



Beginning Monday, October 7th through to November 18th, at the invitation of a number of Elders and Nunkurri (traditional Originie medicine people) from the central desert region, Australia will play host to eight traditional Grandmothers and Grandfathers from various tribes of Turtle Island, (USA and Canada).

The primary purpose of their journey to Australia is to offer their support and healing practices to the communities in the Northern Territory dealing with the imposition and its profound effects, of the Intervention.



Their first week will be in Sydney at the Pittwater YHA where their first day will be spent with local tribes members and others following protocol with a Welcome to Country Ceremony and Day of Dialogue. The rest of the week will be spent holding a two day retreat incorporating various workshops, two days of private consultations, and two public speaking events.

Their second week will be spent at Starseed Gardens in Byron Bay where a similar itinerary of Welcome to Country Day with Tribes Members, events, workshops and ceremonies will take place.

(Please see the pdf 'GCEF Medicine Journey 2013 Intinerary' for details.)

The following three weeks, from October 28th through to November the 17th, the Grandmothers and Grandfathers will spend amongst many of the communities throughout the Northern Territory. At this stage the exact itinerary is yet to be set due to an invitation to South Australia which we will try to accommodate. Details to be confirmed.

The Grandmothers and Grandfathers coming are not self-funding and as such we need to charge for each of the events to cover the costs at least.

Fees to attend the Sydney day set aside exclusively for local and other tribes people to come and meet with the Grandmothers and Grandfathers will be \$65 – this will cover Ferry transport to and from the Pittwater YHA, lunch and tea, coffee and biscuits. The day starts sharply at 10.30am and will finish by 6.00pm. The number of attendees is limited to forty-five (45) due to space restrictions. Full booking details and form will be posted online.

Fees to attend the Byron Bay Welcome to Country day will be \$35 to cover lunch, tea, coffee and biscuits.

For Grandmothers from Australian tribes, attendance at the workshops and retreat are discounted as follows:

Two day Sydney Residential Retreat and Workshops - \$360 per person. Covers workshops, transport (ferry) tickets to and from the Pittwater YHA, all meals and accommodation.

Two days of non-residential workshops in Byron Bay - \$100 per person per day





What We Will Be Doing

Grandmothers Circle the Earth Foundation was created to Promote, Support, Nurture and Administrate a grassroots initiative comprised of Indigenous Grandmothers of all Nations coming together to Create Circles, Gatherings, and Councils; bringing Sacred Ceremonies, Indigenous Grandmothers create a Gathering with Teachings, Wisdom Sharing, Story and a lifetime of Professional Expertise to Communities around the World to help Develop a Strong Vision for the Future of your Community and it's Families.

International Grandmothers meeting, working and travelling together sit with Women, Men and Children to address universal topics such as Community Development, Sustainability, Renewable Resources, Elder Care, Traditional Medicines, Unity Through Diversity, Developing Youth Leaders, Curbing Violence, Culture-based Conflict Resolution, and Honouring and Healing the Generational Wounds of Women, Children, Elders and Men ~ Unto the Seventh Generation and Beyond.

Working in pairs, the Grandmothers weave a sacred blanket with threads of Light as they sing, pray and acknowledge the Indigenous Ancestors of the people they visit.

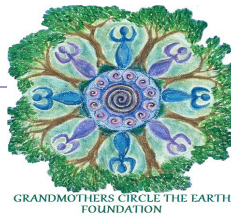
They do not charge a fee for their work, even though most are retired professionals with many years of education and expertise in a variety of fields. Each Council Grandmother, responding to an inner feeling, a dream, a remembered childhood conversation or a connection to the Sacred steps forward and joins her Sisters in this work. Some are eager, others reluctant, but each one grows into the role of Wisdom Keeper as she remembers who she is and why she is here at this Time.

Our Grandmothers present workshops for Conferences, Tribal Retreats, Treatment Centres, Corporate and Organizational needs. Topics including Council Building, Personal and Professional Development, Communications and Rehabilitation using the Traditional Circle Process.



