



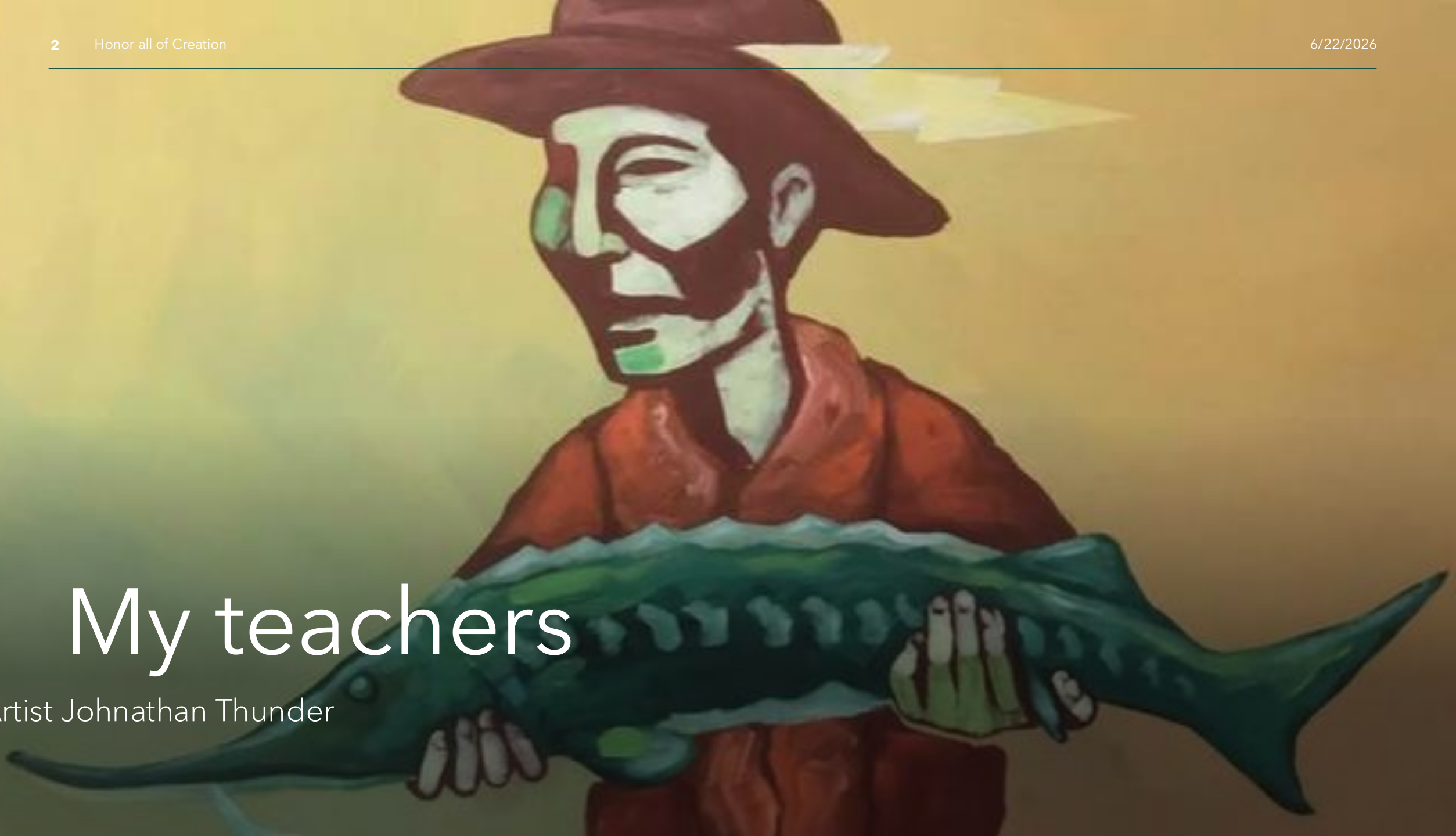
Honor all of Creation: Tending the Garden of Life

