and we are hopeful for an affirmative answer.

SPECEFIC CLAIMS

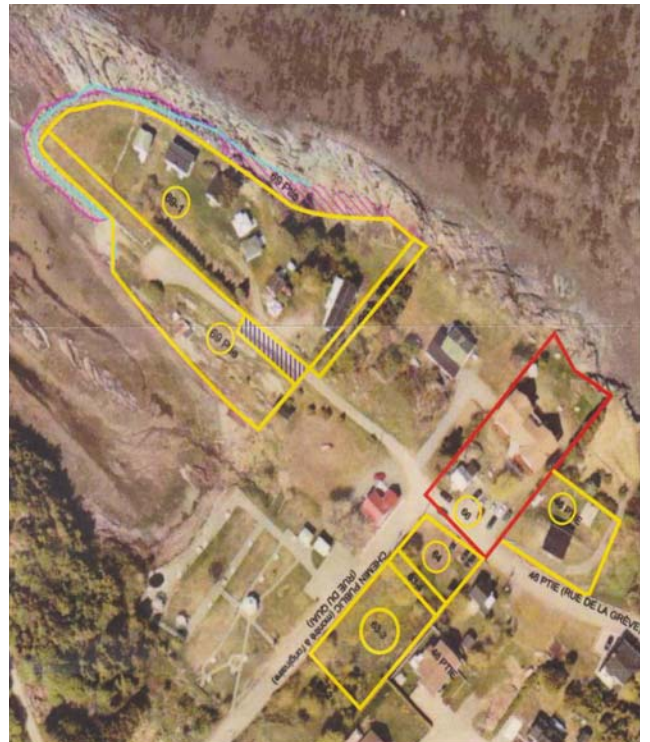
We have received a new offer of settlement from the federal government. An offer that does not meet our settlement expectations. We are preparing a counter-offer that will allow us to conclude a final agreement in the coming weeks. It is the same with the provincial government. This is an issue that should find a final solution within a few months.

CACOUNA RESERVE LAND ADDITION

The work plan is progressing as scheduled. The communication plan has been submitted to AANDC and meetings with Cacouna municipality representatives will take part in the next few weeks. An information leaflet has been prepared and is available upon request at the Nation administrative building. This brochure features the timeline of the main actions taken to date and process of adding land as determined by AANDC's departmental authorities.

GOVERNANCE AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

I've prepared and submitted a budget request to AANDC under the Professional Development Program and Institutional (DPI- 2012-2013). To do this, I completed a Capacity development Plan for MVFN. This plan will continue the Nation's financial recovery, revise and modernize our governance tools, review our management documents such as the general Regulation, the citizenship code, the human resources code and MVFN's wage policy, and finally to offer professional training to the Nation's staff and elected officials. Answers should be received by August and we will begin to implement our new governance rules afterwards.



JUNE 10 ELECTIONS

Hello everyone,

It is with great pride that I communicate with you for the first time as Chief Advisor. I want to thank all of you who have given me their trust. Through the various mandates that will be entrusted to me, rest assured that I will invest to protect and defend our community members' interests.

Amélie Larouche

HUNTING AGREEMENTS MONITORING COMMITTEE

Resulting from the hunting and trapping agreements, a monitoring committee consisting of representatives of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MRNF) and representatives of Maliseet of Viger First Nation (MVFN) has been set up. The committee is looking for a president. I've informed the MRNF representatives that I wanted to look for a person within our community who had the qualifications and interests to chair this committee, which represent about 4 meetings per year.

MOOSE HUNTING STAYS TO BE FILLED



Réserve faunique de Rimouski

November 9 to 13: Zone 24-12A

Réserve faunique Duchénier

October 3 to 6, 15 to 18: zone 111-114-116-118



EQUIPMENT LOAN

The Fish and Game Committee has purchased fishing equipment (electric motor, battery, battery charger, sonar...) to make the community fishing experience more attraction to our growing youth. So as to benefit as many members as possible, know that you can borrow this equipment.

