

BIONEERS



INDIGENOUS FORUM 2011

PRE-CONFERENCE

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THURSDAY OCTOBER 13TH, 2011, 9am – 5:30pm

Native Traditional Ecological Knowledge

Native Essentials: Traditional Foods, Sacred Waters, Songs and Stories from the Land and Seas

Presented and Hosted by The Cultural Conservancy and the Indigeneity Program of Bioneers



Convened by **Melissa Nelson** (Turtle Mountain Anishinaabe) **Cara McCoy** (Chemehuevi)

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A full-day immersion into the indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge of local California Indian Nations and global indigenous communities. We will explore the sophisticated sciences, knowledge and practices of indigenous peoples working to protect their traditional knowledge and restore their eco-cultural heritage.

Peoples and Places of the Bay Area Homelands

A traditional welcome and overview of the lands and cultures of the San Francisco Bay Area from local California Indian educators including **Jacquelyn Ross**; Coast Miwok/Southern Pomo peoples of the Graton Rancheria in Marin and Sonoma Counties; **Ann Marie Sayers**, **Kanyon Sayers-Roods**, Ohlone/Costanoan bands of the San Francisco and Monterey Bay Areas

Water and Land Protection from the Colorado Plateau Tribes

Two Southwest Native leaders share Intertribal effort to protect the Colorado River and other water sources in Northern Arizona: **Tony Skrelunas** (Navajo), Native American Director of the Grand Canyon Trust; **Bucky Preston** (Hopi), The Paatuwaqatsi Run — Water Is Life.

Native Food Demonstration and Hands-on Prep Work

Cultural cooking demonstrations on Native foods. **With: Jacquelyn Ross**, Coastal Miwok traditional gatherer; and **Lois Ellen Frank** (Kiowa) and **Walter Whitewater** (Navajo), Native chefs and Southwest Indian food educators. Prepare and eat acorns, salmon, seaweed, blue corn posole, green chili, “three sisters” stew, agave lemonade, and teas.

Lunch Feast

Plants and Shells from Sacred Waters

Make cordage and simple tule baskets and learn about California Indian basketweaving with **Kathy Wallace** (Hupa/Yurok/Karuk) and **L. Frank** (Tongva/Ajachmem). Using abalone and olivella shells, Ohlone leaders **Ann Marie**

Sayers and **Kanyon Sayers-Roods** will lead us in making necklaces.

Canoes, Water, and Navigation

Explore canoe-making, navigation and water knowledge with Maori/Tongan/Pacific teachers **Wikuki Kingi** and **Tania Haerekitera Wolfram**.

Songs, Scapes, and Music from the Land

A performance-presentation honoring the songs, stories and music of the lands and water. **With: R. Carlos Nakai** (Navajo/Ute), Grammy-nominated musician; **Sunny Dooley** (Diné), traditional storyteller. Others.

Closing Ceremony

Location: Bay Conference Center in Tiburon, CA. Bus transportation from the Embassy Suites Hotel at 8:30am.

Cost: \$195 *** 20% OFF DISCOUNT CODE: NATIVE20