The Garden Club of Greater Milwaukee – Environmental Committee – June 19, 2026

Artist *Vladimir Kush, Eye Pond*

My teachers

Artist Johnathan Thunder



Alan James Caldwell, Menominee

ACT31, Viet Nam Era Veteran





Grand Chief, Three Fires Midewiwin

Edward Benton Banai



Justice Murray Sinclair

Western Door Chief



Our ancestors before us

The string of Life

Our Mother

We are the Land

We are the Water

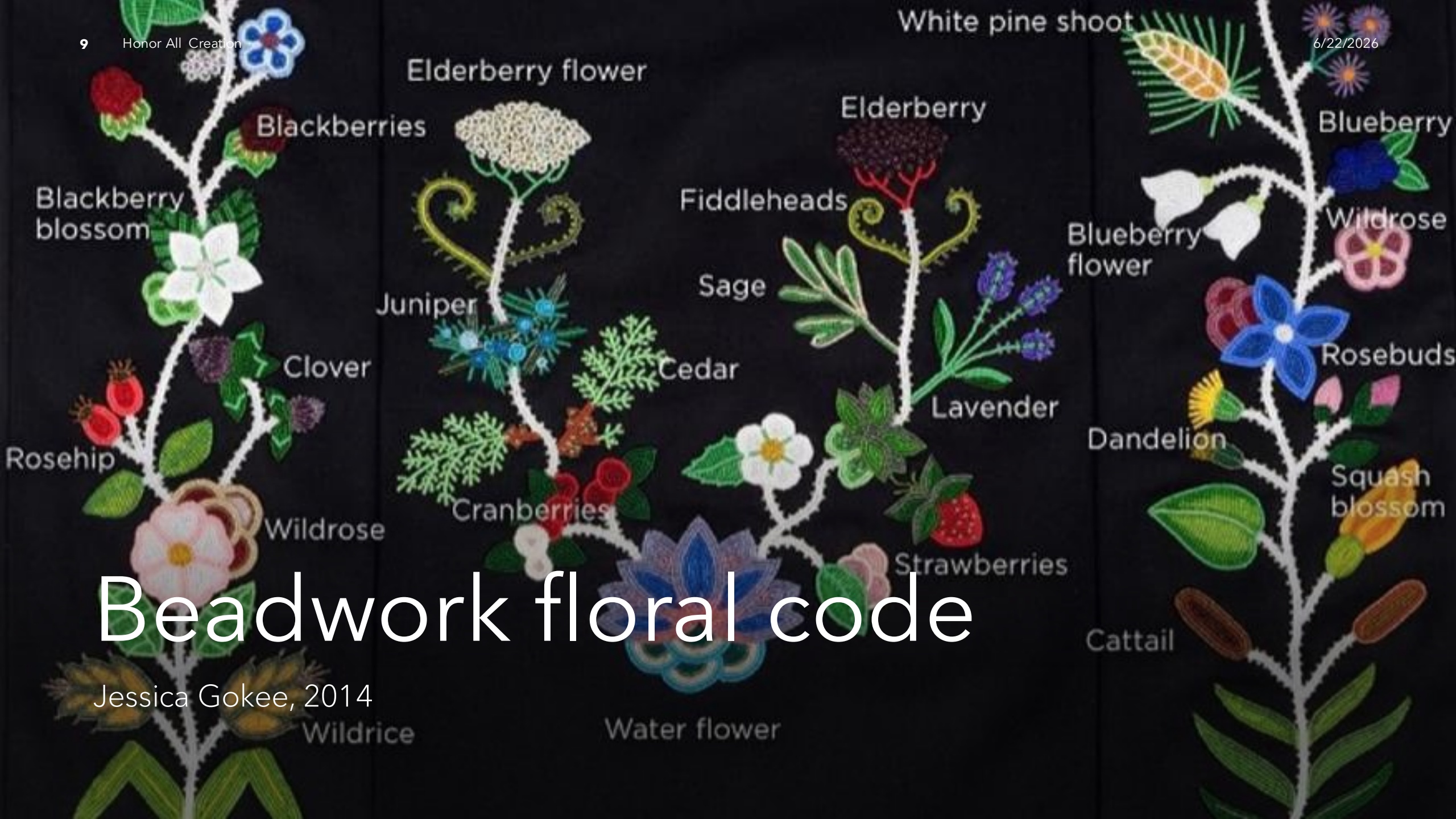
Providing all what we need to have a good life



"Can we call
ourselves sovereign
if we cannot feed
ourselves?"

