

Agenda

AMC WOMEN'S GATHERING:

ISKWĒW MINWĀYĀWIN

GRASSROOTS WOMEN, HEALING OUR
SPIRITS, HEALING OUR HEARTS

March 8, 9, 10, 2023

**RBC Convention Centre,
375 York Avenue, Winnipeg, MB
Treaty 1 Territory**

Day 1 - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023

Breakfast & Registration

8:00 AM OPENING CEREMONY:

- **PIPE CEREMONY**—Elder Philip Paynter
- **WATER CEREMONY**—Ozhaashko Bineshikwe—Elder Florence Paynter
- **EAGLE STAFF:** Parry Francois

9:00 AM GRAND ENTRY with Assiniboine Drum Group

WOMEN CHIEFS, COUNCILLORS, ELDERS, STAFF, WOMEN

OPENING INVOCATION: Niizhoosake Saagimaake—Elder Sherry Copenace—Prayer and song

OPENING REMARKS: Lisa Meeches, Master of Ceremonies

11:00 AM WELCOMING REMARKS:

- Chief Kyra Wilson, Long Plain First Nation -Treaty One
- Grand Chief Cathy Merrick, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs
- National Chief RoseAnne Archibald, Assembly of First Nations
- Regional Chief Cindy Woodhouse, Assembly of First Nations

Acknowledgement of Women Chiefs and Councillors in Manitoba

Acknowledgement of AMC Women's Council

Acknowledgement of Women Elders—AMC Committee

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Marilyn Cook

Noon Lunch & Entertainment by **Master Jiggers - Ryan Richard, Felicia Morrissette, Ashley Campbell**

Self-Care: 10AM to 4PM

- **Massage**—Monique Laplante, Shannon Gorman, Melody Titus
- **Reiki**—Carey Sinclair, Dion Dick, Connie Massan
- **Cedar Bath**—Angie Hutchison, Lucy Robinson, Sandra Cook
- **Hair Braiding**—Tashina Martin, Star Anderson, Cathy Bird
- **Spiritual Healer**—Dr. Mary Wilson
- **Elder's Room**—Sherry Copenace, Florence Paynter, Katherine Whitecloud

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Day 1 Cont'd.

1:00 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

- Women and Water/ Nibi Song—Mary Maytwayashing
- Dakota Women's Teachings—Elder Katherine Whitecloud
- Storytelling—Raven Hart
- Healing the Heart through Art—Gayle Sinclair
- Cree Floral Beading-Neepekan Hunt

Brenda Watt –Group cedar fan down

Counsellors- Dee Hatley, Martina Saunders, Greg Robson, Jenny Lay

Status Card Registration

2:00 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

- Women and Water/ Nibi Song—Mary Maytwayashing
- Self Esteem and Kinship—Raven Hart
- Healing the Heart through Art—Gayle Sinclair
- Cree Floral Beading-Neepekan Hunt

Brenda Watt –Group cedar fan down

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5:00 PM Dinner / Gala

Master of Ceremonies: Joy Keeper

Keynote Speaker: AMC Grand Chief Cathy Merrick

Entertainment: Rhonda Head, Frannie Kline, Roxy Flett Ross

Magic Mirror Photo Booth

Prize draws

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Day 2 - THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023

8:00 AM Registration & Breakfast

9:00 AM Opening Remarks & Review of Agenda: Lisa Meeches, MC

9:15 AM Keynote Speaker: Lorraine Sinclair, 60's Scoop

10:00 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

- MMIWG—Angela Lavallee
- Grief and Loss—Angela Myran and Corey Sanderson
- Human Trafficking—Dee Hatley, Martina Saunders, Greg Robson, Jenny Lay
- Unmarked Graves Residential Schools—Jesse Boiteau, Senior Archivist; Lynn Jones, Community Engagement Coordinator
- Cree Floral Beading—Neepekan Hunt
- Status Card Registration

Brenda Watt—Group cedar fan down

Counsellors— Dee Hatley, Martina Saunders, Greg Robson, Jenny Lay

11:00 AM PRESENTATIONS:

- JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE, EAGLE URBAN TRANSITION CENTRE
 - Rena Flett, David Monias Jr., Leah Spence
- FIRST NATIONS FAMILY ADVOCATE OFFICE—Kayla Frank
- ANISHININNEW OKIMAWIN —Family Traditional Law

Noon Lunch & Entertainment by Bannock Babes

1:00 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

- Medicine Making—Merle Cook, Sonia Spence
- Healing the Heart through Art—Gayle Sinclair
- Cree Legends—Eileen Thomas
- Zaagiidiwin: Indigenous Birth Work—Melissa Brown

2:00 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

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- Healing the Heart through Art—Gayle Sinclair
- Cree Legends—Eileen Thomas
- Zaagiidiwin: Indigenous Birth Work—Melissa Brown

Gathering Adjourned for the Day

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Day 3 - FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023

8:00 AM **Registration & Breakfast**

9:00 AM **Opening Remarks & Review of Agenda – MC Lisa Meeches**

9:10 AM **Keynote Speaker: Nina Wilson**

10:00 AM **BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**

- Seven Pipe Laws—Raven Hart
- Healing the Heart through Art—Gayle Sinclair
- Two Spirit—My Journey—Gayle Pruden
- Cree Floral Beading—Neepekan Hunt
- Status Card Registration

Brenda Watt –Group cedar fan down

Counsellors—Dee Hatley, Martina Saunders, Greg Robson, Jenny Lay

11:00 AM **BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**

- Two Spirit Sacredness—Deanna Parisien, Brielle Beardy
- Healing the Heart through Art—Gayle Sinclair
- Two Spirit—My Journey—Gayle Pruden
- Cree Floral Beading—Neepekan Hunt

Brenda Watt –Group cedar fan down

Counsellors—Dee Hatley, Martina Saunders, Greg Robson, Jenny Lay

Noon **Lunch & Fashion Show: Regalia & Ribbon Skirts**

1:00 PM **BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**

- Young Women’s Teaching –Sheryl Blacksmith
- First Nations Early Learning and Child Care—Anne Rundle
- Self Defense—Jason Parenteau

2:00 PM **CLOSING REMARKS / CLOSING CEREMONIES:**

- AMC Grand Chief Cathy Merrick
- AFN Regional Chief Cindy Woodhouse
- Closing Invocation—Elder Paynter, Elder Whitecloud, Elder Copenace
- Retiring of Eagle Staff / Assiniboine Drum Group

ROUND DANCE - Gathering Adjourned

Self-Care: 10AM to 4PM

- **Massage**— Monique Laplante, Shannon Gorman, Melody Titus
- **Reiki**—Carey Sinclair, Dion Dick, Connie Massan
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