



# Marin American Indian Alliance

In Honor of all Nations  
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## WORDS FROM THE PAST

Will you ever begin to understand the meaning of the very soil beneath your feet? From a grain of sand to a great mountain, all is sacred. Yesterday and tomorrow exist eternally upon this continent. We natives are guardians of this sacred place.

~ Peter Blue Cloud, Mohawk

## MAIA GATHERINGS

Since we are still on lock down and unable to hold gatherings over 10 people, we will not be holding our regular MAIA gatherings. This may be for some time. When we expect to return announcements will be sent via email, posted on the MAIA website and on Facebook. Until then, take care of yourselves, wear a mask, and stay safe. Please contact us if at any time you feel you are in need of assistance.

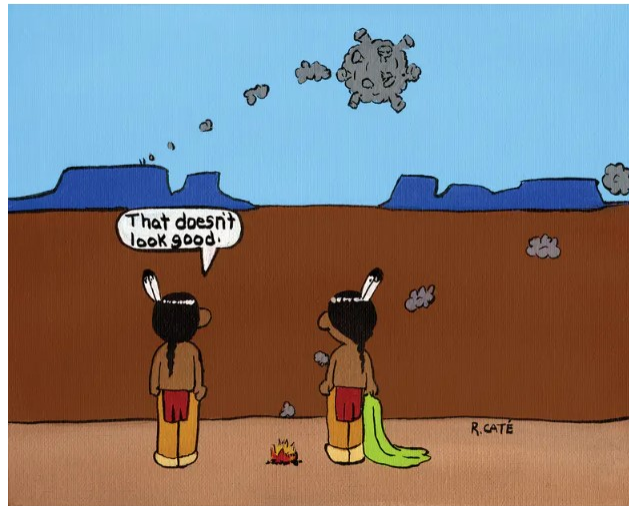
## BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT

As we join in support and solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement, we realize that this might bring up traumas as Native Indian Americans. As we reflect on the unfathomable atrocities of the past and as we continue in the racist, unjust, and unequal current environment, it can be very stressful and painful. We also realize that it can be a time for hope and action toward long overdue change. May the Creator guide you with your feelings and steps.

## AMERICAN INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL - JOB OPPORTUNITIES

November 2020 will be Season 45 for the American Indian Film Festival! They are hiring for two new positions. Please visit: [www.aifisf.com](http://www.aifisf.com) for more information.

## COVID-19 IN THE NEWS



With Covid everywhere in the news, we hope, for your safety, that you are all up-to date on the status in your County (Search Google: California Coronavirus Cases by Count) and in your tribal area (Search: Indian Country's COVID-19 Syllabus). Here are a few stories from our website in case you missed them:

### AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES THWARTED IN EFFORTS TO GET CORONAVIRUS DATA

The CDC has turned down tribal epidemiologists' requests for data that it's making freely available to states. Federal and state health agencies are refusing to give Native American tribes and organizations representing them access to data showing how the Coronavirus is spreading around their lands, potentially widening health disparities and frustrating tribal leaders already ill-equipped to contain the pandemic.

### FOR THE FIRST TIME DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS HAS A MEDICAL PRESENCE IN THE U.S. – AT NAVAJO NATION

Doctors Without Borders is best known for sending medical professionals into international conflict zones in the midst of medical crises. The organization has teams in Afghanistan, Iran, Sierra Leone, Venezuela and 66 other countries. It did not, however, have a medical presence in the U.S. — until now.

### THREE MEMBERS OF NAVAJO FAMILY DIE FROM COVID-19

Marie Pino, 67, taught elementary school for decades and, interested in a new challenge, had started teaching middle school science last year. She died May 13, weeks after burying one of her three sons, Marcus Pino, 42, who coached the school's basketball team and was determined to engage teen boys in the sport he loved growing up. He died April 16.

Marie's husband, Ira Pino Sr., 65, was an emergency medical coordinator who went on to pastor a church during the last decade of his life. He died May 31.

Our condolences to the Pino Family and all affected by the Cononavirus.

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**READ NEWS ON MARINNDN.ORG**

**10 PEOPLE WHOSE STATUES SHOULD REPLACE COLUMBUS**

A great Native Indian American list, but who would you add?

**TAHOE SKI RESORT CONSIDERS CHANGING ITS RACIST, SEXIST NAME**

If you haven't seen this in the news, I bet that everyone who receives this newsletter would know exactly which resort they are referring to! Also, check out the AIM site that is linked to within the article.

