

June 20-22, 2022

GROWING PROSPERITY:

Food Sovereignty & Agri-Tourism



NATOW

Native American Tourism of Wisconsin

The 2022 NATOW Tourism Conference
Hosted by the Forest County Potawatomi Community



Conference Venue:
Potawatomi Carter
Casino & Hotel
618 State Hwy 32
Wabeno, WI 54566



Golf Tournament Fundraiser:
Nicolet Country Club
5245 Fairway Ct.,
Laona, WI 54541



Conference Sponsor:
Native American Agriculture Fund
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MONDAY: JUNE 20, 2022



Golf Tournament

- 8:00 a.m.** Registration and Coffee
- 10:00 a.m.** Shotgun start
- 6:00 p.m.** Awards ceremony at FCP Carter Hotel

TUESDAY: JUNE 21, 2022*

- 8:00 a.m.** Opening Ceremonies
Welcoming Addresses
 - *Ned Daniels, FCPC Chairman*
 - *Nathan Gordon, NATOW Board President*
 - *Suzette Brewer, NATOW Executive Director*
- 9:30-10 a.m.** General Assembly Keynote
- 10:00 a.m.** Break
- 10:15 a.m.** Morning Presentations

Wisconsin's Changing Climate: The Growing Threat to Food Sovereignty

Natalie Chin, WICCI

The **Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI)** is a nationally recognized collaboration of scientists and stakeholders working together to help Wisconsin policymakers, citizens and Tribal Nations to understand the impacts of climate change on our communities. Join Climate and Tourism Outreach Specialist Natalie Chin for this important session that will discuss WICCI's assessment report that outlines the latest climate impacts and solutions.

Led by the UW-Madison **Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies** and the **Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)**, this report follows-up on the 2011 report, showcasing how the climate has continued to change over the past decade and how new data and insight is leading to adaptation, mitigation, and solutions. The report is the product of 14 working groups that include over 200 scientists, practitioners, and Wisconsin residents representing more than 50 national, state, and local agencies, non-profit organizations, and universities.

Natalie Chin joined Wisconsin Sea Grant's Lake Superior Field Office in August 2019. She is focused on linking actionable science with key audiences across the Great Lakes, especially related to climate change and tourism. Her current work includes co-leading the Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Working Group for the Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI); efforts to improve flood resilience across Wisconsin; and projects focused on increasing the accessibility of coastal spaces. She also serves as one of the North Central Region representatives for the National Extension Tourism (NET) Network and a member of the Wisconsin Council on Tourism.

Wisconsin's Natural Resources: Conservation Voices

Denise "Dee" Sweet, Native Vote Manager, Cassie Molkentin, Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican, and Anne Egan Waukau, Menominee

Wisconsin Native Vote was borne out of the partnership between Wisconsin Conservation Voters and the Bad River Tribe's opposition of the mine project happening in their Reservation area. Wisconsin Native Vote continued to work with GOTV efforts growing into a Native Vote Manager, Dee Sweet (Annishnabe), Cassie Molkentin (Stockbridge

Munsee Mohican) and Anne Egan Waukau (Menominee). We will speak on the Conservation of Wisconsin Natural Resources coupled with Tribal Nations, share videos produced by our team regarding Conservation issues Tribes are currently facing, as well as our efforts during the 2022 Elections.

Dee Sweet works with tribal leaders, activists, and partners to bring the voice of First Nations communities into Wisconsin Conservation Voters campaigns, and to develop environmental leaders and connect northern communities with policy-making in the State Capitol. She also works to engage Native Americans in the electoral process through our sister organization's nonpartisan Native Vote program.

Her work with Native Vote includes registering voters and educating them about the electoral process. In a public information capacity, she helps build awareness about the environmental issues that tribal citizens in the state and of the Great Lakes region feel most profoundly about; those that not only effect their homelands and their economic livelihood, but their cultural lives and spiritual practices.

