

# "The Riverkeepers"

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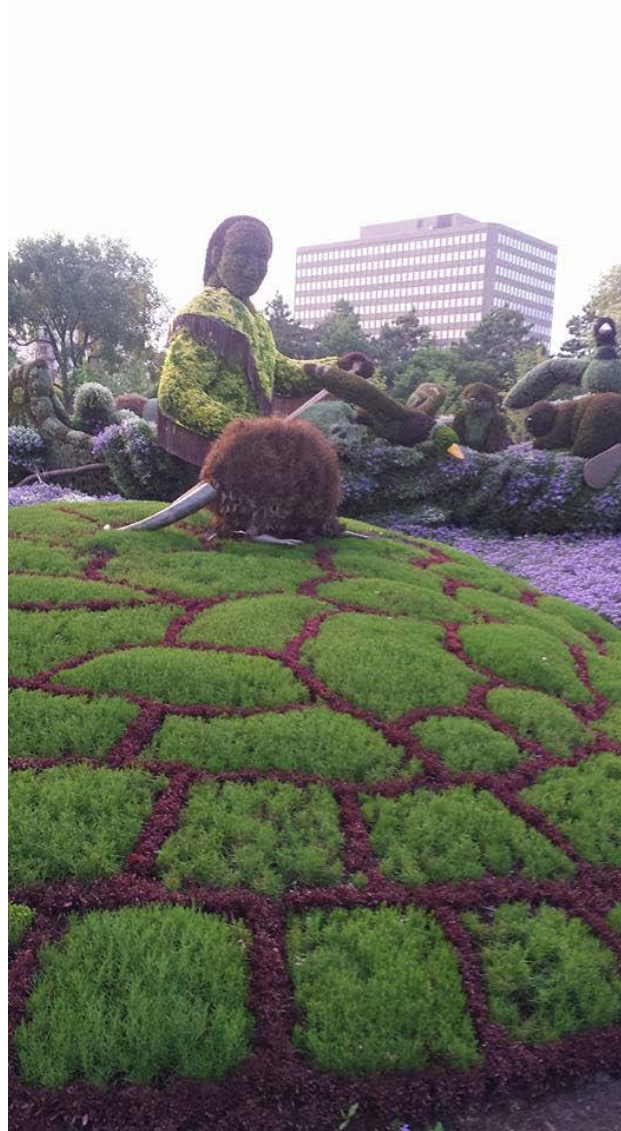
# We Called North America “Turtle Island”

## SATELLITE VIEW OF NORTH AMERICA



HOW DID THE ANCESTORS KNOW  
AMERICA LOOK LIKE A TURTLE?

# Algonquin Creation Story



# Significance of Ottawa

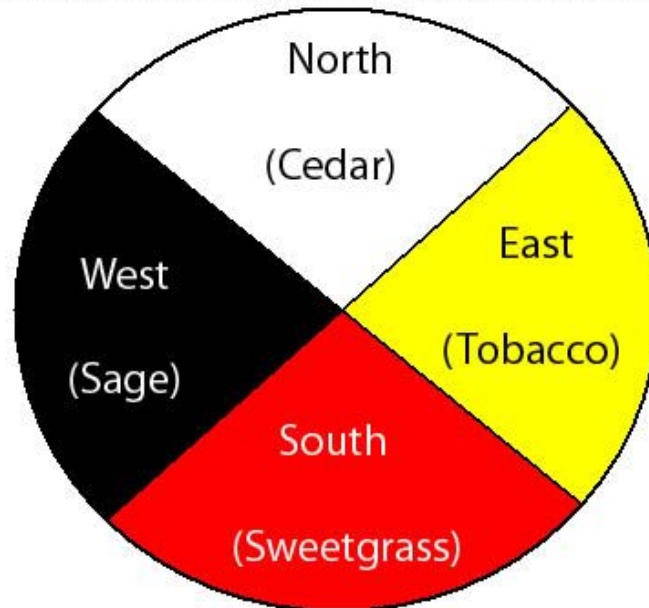


# Chaudiere Falls



The medicine Wheel and it's many teachings  
It teaches us about the need for balance, but also:  
To honour the contrast such as: night and day, cold and warm,  
and the male and female.

The Medicine Wheel  
Representing Four Directions and the four Sacred Herbs



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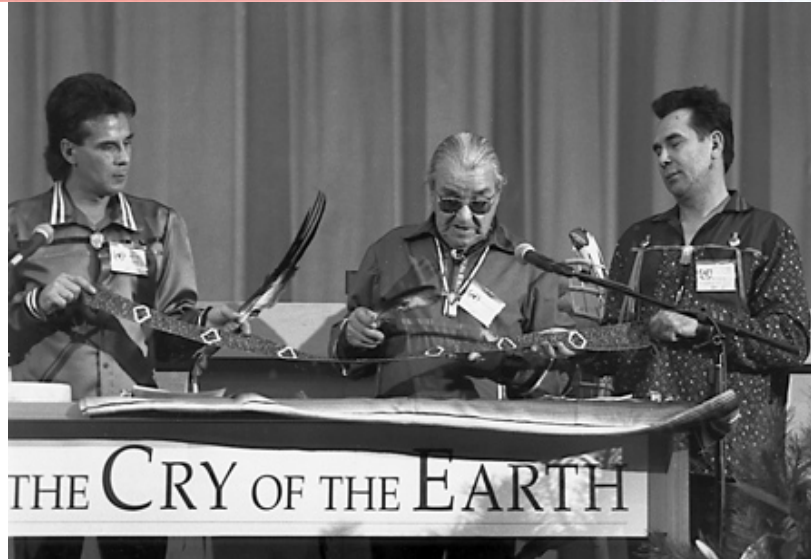




# History continues:

- Creation of Indian Act (1876) and reserves (1853 - Kitigan Zibi)
- Pandemics - Smallpox (late 1800's), Spanish Flu (1918), Tuberculosis (TB)
- The pass system - needed a permit to leave the reserve and return;
- Post-secondary education - needed to enfranchise to attend university - removed out of Indian in 1965 and other restrictions such as retaining legal counsel.
- The residential school system - taking of the children (TB); (First school 1831, official system 1883) - Led to the TRC
- MMIWG, Sixties Scoop, Indian Day Schools, Sterilization of Native Women, Human Rights Tribunal on Child Welfare.

# Sacred Items - Wampum Belts



# Women are keepers of the Waters - Men are keepers of the Fire



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# Exploring the contrast of native and non-native understandings



# Tree Understanding Sustainability = Reciprocity



# The Gather ring





An Elder once said: "As we are addressing the violence against the Lifegivers (Women), maybe this will also lead to addressing the violence to our biggest Lifegiver, Mother Earth."