



moccasin & mitt *workshop*

APRIL 4, 5 & 6



**WOOD MOUNTAIN LAKOTA FIRST NATION
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

OPEN TO ALL BAND MEMBERS

COST OF WORKSHOP WILL BE COVERED BY THE BAND

MEALS WILL BE PROVIDED

PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

APRIL 4TH – WORKSHOP BEGINS AFTER SUPPER

TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT BEV JOHNSON AT 306-266-2240

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REGISTRATION CLOSSES ON MARCH 24TH, 2025

PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED TO 14.

IF REGISTRATION EXCEEDS THIS NUMBER,

A SECOND WORKSHOP WILL BE SCHEDULED.

INSTRUCTOR'S INFO

AFTER TAKING CLASSES IN THE LATE 80S, I BEGAN TO MAKE MOCCASINS AND MITTS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. POPULARITY OF THESE DECLINED AND I BECAME BUSY WITH LIFE AND RAISING MY FAMILY.

IN 2015, A PILOT BUTTE ART STUDIO ASKED IF I COULD TEACH CLASSES ON HOW TO MAKE CUSTOM FIT MOCCASINS AND MITTS. INSPIRED BY MY LATE INDIGENOUS GRANDMOTHER, I TOOK MY CRAFTSMANSHIP TO THE TEST WHICH HAS NOW DEVELOPED INTO A JOY OF TEACHING THIS ART. I HAD KEPT MOST OF MY ORIGINAL LEARNING TOOLS, AND OF COURSE HAVE EXPANDED GREATLY SINCE THEN.

THE MOCCASINS AND MITTS ARE FASHIONED TO LOOK AND FEEL AUTHENTIC TO THE WEARER. USING MOSTLY NATURAL FURS, LEATHER AND SINEW WHENEVER POSSIBLE; HAVE ALSO INCLUDED SOME INTERESTING ARTIFICIAL MATERIALS. I PERSONALLY PICK AND PURCHASE ALL FURS AND LEATHERS FROM A WINNIPEG SUPPLIER.

IN MY WORKSHOPS, PARTICIPANTS CAN CHOOSE THEIR OWN COLOURS OF LEATHER, FUR, BEADS AND DESIGN THEIR OWN BEAD PATTERN TO CREATE A PAIR OF UNIQUE MOCCASINS OR MITTS THAT ARE TRULY ONE OF A KIND. I HAVE TAKEN THE WORKSHOPS TO MANY COMMUNITIES IN AND OUT OF PROVINCE.

I CONTINUE TO INDULGE MORE INTO MY ASSESSORY BY SEARCHING FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BEADS, BEAD PATTERNS AND BEADING HISTORY. MY PASSION AND LOVE OF BEADS AND BEADING LED ME TO TAKING A RED DRESS BEADING CLASS AT THE NEW SOUTHERN PLAINS METIS COMMUNITY IN MOOSE JAW. WHICH IN TURN LEAD TO HOLDING CLASSES ON MAKING THE REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES.

LEARN THE TECHNIQUES AND BASIC TOOLS OF MAKING A RED DRESS, POPPY, ORANGE SHIRT, MOCCASIN AND MITTS. FROM THERE, MAYBE THIS WILL ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO LOVE THIS ART FORM AS MUCH AS I DO BY CONTINUING ON WITH THIS UNIQUE AND REWARDING EXPERIENCE.

BETTY SIGFUSSON

**FROM THE COLORS BELOW, CHOOSE THE
COLOR OF LEATHER & TRIM YOU WOULD LIKE
WITH YOUR REGISTRATION**

	Grey		Brown
	Black		Aqua
	Blue		Green
	Pink		Purple
	White		Brown
	Black		Grey

MOCCASIN AND MITT WORKSHOPS!
8 / 10 HOURS TO COMPLETE A PAIR OF CUSTOM FIT MOCCASINS
OR A PAIR LEATHER MITTS!
WILL COME TO YOUR COMMUNITY! BOOKING NOW!
"MOCCASIN & MITT WITH BETTY" ON FACEBOOK!
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