Winona LaDuke, White Earth Reservation –
Annishinaabe Akiing

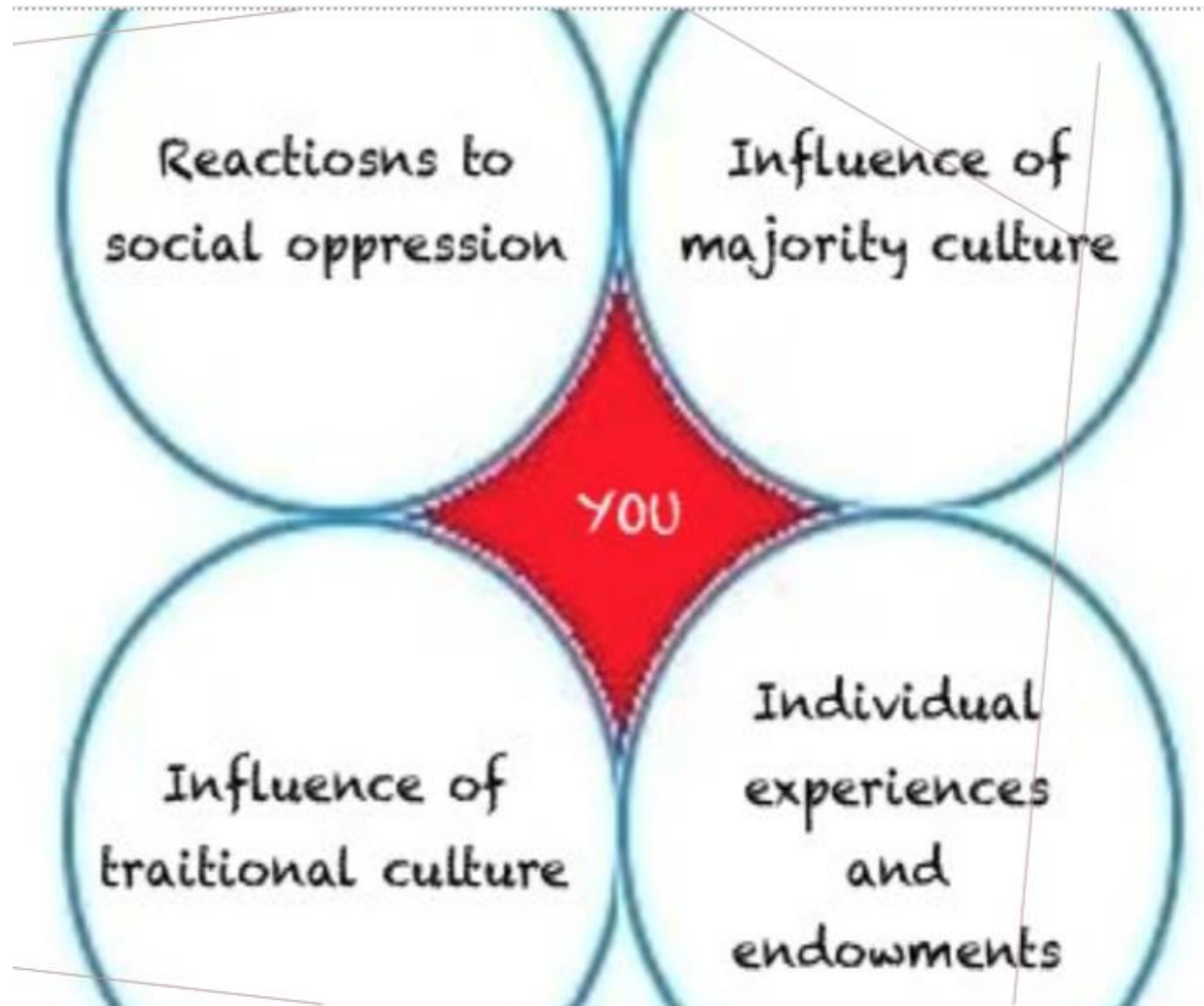




Beadwork floral code

Jessica Gokee, 2014

Teach not
about culture,
rather teach
culturally



The Four R's

Respect

Relationship

Reciprocity

Responsibility

Dr. Rosemary Christensen's legacy





RESPECT

Teach Culturally

Respect in the words that come before all others

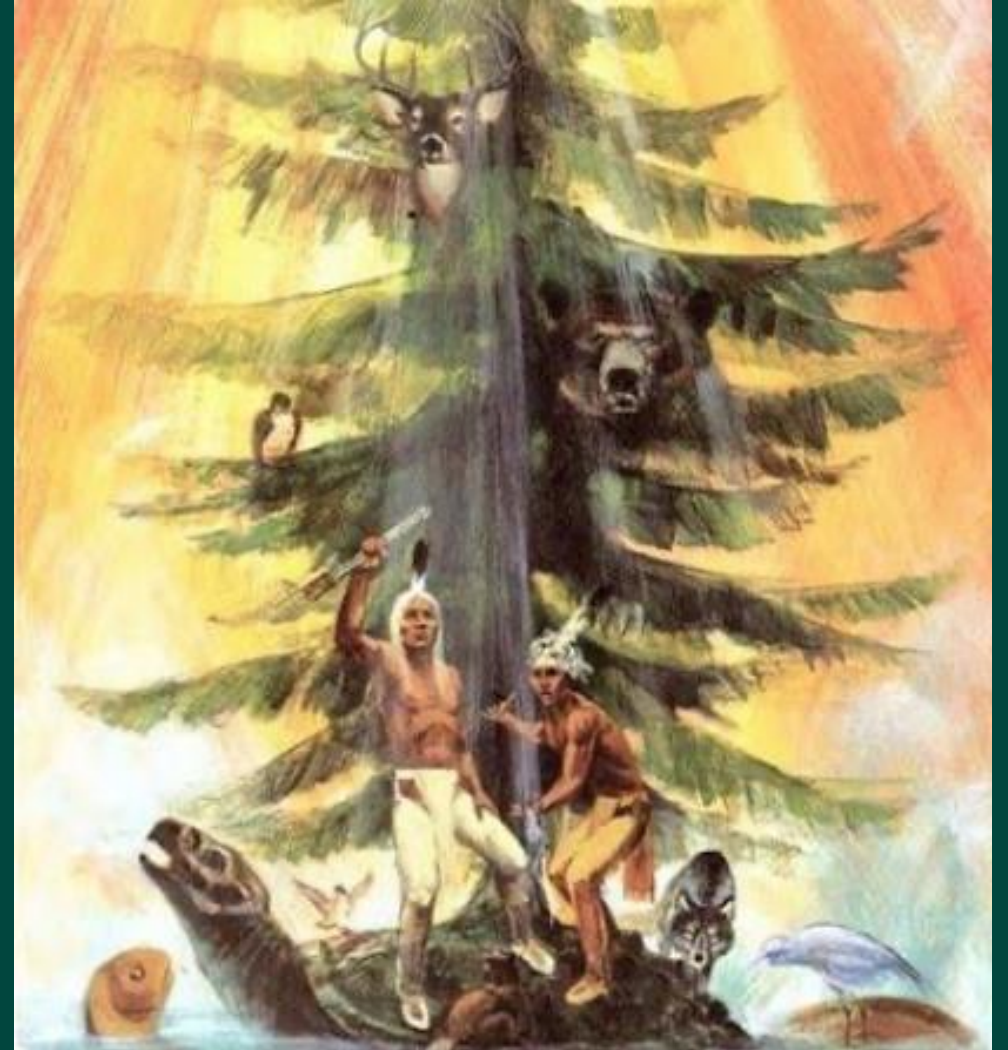
The Thanksgiving Address

Artist Scott Hill, Oneida Nation



The People were strong in their beliefs and ways

Let us put our minds together





Our Mother Earth takes care of all lives

Let us put our minds together,
so be it in our minds



We thank the sun,
keeping his
responsibility as
he travels the sky
each day

Let's put our minds together, so be it
in our minds

Grass carpets the Earth

Let's put our minds together, so be it in our minds





Strawberries are good medicine that helps the People

Let's put our minds together,
so be it in our minds

Tobacco, the head of all medicines here on Earth

Let's put our minds together, so be it in our minds





**Deer here were left they are also
the head of all animals and also the
reason here they stay to help the
Oneidas**

Let's put our minds together, so be it in our minds



**Maple they give
us a strong
medicine in the
spring to give
thanks for all the
trees**

Let us put our minds together, so be it
in our minds



**Water they give us strength
also a good life. Water gives
us strength to live**

Let us put our minds together, so be it in our minds

Birds their songs they use to lift our minds when we are sad

Let us put our minds together, so be it in our
minds





The Winds they bring the changing of the season

