

ATTENTION NEWS AND ASSIGNMENT EDITORS

MEDIA ADVISORY

SIAST celebrates Aboriginal cultures

Day-long event includes tipi raising, mini pow-wow

May 4, 2011 – Students and staff at SIAST Wascana Campus in Regina will be participating in workshops and traditional Aboriginal activities on Thursday, May 5, as part of the 21st annual Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Event.

The event is set to begin at 8 a.m. with a tipi raising and pipe ceremony, followed by an opening prayer and greetings. Keynote speaker Greg Scofield will entertain the audience with a reading and presentation from his book *I Knew Two Métis Women*. As a presenting sponsor, Casino Regina will be represented by George Reed, corporate event host and former Saskatchewan Roughrider, who will bring greetings during the morning program.

Media are encouraged to attend.

Event: 21st Annual Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Event
Date: Thursday, May 5, 2011
Location: SIAST Wascana Campus
4500 Wascana Parkway

Throughout the day, participants will take part in a number of guest presentations, including readings, Aboriginal artwork, flute making and medicine wheel teachings. A barbecue lunch and mini pow-wow featuring Headstart Tiny Tots will entertain SIAST staff and students.

*Please see accompanying agenda for workshop topics, times and room locations.

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AGENDA

21st annual Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Event

SIAST Wascana Campus

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| 8:00 a.m. | Tipi Raising and Pipe Ceremony (Front Lawn) |
| 9:00-9:30 a.m. | Coffee and Bannock Break (Auditorium) |
| 9:45 a.m. | Opening Prayer and Greetings (Auditorium) |
| 10:00-11:30 a.m. | Lacrosse (West Side Lawn) |
| 10:15-11:30 a.m. | Book Reading and Presentation with Greg Scofield – <i>I Knew Two Metis Women</i> (Auditorium) |
| 11:45- 12:45 | BBQ Lunch and Mini Pow-Wow featuring Headstart Tiny Tots (Front Lawn) |
| 1:00-2:30 p.m. | Lacrosse (West Side Lawn) |
| 1:00-3:00 p.m. | Painting with Simone McLeod (Room 155) |
| 1:00-3:00 p.m. | Flute Making with Brian Gallagher (Room 153, Aboriginal Centre) |
| 1:00-2:00 p.m. | Medicine Wheel Healing with Albert Myo (Auditorium) |
| 2:00-3:00 p.m. | Life Cycle with Nancy Linklater (Auditorium) |
| 3:00-3:30 p.m. | Closing Prayer, Tea and Saskatoon Tarts (Room 153, Aboriginal Centre) |