



What we said

Comments from the chat stream

Creative Spirit: Mi'kmaw/Gaelic relations and storytelling traditions

February 23, 2024

Host: Bradley Murphy

Guests: Tara Lewis and Sarah Prosper

After listening to the guest, discussing what we'd heard in the breakout rooms, and then returning to the main room, we shared our reflections in the chat stream.

What do these conversations inspire you to do?

- Visit the forest, reconnect with the woods
- I would love to go on the walk on June 21
- I would love to come and visit and have a group meeting like this in person!
- Enjoy visits with friends
- Join the Freedom March...
- Tha mi airson ionnsaich mu na Mi'kmaq
- The joy of spontaneous visiting, and visiting non-human beings as well
- Go find Bradley and hike up into the woods
- Stop by anytime you're in the neighbourhood!
- My great grandfather and his parents spoke both Gaidhlig & Mi'kmaw...in fact, his parents only spoke those two languages - no English.
- Learn a little Mi'kmawi
- The march story, summer march
- I don't visit Mother Nature enough. I'm overdue for some quality time with her.
- I work for the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Chiefs and, as a NS Gael, I am blessed to be able to blend our languages and cultures in my every-day - we have so much in common. I am inspired to keep finding common ground of our cultures.

- Visit more. One good way to initiate a visit is to share garden produce in season. Join the march. Watch Sarah's video.
- Go to see Sarah's show!
- 5 feet of snow!! Appreciate the air, sunshine, birdsong, even the storms as part of the great realm of nature
- Thanks for the ideas presented. It is good to hear what others think and to keep going on our personal and community journey with new energy
- Join the Freedom March
- Keep finding ways to bring old traditions into contemporary life/art
- I can so relate to Tara's love and the importance she places on visiting. I was raised in that same culture in my home community in Cape Breton as well. I hope I have instilled the importance of visiting in my own children.

Gratitude:

- I have enjoyed this so much. I am really happy to know you all. Thank you so much for sharing. I will be back!
- I really like Sarah's notion of "two-eyed seeing"....going forward together....traditional combining with contemporary sense creating new traditions to pass on.
- Tapadh leibh!!
- Tapadh leibh a huile duine
- Tapadh leibh. Wela'liog.
- Tapadh leibh!
- Thank you Bradley, Tara and Sara
- This is so touching - what a beautiful video, and what a beautiful song. Tapadh leibh! See you next time!
- Amazing and touching video! Thanks
- Welalioq <3
- Thank you for a great session, Bradley!
- Thank you Bradley, Tara and Sara
- Beautiful, thanks for the beautiful song and performance!
- Enjoyed the song and the dancing so much
- Hugs from Brazil! Good night

Resources and links:

[Link to conversation between Bradley and Sarah](#)

Sarah's two productions are:

MIMIKEJ (Butterfly) ****premiering at [Highland Arts Theatre March 5-10**](#)**

SAMQUAN (Water) -

[Link to trailer](#)

[Link to full performance](#)

Bradley and Sarah's [collaboration video 'Ailein Duinn'](#) was filmed by Matthew Ingraham with set support from Tara.

Tara spoke about the site of the [Indian Residential School](#) for the Maritimes, which is in Shubenacadie. Note from Heather Leslie : There's a business on the Residential School site now called Scotia Plastics - big blue buildings visible atop the hill - visible from the highway and from the wildlife park.

The Freedom March commemorates the day children were released back to their communities at the end of the school year, on June 21st. It is organised by "[Mawikuti'k - Growing Together](#)" Email: Mawikutik@gmail.com

There is a two-part documentary on centralization produced by APTN, available on YouTube

[PART 1](#)

[PART 2](#)

The above are direct quotes from participants, edited only to correct typos. Thank you to all who shared their thoughts and gifts! Tapadh leibh uile!