**REDSKINS STILL WON'T CHANGE THEIR NAME**

The whole editorial board of the Washington Post called on the Washington DC Team to remove their mascot, then called on the NFL to remove it if the team doesn't. If you would like to join in on this protest please go to Change the Mascot website ([changethemascot.org](http://changethemascot.org)) started by the Oneida Indian Nation. This site also has news on other Indian names being used across the county and reports on efforts to remove them.

There is also a current petition to change Fresno High School's mascot.

<https://www.change.org/p/fresno-unified-school-district-change-fresno-high-school-s-mascot>

.....more Indian news can be found on the MAIA website ([marinamericanindianalliance.org](http://marinamericanindianalliance.org) or [marinndn.org](http://marinndn.org)).

Hé-é-e, the Warrior Girl  
(HOPI)  
written in Daughters of the Earth

Many years ago some Hopis were living outside the main village. In one household the mother was occupied in putting up her daughter's hair in the butterfly whorls customarily worn by Hopi maidens. The mother has finished only one side of the hair whorls, the hair on the other side still hanging loosely, when they saw enemies sneaking toward the village.

The maiden snatched up a bow, quiver, and arrows from the wall of her home and raced toward the village to warn the other people. Then she led the defense until the men in the fields returned and routed the enemy.

She has been personified ever since as a kachina and always appears with her hair partially up on one side and hanging down on the other side.

(Do you have a Hé-é-e, the Warrior Girl kachina? If so, send us a photo and bring it to the gathering when we return!)

## EVENTS

**Please note: Many events have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus.  
Check ahead for potential cancellations not listed.**

July 18 – **40th Annual Big Time at Kule Loklo**, Pt. Reyes National Seashore. Bring a lunch and enjoy seeing demonstrations, dancing, etc., 10 am to 4 pm. Call (415) 464-5146 for more info. CANCELLED

July 21 – **MARIN AMERICAN INDIAN ALLIANCE** – No meeting in July!

July 25-26 – **Vallejo Powwow**, Service Club Park, Mare Island Way (next to the Ferry Terminal), 11AM -8 PM Saturday and 11 AM to 7 PM Sunday. Call (916) 804-7326 for more info. CANCELLED

July 25-26 – **Washoe Tribe Wa She Shu It'Deh**, cultural events ranging from a Washoe basket competition (with local weavers from Nevada and California) to traditional dancing, music, stories, plays, basketry and clothing, plus traditional games, Tallac Historic Site, 1 Valhalla Rd. South Lake Tahoe, 9 AM-5 PM Saturday and 9 AM -4 PM Sunday. Call (775) 265-8600 or (775) 781-4853 for more info. CANCELLED

August 1-2 – Sierra Mono Museum's Indian Fair Days and Powwow (also called the **North Fork Powwow**), Minarets High School, 45077 Road 220, O'Neals. Call (559) 877-2115 for more info. CANCELLED

August 18 – **MARIN AMERICAN INDIAN ALLIANCE** gathering, 9 Ross Valley Dr., San Rafael, United 1st Methodist Church, downstairs community room (Potluck), 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM.  
Email [marinindnuz@aol.com](mailto:marinindnuz@aol.com) for more info. PENDING

August 20-30 – **Shingle Springs Big Time**, traditional dances, storytellers, and hand, 5281 Honpie Road, Placerville. Check web site <http://www.shinglespringsrancheria.com/> for more info. CANCELLED

August 22-23 – **Colfax Indian Big Time**, artisans, vendors, food, demonstrators, and traditional dancers. Call (916) 577-3558 or (916) 470-6866 for more info. PENDING

September 5-6 – **Stockton Powwow** – University of the Pacific, Wendell Phillips Center, Stadium Drive, Stockton, 11 AM to 10 PM Saturday and 11 AM to 4 PM Sunday. Call (209) 662-3131 for more info. PENDING

September 12-13 – **Annual Acorn Festival**, Tuolumne Band of Mewuk, Tuolumne Rancheria, Mi Wu St., Tuolumne, 11 AM – 4 PM. Call (209) 928-5300 for more info. PENDING

September 14 – **Museum of the American Indian Trade Feast** with dancing, food and demonstrations, Miwok Park, 2200 Novato Blvd., Novato, 11:00 AM 5:00 PM. Call 415-897-4064 for more info. POSTPONED TO SPRING 2021

September 15 – **MARIN AMERICAN INDIAN ALLIANCE** gathering, 9 Ross Valley Dr., San Rafael, United 1st Methodist Church, downstairs community room (Potluck), 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM. Email [marinindnuz@aol.com](mailto:marinindnuz@aol.com) for more info. PENDING

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