



Harlan McKosato

Tribal Member McKosato Gets National Recognition

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NAC tackles current events. Other recurring topics include "Book of the Month," discussing a release by a Native author; "Music Maker," which focuses on a recent musical release; and the profile show "Native in the Spotlight."

In 1995 McKosato became aware that NAC was looking to fill various positions. Initially he was not hired, but he persisted, and later that year he was brought in as an associate producer. The next year he became the producer/director, and in 1997 he became the host/producer. McKosato humbly notes, "I'm a bridge-builder but not necessarily the answer. The show is about trying to solve problems, and you do that in a lot of different ways. Sometimes you motivate, sometimes you educate, and sometimes you instigate. There's always a problem that

I perceive that needs to be addressed and this is a platform to do it." He also points out that the show is not always about the plight. "Sometimes you've got to celebrate what's good about being Indian. We need to rise up and take our rightful place! We need our people to tell our own stories. Our voices must be heard."

Recognize the Native voice, and listen to it; call in and complete the circle at Native America Calling. The program is broadcast Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to noon MST, and is also streamed live at www.nativeamericacalling.com.

Article by Isaiah Montoya (Apache/Spanish). He is an Albuquerque-based freelance reporter who covers all subjects. This is his first story for Native Peoples.

Walker Grandchildren Reunion

The grandchildren and their grandchildren enjoyed the Walker Grandchildren Reunion on Friday, July 8, during the annual Sac and Fox Pow-wow. The "reunion" was held at the Library from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

After a delicious meal together, the Walker grandchildren, along with their children and grandchildren, shared stories about their parents during the parent's lifetime. The eldest grandchild present was Thelma Mae Coker, and then Mary F. McCormick. During her talk, Mary noted that the eldest grandchild was Stanford Walker, then Marvine W. Boswell, and then Thelma and then Mary. Mary thought Harry Walker, Jr was next. Mary reported that Grandfather Benjamin Walker and Dora Benson Walker had ten children, and they all reached adulthood. Uncle William Walker was the eldest child.

The ten children were: William Walker, Evans Walker, Mable W. Honneycutt, Margrove Walker, Frances W. Coker, Harry Walker, Luther Walker, Mary Nancy Walker, Marvin Walker, and Edith Walker Bemo. Their father, Benjamin was a singer and drummer, and all the sons could sing and drum also.

Assistant Library Aide

Catherine Walker distributed genealogy sheets with the children's names listed. She reported that she had just attended a workshop on genealogy, and the forms were documents that the State of Oklahoma preferred that the citizens use. Each person present was asked to identify themselves and tell which child they were from.

Special guests were Lena Ellis Clark, and her niece Pat Smith, and Pat's husband, Allen were introduced, and asked to speak. Lena explained that while our great-grandmother Lidia Walker was the eldest child of Chief McKosato, her grandmother was the youngest child of Chief McKosato. Pat Smith spoke of her happiness to be present for the reunion and the pow-wow. She reported that she and her husband are from Federal Way, Washington.

Several comments were made that the reunion was enjoyable and successful, and hoped that such a reunion may be held again. About sixty cousins were present. Cousins coming from a distance were: Bobbie Ann Tipton and her family from Houston, Texas were present as was Johanna Smith and her two sons and daughter from Illinois.

Polling Site
First Indian Baptist Church 1034 East Walnut
Cushing, Oklahoma 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Thank You

To: The Sac and Fox Nation Veterans' Auxiliary Organization
 From: The Sac & Fox Nation Veterans' Organization
 Regarding: July 9th Veterans' Lunch @ Sac & Fox Nation Powwow
 Date: Tuesday, July 26, 2011

Dear Special Ladies,

It is with special pride and humility that we as a unit wish to convey to all of your members and helpers our deepest appreciation, gratitude and thanks for all the work you did on behalf of our Nation's veterans and their guests to serve a traditional meal to us at our annual powwow. That day, it was dangerously hot in the cook shack behind the community building. The thermometer registered 117°f. in the open and 120°f underneath the metal pavilions according to many participants. We all know that around the open fire where you cooked the air was stifling and miserable. And yet our guests enjoyed meat gravy, corn soup and Fry bread, some without any thought of the deplorable conditions where it was prepared.

All of you told us you would be glad to help us veterans and you stood by your word. Those of us who have worn the uniforms of our Nation know that the mission must be accomplished regardless of the weather conditions. All of you ladies have humbled us with your determination and commitment. Some who tried to enter the cook shack immediately turned back in distress and fear. We saw you calmly turning bread and stirring pots. So Thank you to Clarissa, Verlaine, Casey, Shawna, Anita, Carey, Evelyn, Stella Mae, and to Landis & Briana & others for jumping in to help clean up. If we left anybody out, please excuse us, and thank yourselves for us. We don't know how you did it. Thank you from our hearts.

With deepest gratitude,
Members and Officers, Sac and Fox Veterans' Organization
 & Thank you also Troy for starting the fire that day!

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