FIREWOOD

We are currently in negation to determine the methods-amounts-areas to cut residential firewood for MVFN's members. To adequately meet the members' needs in willing to cut firewood from public lands in the practice area (hunting and fishing zone 02), let me know if you are interested in this activity.



ANTLERLESS DEER PERMIT

The Fish and Game Committee took the decision to issue the 15 antlerless deer permits that it had as part of the hunting agreement. To fill the deer stays on Rimouski and Duchénier wildlife reserves, it was agreed to grant a permit for each group. There are only 4 permits left to give away and they will be issued to members wishing to hunt deer in unstructured territory on the community's practice facilities. A draw for interested persons will be made on September 4th 2012.

TRAPLINE

Members interested in trapping furred animals on a management unit (FAMU) can indicate me their interests.

COMMUNITY DISTRIBUTION

This fall, there will be a game and fish community distribution. For those interested, please send your written request to Mr Sébastien Thibeault at: 217de la Grève Street, Cacouna (Québec) G0L 1G0. Please indicate your name, address and your phone number and/or email address. Indicate if you prefer game meat, fish or both. Take note that a \$50 fee will be requested for the fish (about 30 pounds). As for the game meat, the fee and the points of delivery have not been set yet (information in the next community newsletter). You will have until September 10, 2012 to place in you order.

For those wishing more information or participate in any of the listed activities, contact me :

Amélie Larouche

by phone

418.750.5421

Or by email

amelie.larouche@malecites.ca

JOB OFFER

**CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENT
(second posting)**

Function summary:

Under the Band Council supervision, the cultural development agent is responsible for promoting the Maliseet culture; strengthen the community members' sense of belonging and to ensure a cultural heritage for future generations.

Nature of duties:

- Review and implement the cultural policy
- Hold various social and cultural activities
- Identify all forms of Maliseet Heritage
- Carry out other related duties

Requirements:

- Bachelor degree in museology, history, archaeology, anthropology or other related fields
- No experience needed
- Bilingualism (French and English)

Work conditions :

- Workplace Cacouna (administrative building)
- Occasional travel in the province and outside
- Full-time position (35 hours/week)
- Salary to be negotiated

Interested individuals must forward their curriculum vitae by August 24, 2012 care of Mister François Pelletier by fax, email or postal mail at the following coordinates:

Maliseet of Viger First Nation
217 de la Grève Street
Cacouna (Quebec) G0L 1G0
Fax: 418-867-3418

Email: francois.pelletier@malecites.ca

MALISEET ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN

Each edition of this newspaper will feature a community artist or craftsman.

An **ARTIST** is an individual whose work shows a mastering of an art, a knowledge, a technique that can be noticed for his creativity, poetry, production originality, acts and gestures. His works are sources of emotions, feelings, reflection, spirituality or transcendence

The **CRAFTSMAN** is generally a person who practices the craft, that is to say, an automated work without help. He practices his traditional technique of his own often helped by his family or a student to whom he teaches the craft.