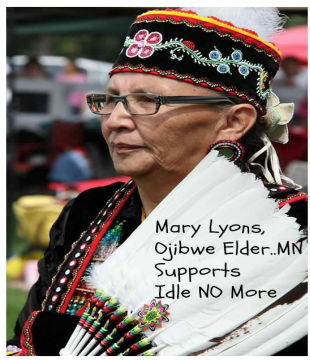
Held in an intimate venue, a beautiful Sacred Space for personal healing, introspection, and growth is created with Drums, Dancing, Ceremonies and Journey Meditation opening you to new levels of understanding!





Who Will Be Coming

Grandmother Mary Lyons



Mary's professional portfolio is a wealth of knowledge, but her heart for adoption and foster care has deeply saturated her personal life. She has fostered children with disabilities for more than 30 years.

Mary is an Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Expert Witness, Native American Family and Child Advocate for the Tribes, Co-founder of the "Celebrating the Native Child conferences", creator of NA-CHUGS, Native American children Having Unique Group Support.

Mary's on-going active support for the wellness of women has her teamed with "Women Of Wellbriety, Int'l" as a Grandmother Council member. She was one of the founding group responsible for the creation of the "American Indian Family and Children Services (AIFACS) in St. Paul, MN where Mary sat as Board Chair). Mary also is the founder of the Minnesota Coalition on

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (MNCOFAS@aol.com) in Indian country.

Amidst these commitments, she finds time to do presentations on cultural issues of native children in foster care and adoption, to such audiences as the PEW Commission and the Juvenile Justice Department in the USA.

Being a great-grandmother has brought new meaning to life as she delivers her "Talking Circle" support to the wellness of families. Amongst her many awards, she is most proud of her "Congressional Adoption Award", presented to her in Washington DC, and for which Senator Norm Coleman of Minnesota nominated her.



Grandmother Marian Dawn SkyWeaver

Grandmother Dawn strives to live up to the ancestors within all her heritage - African, Cherokee, Blackfoot, Irish and German. Also known as Marian D Hartsfield, RN, BSLA, DRS; Kuia Atarangni Tui Tuia, Grandmother of the Nation of Waitaha, is a member of the Grandmothers 4 Directions Rainbow Council, Grandmothers Circle the Earth Foundation and National Council of Negro Women.

She received her indigenous education from many grandfathers, grandmothers, sisters, and aunties along her path which include teachers of African descendant, Maori descendant and many descendants of Native American Nations.

Grandmother Dawn has walked the Oneness path for many years, her tools are intuition, visions, dreams, and a humbling connection to ancestors, nature, animals, and those beyond the veil. Her walk has taken her to many places nationally and internationally, awakening the fundamental knowledge of Mother Earth and All Her Relatives. She values time performing ceremony as directed by the Ancestors. Her recent travel and teachings lead her to spend time in forest/ bush settings, learning the way of the indigenous hunter/gatherer Algonquin Nation and with the indigenous people of Hawaii.

Grandmother Dawn walks, talks and lives in the Essence of Oneness in the Spirit of Love, Truth and





Peace. She is passionate about reminding all that we are indigenous to Mother Earth, we have the responsibility to show respect, walk with wisdom, consider balance in all things, recognize peace as the right of all, know that we are an expansion of our ancestors and the next 7 plus generations, and send our best from our highest vantage point with our best intentions and actions forward.

In her Private consultation she offers herself as a spiritual artist and writes as guided. As an ordained minister and spiritual leader in the Universal Life Church, she preforms wedding ceremonies and baptisms.

Her father told her before he transitioned his earth walk, "What you do is for all human beings. They can get it right if they understand this is about Love. Love is the answer".



Grandmother Elizabeth Babin Leading Cloud Woman of the Female Black Bear Clan is a Nishnawbe North American Aboriginal who has been apprenticed into the star lodge ceremony. She lived in the traditional homeland territories since birth and has travelled to several countries to speak about the importance of ceremony and spiritual connection to the land and its people.

She has worked extensively with her teacher who has passed on to the spirit world, leaving her with the teachings and knowledge of the star lodge ceremony. She lives happily in her community and continues to embrace and share the teachings of the star lodge with others who have requested the teachings and the seven day ceremony.

