

Month of the Métis in Saskatchewan

October 2019

Art Exhibit

October 1, 2019 to November 10, 2019 Government House will feature an art exhibition by Métis artist Leah Marie Dorion: Being One with the Earth.

The work of Leah Marie Dorion is firmly rooted in traditional Métis teachings of her grandmothers. As an educator, researcher and writer, Leah includes teachings from other nations and territories into her paintings and embraces these understandings, because we are all on Mother Earth, together. Strength, balance, harmony, love and resilience are common themes throughout her work. Connectedness to the land is a way of life for Leah. She includes this in her state of daily consciousness and has committed her life's work to honouring Mother Earth and teaching others to have a greater understanding.

This show has been on tour around the province since March 2016 through the Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Council's Art on the Move program. We are happy to present this as part of our month long appreciation of the Métis culture. The public is able come and enjoy this exhibit free of charge Tuesday to Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Promissory Note and Scrip Display

October 1, 2019 to November 10, 2019 Government House will display a rare Hudson's Bay Company 1870 Promissory Note, issued at Fort Garry during the Red River Resistance (on loan from the Regina Coin Club). Also on display will be a sample of Métis Scrip, which was offered to Métis families to compensate them for loss of their title (digital copy provided by the University of Alberta).

Guest Speaker

On October 15, 2019 Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty will host a presentation featuring guest speaker Jean Teillet. The great-grandniece of Louis Riel, Teillet is an Indigenous-rights lawyer who lives in Vancouver. She is a sought-after speaker in Canada and internationally on issues of Indigenous rights, justice, history and governance. Teillet's book *The North-West is Our Mother: The Story of Louis Riel's People, the Métis Nation*, was recently published by Harper Collins Canada.

Student Programming - Learning and celebrating Metis Heritage at Government House

On October 22, 2019 Government House will be offering a select number of Regina students an opportunity to learn more about Métis heritage. Commemorating the 175th anniversary of the birth of Louis Riel and the 150th anniversary of the Red River Resistance, students will participate in a jigging workshop led by the Thomson Community School Métis Dancers. They will be accompanied on the fiddle by Bill Young, a local musician. As part of the day, students will also learn and complete a Métis craft. This program is in partnership with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and funded by Canadian Heritage.