JEAN NICOLAS

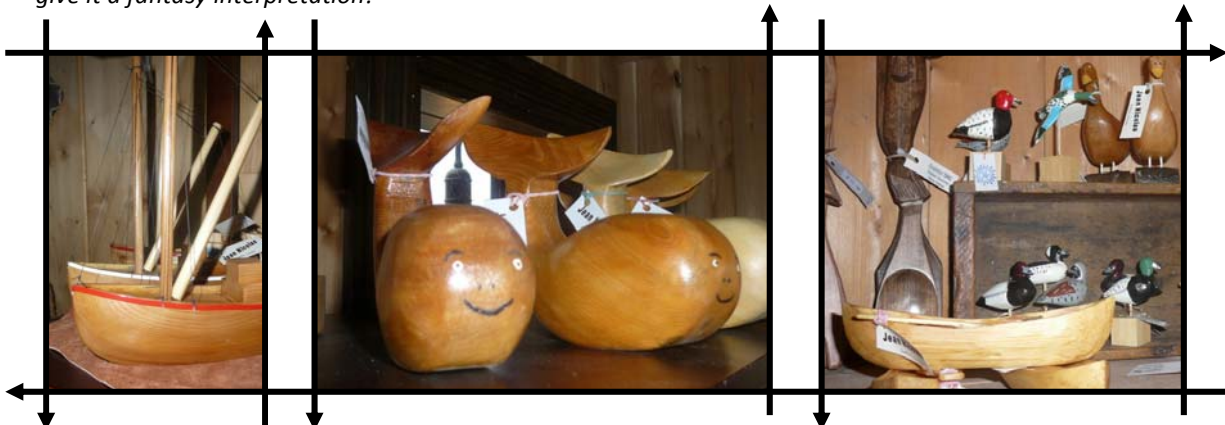


Sculptor at heart, an artist that can be categorized as: « folk art », Jean Nicolas is part of Quebec Maliseet First Nation, Stemming from the North Shore, Mr. Nicolas was born in Tadoussac in 1933. He describes himself as a « gosseux » and a « inveterate inventor » as they like to call people who make art work from not much! His enthusiasm for woodworking was born in elementary school to the 2nd or 3rd year when a teacher asks students to make a small sculpture.

This exercise has created a driving passion which never left throughout his career. Forestry worker and handyman for many years, Jean and his wife Pauline have raised four children. Now retired Mr Nicolas continues to give life to wood pieces, helped by his wife who tweaks the details.

You can find Mr Nicolas work at the « Matuweskewin » store in the Maison Dennis-Launière, on the Cacouna reserve, at Boutik du quai in Rivière-du-Loup, also at the store Vermeille in Tadoussac. Come meet Jean at the POW WOW « Rassemblement de la route des Sauvages » next August 18 and 19 in Cacouna.

“Definition of folk art: it is difficult to really understand what folk art is about. This art form is not limited to the « traditional » arts such as sculpture, painting or picking. The commonplace to regard folk art lies rather in the way of learning. The folk artists is primary self-taught. He has not acquired his knowledge in an academic environment. Popular artists are ingenious handymen who transform or create tools as needed. As a general rule, they choose their material from their personal surroundings. Similarly, their creations are often inspired by their past or present reality that they like to reproduce or, in some cases, give it a fantasy interpretation!”





TWO NATIONS-ONE CELEBRATION

Cacouna - The « Rassemblement de la route des Sauvages » (POW WOW) and the « Festival historique de Cacouna » join forces for a unique cultural partnership and offer you: « **DEUX NATIONS UNE FÊTE** »...many reasons to share and celebrate...

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Historical Festival Program 17 – 18 – 19 August 2012

Friday August 17

19h00 - Opening of festivities (Church Square)
 - Cocktail
 20h00 - Evening of Tales & Legends « Two nations two storytellers » (autochthons and allochthons storytellers) at the Parish Hall

Saturday August 18

(Fontaine Claire Area, du Quai Street)
 12h00 to 17h00 – Québec’s artists and craftsmen
 13h00 - horse ride (with Marie aka LaPasd’Époque)
 - Circus introductory course
 (Parish Hall, de l’Église Street)
 17h00 to 19h00 – historic Improv and hot-dogs/corn on a cob picnic
 20h00 - Evening of festive music

Sunday August 19

(Fontaine Claire Area, du Quai Street)
 12h00 to 17h00 – Québec’s artists and craftsmen
 From Friday 19h00 to Sunday 16h00, take part in a scavenger hunt « Discovering our heritage ». Win a bag of treasure worth \$150, full of literature on Cacouna’s heritage.

RASSEMBLEMENT DE LA ROUTE DES SAUVAGES

ROLAND SIOUI, Huron Wendat

Traditional cooking of wild game. August 18 and 19.

RICHARD LAMOUREUX, Métis

Attend the production of a pair of snowshoes by a master craftsman. August 18 and 19.

DENIS « WOLFSONG », Abénakis

Native American flute music and oral tradition. August 18 and 19.

ARCHIE MARTIN, Mi’kmaq

Bannik cooking and interpretation of the first arrivals customs and traditions. August 18 and 19.