Grandmother Liz is a tireless advocate for her Ancestral Lands and the People of the Wahgoshig Nation, and is Director of Health for her Community. She is a mentor in her Circle to many beautiful, strong Algonquin women, encouraging

the learning and practice of the Original Teachings not only in Ceremony but in daily practice, as they fish in the lakes as the Elders did, and learn the skills of her Ancestors.

Grandmother Liz is on the go, and can often be found on the streets of Toronto where the media captures her photo as she marches in defence of the Lands of her People. She was recently honoured at the Star People's Conference in Cahokia, and has been exploring future health-related possibilities for her Community across Canada. She is a True Grandmother!



Grandmother Gail Whitlow I am a Bear Clan of the Mohawk Nation of the Six Nations Confederacy residing in Ontario, Canada. I am honoured to be part of the Haudenosaunee people (Iroquois – People of the Longhouse). We still follow our ceremonies according to the instructions handed down to us by our Creator through prophets and visionaries.

There have been many elders, medicine people and discussions that have helped me on my path today. I continue to respect and practice Traditional ceremonies such as Longhouse Ceremonies, Sundance, Fasting, Sacred Journeys, and Purification Lodges to give thanks and acknowledge my blessings and pray.

I presently operate Ancestral Voices Healing Centre located on the banks of the Grand River on the Six Nations Reserve in Ohsweken, Ontario Canada.





GRANDMOTHERS CIRCLE THE EARTH
FOUNDATION

We are at a critical time on our earth walk. The neglectful state of our Earth Mother and the problems we are having in our communities reflect the imbalance in our society. Our Mother Earth gives life and can take it away. The struggles that our Earth Mother is feeling is the struggles that we as grandmothers, spiritual people, women are feeling. We have need to form alliances with our energies as females to put that balance back into perspective.

The prophecies that are carried by our Nations are like pieces of a puzzle that is now being put together. We can help one another to understand that we can influence the next 7 generations for our coming faces. What did we do before we let money control our decisions? We worked as a unit to provide for our children, adults, and elders. We encouraged each other to be strong because the nation depended on it. We encouraged each other to be the best that we could be in our roles. Now money determines that in a false sense of perception.

As grandmothers, we can initiate major changes in the perceptions of our coming faces by bringing back some of the teachings and ceremonies that have been lost in this false sense of perception. We want to reach the point where money does not control us as we find our identities again. That is our goal but until we can put the gardens, the medicines, the skills back into our communities, we have to work within the monetary system.

It will be an honour to share and plan the future of our coming faces with pride and dignity once more.



Grandfather Jacob Wawatie was raised in the forest of the La Verendrye Park in the western part of Quebec, Canada as an Algonquin North American Native. He was formally educated by both the imposed philosophy of the European education system and by his Grandmother, Kokom Lena Jerome Nottaway in the traditional ways of his ancestors within their original hunting territories.

Jacob specializes in the fields of linguistics and Early Education systems and is an advocate of learning centers, helping to establish the Rapid Lake School in Quebec. Kokom Lena provided great guidance in Jacob's quest for understanding of the philosophy of Native Education and his experience has given him many insights into the steps required to communicate the stories and Prophecies as visioned and aspired to by his ancestral Elders. He has presented the Algonquin native culture in various non-native schools in New York State, Quebec and Ontario at all levels of the education system. He

actively participates in many conferences fostering a spirit of pride and dignity in the drive for understanding and appreciation of the significance of the stories he presents. Jacob is fluent in three languages: Algonquin, French and English. This ability helps Jacob retell the stories and prophecies of his people, bringing to them an authenticity which transcends linguistic boundaries. The insights Jacob learnt from his Elders gave him a vision within which he expresses an understanding of the world of nature, humanities role in it and the profound changes occurring all across the globe.

Jacob is a Master Educator in Algonquin Traditional Culture and has studied early education and linguistics at the University of Quebec and McGill University, Montreal.





Grandfather Solomon Wawatie

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Grandfather Gerry Hill

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Grandmother Susan Stanton

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