Let us put our minds together,
so be it in our minds



**The Thunders
wakes us up
here on Earth,
Spring it brings
warm winds for
all things to
grow**

Let us put our minds together,
so be it in our minds



Our Grandmother, the Moon has charge of women's needs

Let us put our minds together, so be it
in our minds



Let us put our minds together, so be it in our minds

**The Stars
give us light
so that we
don't get
lost also tells
us when it's
that time to
give thanks
to the Spring
(Summer,
Winter, Fall)**

Four Messengers, they give us guidance how all that became one same mind (same thinking)



Let us put our minds together, so be it in our minds

Artist Erwin Printup Jr.



**For those we
have forgotten
to mention, we
ask
forgiveness**

Let us put our minds together, so be it
in our minds

The One who made all things that we are thankful here on Earth

Let us put our minds together, so be it in our
minds





RELATIONSHIP

The second of our 4 R's



The Three Sisters

Corn, Beans & Squash

RECIPROCITY

One covers the ground and keeps weeds away

One grow straight up

One climbs the other



RESPONSIBILITY

Our 4th R

Humans to plants through mound gardens

Potawatomi Corn Hills, Carroll College Waukesha, Wisconsin - 1902



Wisconsin Historical Society Photo 122826

Lidar Survey & Mounds

- Michigan Upper Peninsula
- Sixty Islands archaeological site
- 330 acres
- Between AD 1000 & 1600
- Dartmouth team believes they've only found part of the intensive gardening work





The Challenge, Sturgeon

Garden Mound in honor of decades of environmental work to restore our Waters



Questions? Wonders?

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Thank you!

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