



AFRAN

Association of the French of the North

(Founded in 1982)

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AFRAN NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS

February 2023

This letter is an invitation to come to the

AFRAN ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING

to inform you of our August Chautauqua and Arts Festival
and to begin our 2023 fund raising Campaign.

LOCATION: COMMUNITY HALL IN RED LAKE FALLS

DATE: SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

TIME: SERVING STARTS AT 11:30 AM

The AFRAN buffet is renowned. It also marks the beginning of our effort
to raise funds for our 2023 Chautauqua and Arts Festival.

Membership dues and donations are needed to fund our 2023 program.

Please help us as we continue.

12:30 PROGRAM BEGINS WITH GUEST SPEAKER RENUKA DE SILVA.

Following Renuka's talk there will be a drawing for
five meat pies and two gift certificates for \$30 each
to eat at Warren's Creperie in downtown Grand Forks.
To be eligible for the drawings, please register
when you come in.

SPEAKER

Renuka De Silva is a field-based teacher educator
whose research focusses on field-based cultural
practices combined with the Arts. Renuka is a
professor at the University of North Dakota. By embedding traditional gardening practices and learning about
plants in curricula, students can re-acquaint themselves with forgotten knowledge of Indigenous agriculture
and the health and benefits associated with such practices.



Annual meeting including Secretary and Treasurer's report and election of new Board Members.

HIGHLIGHTS
OF 2023



Chautauqua & FRENCH-CANADIAN/MÉTIS

August 26 & 27, 2023 Festival

Old Crossing Treaty Park, Huot, MN

Schedule

Saturday, August 26

12:30 PM - 7 PM

- 12:30** Introduction to Old Crossing through story
- 1 PM** Métis fiddler **Lefty Keplin**
- 2 PM** **Lyndon Johnson**, stories and music of Swedish-Americans of Northwest Minnesota
- 3 PM** **Keith Bear**, Native-American flute player from New Town, North Dakota
- 4 PM** **Ryan "Lefty" Keplin** with more traditional Métis and Country music
- 5:30 PM - 7 PM** Conversation with the artists featuring **Celeste Hoffman** on how art transforms how we see the world.



Sunday, August 27 · 12:30 PM - 5 PM

- 12:30** Introduction to Minnesota through story with **Hampton Smith**, author
- 1 PM** **Keith Bear** with stories and flute music
- 2 PM** **Lyndon Johnson**, stories and music of Swedish-Americans
- 3 PM** **Ryan "Lefty" Keplin** with more stories and music from the Turtle Mountains
- 4 PM-5PM** **Celeste Hoffman** with an overview of Art in our lives at Old Crossing

2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Enclosed is an AFRAN Membership envelope for your use in becoming a member of AFRAN or renewing your membership. **The date your membership dues were last paid is imprinted directly above your name and mailing address on the outer envelope.** If this date does not agree with your records or if you have any other questions, please contact Jerry Amiot, AFRAN Treasurer, at (218) 289-8889.

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Ryan Lefty Keplin
traditional Metis Music



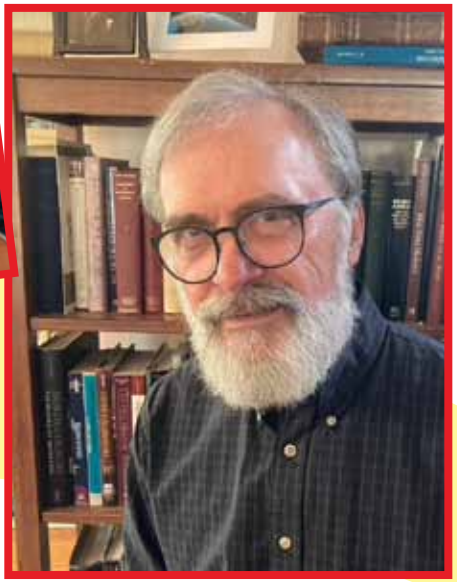
Keith Bear
Native-American flute player,
flute maker and story teller



Lyndon Johnson
stories and music of
Swedish-American Heritage



Celeste Hoffman,
Park Artist Activities



Hampton Smith, author
Confluence:
A History of Fort Snelling