Cassie Molquentin is a Regional Tribal Organizer and works with tribal leaders, activists, and partners to bring the voice of First Nations communities into Wisconsin Conservation Voices campaigns, and to develop environmental leaders and connect Native communities with policy-making in the State Capitol. She also works to engage Native Americans in the electoral process through our Native Vote program.

Anne Egan Waukau is the Urban Native Vote Organizer and a member of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin. Anne fosters relationships with Native American Indian relatives and organizations in Milwaukee through respect, humility, honesty, and humor. Milwaukee has the largest number of Native Americans in Wisconsin – their voices should be included in the fight to protect our environment. She learned from her father, Hilary “Sparky” Waukau, that relationships are key in the fight to protect the resources of Mother Earth in perpetuity.

11:45 a.m. Break

12 noon Lunch Keynote: *Douglas Cox, Director of Land Management Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin*

Douglas Cox has worked in the forestry field conducting sit assessments, timber cruising, Federal Contract Compliance, worked on environmental protection including; water quality standards and environmental regulatory management including Tribal, Federal and State regulation, NEPA compliance, secure and manage grants for the tribe in environmental and land management, work with federal/state and tribal agencies, including state, regional and national committee seats and appointments, and also worked on development of planning documents for the Tribe including: Forest Management Plan, Integrated Resources Management Plan, Invasive Species Management Plan and the Tribal Strategic Plan. He held a position as Chairman of Menominee Tribe (2018, 2019) and also served on the Menominee Tribal Legislature as Vice Chairman (2020, 2021.)

1:15 p.m. Break

1:30–2:30 p.m. Afternoon Presentations

Grow Your Own: Tribal Food Security in the 21st Century

Elena Hill, Oneida Nation

Food Sovereignty was pushed to the forefront of tribal concerns when our food systems showed just how vulnerable we are to global forces beyond our control. The path to food sovereignty is neither simple nor singular; it requires the cooperation of an entire people, their food producers, and their governments. But how can we, as individuals,

support our own community’s journey to food sovereignty, and what role do we play in ensuring our own food security? Join us for a discussion on the lessons learned about food sovereignty and security, and the tools we can use to better prepare and protect ourselves, our families, and our communities from food insecurity.

Elena Hill is a member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and is a recent UW Madison School of Business graduate pursuing a master’s degree in agroecology studying tribal food sovereignty. Her passion for tribal agriculture and food systems was ignited while working for Oneida’s Tsyunhéhkwa^a amidst the pandemic as a Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council apprentice.

Home Grown Sovereignty: The Bodwéwadmi Ktëgan Farm

James Crawford, Forest County Potawatomi Secretary

Bodwéwadmi Ktëgan is a farm owned by the Forest County Potawatomi. The farm’s mission is to provide a natural, sustainable source of vegetables, fruits, greens, fish and animal proteins to the tribal community. All products are available to the tribal community and general public.

Puhpooee: The Power of Grant Writing, a Beginner’s Guide

Sharon Reilly, Head Grant Writer, Great Lakes Intertribal Council

Grant writing is an iterative process with specific steps guided by your internal policies and procedures and the application instructions. This presentation will provide an overview of the Grant Process and present a strategy on simplifying the process to become more efficient and effective at grant writing and successful achieving your desired impacts.

We will discuss the importance of selecting Culturally- and Community-appropriate Strategies; understanding your community’s needs as well as the community’s capacities; differentiating between grant-related accomplishments and the community’s desired outcomes; staying focused on your long-term desired Impact; and creating diverse engaged community coalitions/partnerships to ensure success and sustainability.

Sharon Reilly has worked extensively in multiple capacities as a Conservation Program Manager, Strategic Planner, Conservation Director, Grant Writer/Manager, and educator. Her career has focused on conservation of rare and endangered species and habitats upon which they depend as the Executive Director Northwoods Wildlife Center; Curator Crane Conservation Department, International Crane Foundation (ICF); Kauai Seabird Conservation Manager, Kauai Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC); Hawaii Wetlands Conservation Manager, Ducks Unlimited (DU); Endangered Species Biologist, Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW); Associate Curator of Ornithology, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS); Curator, Audubon Zoo, and Graduate Assistant (UNO).

