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Wabanaki REACH

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Greetings from your friends at Wabanaki REACH!

We hope your Summer has been a satisfying one. They certainly are quick and fleeting here in the Dawnland. We had an extremely busy Summer rehearsing and preparing for our upcoming performances of *where the river widens*, a community-devised play created by, for, and about Wabanaki. This is the first product to be created as part of our multi-year truth telling initiative *Beyond the Claims: Stories from the Land and the Heart*. The process has been very nourishing. We have been working in community alongside the Penobscot ancestral river, being creative, learning together, and preparing to unveil this unique offering. We feel affirmed in our work since each time we gathered the Eagle appeared flying overhead. Meanwhile the tried-and-true REACH work continues – our amazing educational programming remains in high demand and we are scheduling into the new year already. As we enter into a new year of learning, we’d like to remind you that on our website we offer a variety of learning resources for self-education or to recommend to educators and scholars. Resources are organized under...
Truth, Healing, and Change in Wabanaki Territory, Resources for Learning and Teaching about Land Acknowledgments, dozens of essays in our Voices of Decolonization blog posts, a Literary Resource List, and so much more. We hope you will check them out at www.mainewabanakireach.org/educational_resources

**where the river widens**

Tickets are SOLD-OUT for *where the river widens*!

As part of our truth-telling initiative *Beyond the Claims– Stories from the Land & the Heart*, Wabanaki REACH has partnered with Threadbare Theatre Workshop to co-create an original, community-devised play centering Wabanakik and the Maine Indian land claims.

*where the river widens* is a poetic, spare, lyrical movement through stories, place, and time that takes place on Indian Island beside the Penobscot River. This thought-provoking play that not only illuminates a complex and tumultuous era, but celebrates the beauty, creativity, and resilience of Wabanaki people.

We invite you to make a donation to support Wabanaki REACH's ongoing work. Woliwoni!

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**Call for Papers**

Are you a writer of original articles, essays, poetry, or prose? Do you want to share your thoughts about truth, healing, and change with the Wabanaki REACH community?
We invite you and all writers, especially young people, to submit your words to be considered for inclusion in our monthly publication of the blog *Voices of Decolonization*.

We are seeking contributions from a wide range of topics related to decolonization including, but not limited to:

- Education
- Food sovereignty/ traditional food and medicines
- Peace and restoration/ peacemaking
- Child welfare, well-being and child rearing
- Art and healing
- Restorative justice/ restorative practices
- Wabanaki sense of place
- Faith/spirituality
- History

We will accept submissions of 800-1200 words in length, preferably in Microsoft Word format until December 15, 2023, via email at wabanakireach@gmail.com.

Please email any questions to: kerr.jp2020@gmail.com.

Authors of selected submissions will be entered into a drawing to win one of three $100 gift cards. Winners will be notified on December 18, 2023.

Read the blog here: *Voices of Decolonization*.

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