

Cree Native Arts & Crafts Association



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CNACA Welcomes New Leadership

Ouje-Bougoumou, Qc. May 15, 2024 - The Cree Native Arts and Crafts Association (CNACA) is pleased to announce significant changes in its leadership structure, aimed at furthering the organization's mission and serving its members with renewed dedication.

Dwayne Cox has assumed the esteemed position of President of CNACA, bringing with him a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to advancing the arts and crafts heritage of the Cree Nation. With his visionary leadership, CNACA looks forward to reaching new heights in promoting Cree art and culture on both national and international platforms. Joining Dwayne Cox in the executive leadership team is Joshua J Kawapit, who steps into the role of Executive Member.

In light of these changes, the previous President, Kenneth Gilpin, has stepped down, leaving behind many years of dedication and service to CNACA. His contributions have played an integral role in shaping the organization's trajectory, and we extend our deepest gratitude for his time with the organization.

Furthermore, CNACA acknowledges Edward Georgekish's tenure as the Vice President of CNACA and chair of the Wemindji Local Arts Committee. As he relinquishes this role, we express our heartfelt appreciation for his unwavering dedication and invaluable contributions to the organization. CNACA would like to wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

The transition in leadership marks an exciting new chapter for CNACA, as it reaffirms its commitment to promoting Cree arts and crafts while embracing fresh perspectives and innovative approaches under the guidance of our new President, Dwayne Cox.

About Cree Native Arts & Crafts Association

To diversify and grow a sustainable arts, crafts, and cultural economy in Eeyou Istchee involving partnership among Cree Artists, Artisans and Cree communities that will preserve, promote and enhance the heritage of the Eeyou Nation while both encouraging contemporary means of expression and maintaining Cree Culture, Values, traditions and skills.

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