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Teaching Treaties in the Classroom

with Susan Beaudin & Elder Gladys Wapass-Greyeyes

Date: **Thursday, October 13, 2011**

Venue: **Red Deer Lodge, Gull Lake Room**

Time: **9:00 am - 3:30 pm**

Address: **4311 49 Ave, Red Deer**

Cost: **\$50**

Lunch: **Lunch is Included**

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About the session: The participants will be presented with an overview of the Kindergarten to Grade Twelve Treaty Kit and online resources for teaching treaties in the classroom from the Office of the Treaty Commissioner (OTC) in Saskatchewan. The K - Grade 12 themes and topics will be discussed. They will have opportunity to review the materials at their respective grade levels. An OTC Cree Elder will provide the oral perspective on treaties made with First Nations peoples. Participants will be encouraged to ask questions and share their knowledge and experiences related to the treaty teachings.

About the facilitators:

Susan Beadin Susan is a Plains Cree/Saulteaux-Ojibway woman from the Cowessess First Nation in southeastern Saskatchewan. She has a Bachelor of Education, Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Administration and a Master of Education degree. She has worked in the area of education for over thirty years as an elementary primary teacher, special education teacher, in the area of administration as a superintendent, director and assistant professor at the university level. She taught in provincial and First Nations schools in Saskatchewan. She has experience in developing local First Nations curricula based on the Cree and Saulteaux cultures. She has spent many years listening to and learning from First Nations Elders. She currently works at the Office of the Treaty Commissioner and is the primary author of the Kindergarten to Grade Twelve Treaty Resource Guides based on the Saskatchewan Treaties. She continues to work with educators in developing curriculum for schools based on the Saskatchewan First Nations' cultures. Susan is an education consultant for her business Circle of Learning Consulting based out of Regina. Susan is a mother of two wonderful children Erica and Aaron and a proud Kokum to Jules, Brandon, Jaida and Jackson.

Maryanne Neepsiwakask : Born to David Jimmy and Maryanne Neepsiwakask (Willow Bark) on July 30, 1939 on the Thunderchild First Nation, Gladys remembers her first six years as the happiest of her life. The next eleven years were spent in the Onion Lake Residential school, and happy memories were confined to the two months every summer when she was allowed to go back home. It was during those summer months back home that Gladys "learned more than she ever did at school." Gladys went to university as an adult student, taking classes in teaching methodology that helped her as a Cree teacher. She taught Cree at the Thunderchild School for twelve years and in Muskeg Lake for six or seven years. In recent times Gladys has been invited as an Elder to help in various social and educational capacities throughout Saskatchewan that include counselling youth in substance abuse situations and working in schools as part of the Teaching Treaties in the Classroom project.

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