DANIEL BRIÈRE, Malécite

For over 2 years, Daniel and Daphnée have travel through 8 Asian countries. Sometimes as volunteers giving assistance to refugees from Burma, sometimes as students of Indian traditional medicine, sometimes as tourists visiting the majestic Khemr temples, they will talk about their impressions, their discoveries and reflections. Share their enriching adventure while looking at their many photos. On the menu: India, Nepal, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, China, Malaysia and enjoy a nice Thai tea. August 18 and 19.

DIANE ANDICHA PICARD, Huronne Wendat

Making of dreamcatchers workshop. August 19.

WEZO

Québec

folk art sculptor Sculpture à la scie à chaîne. August 18 and 19.

ALLEN GRÉGOIRE, Innu

Sone carving and carving from moose antlers
 Démonstration de sculpture de panache. August 18 and 19.

HERMEL TREMBLAY, Innu

Traditional song. August 18 and 19.

←→
Jean Nicolas, Malécite, sculptor

Diane Richard, Mi’kmaq, jewelry from antlers and other
Aventuriers Chasse Galerie, Québec, art Amérique du Sud

Philippe Nicolas, Malécite, sculptor

Produits Bio Sainte-Rita, workshop on non timber forest products

Sébastien Desjardins, Québec, artisan

←→
 A big thank you to all artists, artisans, sponsors and volunteers who make this high quality festival possible.



**PROGRAM RASSEMBLEMENT DE LA ROUTE DES SAUVAGES 4TH EDITION
 18 – 19 AUGUST 2012 POW WOW**

On community land, de la Grève Street in Cacouna

Saturday August 18

Opening of the POW WOW 12H00
 Ceremony of the presentation Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal to Ms Anne Archambault by Mr François Lapointe, MP, Comté de Montmagny - L’Islet - Kamouraska – Rivière-du-Loup.
 From Saturday to Sunday 12h00 to 18h00, meet First Nations artists and craftsmen and their guests.

Traditional food counter.

MS ANNE ARCHAMBAULT REELECTED GRANS CHIEF OF MALISEET OF VIGER



Left to right: M. Sébastien Thibeault, Mme Amélie Larouche, Mme Anne Archambault, M. Carol Dallaire et Mme Anny Rioux

The election for the new Band Council took place last Sunday June 10th in Rivière-du-Loup. Ms Anne Archambault was re-elected for the fourth time for a four year mandate. She was first elected in 1999, before being elected in 2003 and in 2008. Ms Archambault won over 75% of the vote, or 308 of the 407 voters who exercised their right to vote. Four Chief Advisors were elected. They are Ms Amélie Larouche (317 votes), Mr Sébastien Thibeault (272 votes), both from Saint-Anaclet near Rimouski, who are in their first term, also Ms Anny Rioux (295 votes) and Mr Carol Dallaire (248 votes). The latter two begin a second term.

2012 COUNCIL OF ELDERS

At the June 2008 General Assembly, a resolution was adopted to establish a Council of Elders. Inspired by the the Elders wisdom and pursuant with the statutes and regulations adopted by MVFN Council, it was decided to for a Council of Elders.

For this project, MVFN Council has established an interim committee consisting of Ms Odette Rioux, Mr Louis-Albert Dionne and Mr Léandre Nicolas.

The provisional committee took advantage of the June 9 2012 general assembly to proceed with the official formation of the Council of Elders. The attending members of different clans were invited to submit their application or to make known the name of the person designated on the Council.

Officially Maliseet of Viger First nation has its Council of Elders since June 9th 2012. Soon this new Council of Elders will meet to study amongst them «MVFN's constitution and bylaws». More information from the Council of Elders in the next «Wulust'agooga'wiks».

Thank you and congratulations to the clans' representatives
Odette Rioux, Member of the provisional council

MORATORIUM-NEW MEMBERS

Hello everyone,

It was adopted at the last General Assembly (June 2012) to lift the moratorium for accession of new members citizens/associates. The July 12th 2012 Band Council meeting endorsed the resolution and it's my pleasure to ask you to contact me for the modalities for the adhesion of members of you immediate family.

Georges Godin (IRA)

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