Currently, Sharon is Planning & Development Director for Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, in Lac du Flambeau, WI. Her other administrative responsibilities include Grant Writing and Management of Administrative grants: WI-DOA (Department of Administration) Equitable Recovery, WI-DHS (Department of Health Services) Supporting Native Nations and the Medical College of Wisconsin COVID-19 Urgent Response.

2:30 p.m.

Cannabis & Hemp: What to know as it moves toward federal legalization

Gary Cordova, Lewis Lincoln, and Kevin Allen

Medical cannabis is now legal in 39 states and recreationally legal in 19 states and Washington, D.C. As of March 2022, states reported a combined total of \$11.2 billion in tax revenue from legal, adult-use cannabis sales. In addition to revenue generated for statewide budgets, cities and towns have also generated hundreds of thousands of dollars in new revenue from local adult-use cannabis taxes. As Congress continues to move toward federal legalization, our group has over three decades of business experience in Indian Country and brings a long history of knowledge and business resources in both the

public and government arenas. Join this informative discussion with a panel of experts who will provide a thorough understanding of the challenges and problems Indian Country faces when it comes to private developers, landowners, public agencies, both Tribal and non-Tribal communities. We're familiar with the cultivation practices of the various Tribes located in the Northern California's Emerald Triangle. Our fundamental practices and native values such as honesty, humor, and mutual respect provide the guiding principles for our work and lives.

***Gary Cordova**, CEO and Co-Founder of Ma Sha Ki Industries LLC, has more than 25 years of progressive responsible experience in business development, project management, and management analysis in Tribal Governments, Tribal Economic Development and Indian Gaming.*

Gary has experience in a variety of industries, including consumer durables, building products, project development and project management. strategic planning, federal and state negotiations, procurement systems and operations services, business studies, business plans. His understanding of Tribal Government and Tribal Economic Development and experience in both the public and government sectors has given him a valuable perspective that allows him to better negotiate agency and community approval.

Gary served as Chairman of the Tribal Economic Development Authority for Dry Creek Rancheria Band Of Pomo Indians, President of the National Native American Purchasing Association, Advisory Council for American Indian Chamber Of Commerce California, Principal of Pomo Nation Wine Group, Director of Purchasing River Rock Casino, Purchasing Manager Dry Creek Rancheria.

***Lewis Lincoln** is an enrolled member of the Round Valley Indian Reservation located in Northern California. Lewis has 19 years of experience in Law Enforcement, Corrections, Fire Fighter, THPO, FEMA Hazard Mitigation, Community Emergency Response Trainor, EPA-Water Resources Technician, Business Owner, and Agricultural Manager, Many of these positions were in the Tribal sector. He is owner of American Indian Ag Industries and founder of Tribal Homeland Cannabis (THC), located on tribal allotment land. Lewis has accumulated over a decade of cultivation, genetic creation, processing, marketing, project management and development experience.*

***Adam Laurent** has specialized in the cannabis space since 2016, being magnetized to the social justice, health and personal empowerment aspects of a long demonized industry. He is a founder and president of the Central Coast Cannabis Council, the regional trade association whose mission is to work for fair and safe policy, and the professionalization of the industry. He has successfully campaigned for improved policy near and far, including lobbying in Washington DC. He has skillfully ferried projects, including the first approved cannabis greenhouse cultivation project in San Luis Obispo County. A native of the Central Coast, Adam gained his education at Arroyo Grande High School, and UC Santa Barbara. He is an Olympic cyclist with ten national championships, and two world championship medals to his credit.*

*Panels subject to change

4:00 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. Final remarks to close conference

6:00 p.m. Evening Dinner/Traditional to Forest County
Keynote: Tribal Food Sovereignty

7:00 p.m. Honor past NATOW board members

8:00 p.m. Recognition of new NATOW officers

9:00 p.m. Evening Entertainment

WEDNESDAY: JUNE 22, 2022



8:00 a.m. Depart for Fam Tour at Bodwéwadmí Ktëgan Farm

Noon Official send off with box lunches

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