



Walking With Our Sisters K'ómoks
July 31st – August 15th, 2015
K'ómoks Band Hall

OPEN LETTER OF INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Walking With Our Sisters K'ómoks is honoured to be bringing from July 31 – August 15, 2015 the memorial installation, **Walking With Our Sisters** (WWOS) to our community on Vancouver Island. **Walking With Our Sisters** is currently scheduled to continue touring to over 22 locations over the five next years across North America, before the final closing ceremony in Batoche, Saskatchewan in September of 2019.

This touring memorial is made up of 1,810 pairs of moccasin tops that were created by over 1,400 caring and concerned individuals to honour and respect the lives and existence of the missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls across North America. The project is a collective act by all involved to affirm that every life matters and that the women and girls who have been murdered or who are still missing are worthy of respect and dignity. As a second goal, the installation serves to acknowledge the on-going grieving process that the family and friends of the missing women are going through. As a community we come together to offer our love and support to them. We stand with the families in solidarity and support in the quest for justice.

The Walking With Our Sisters K'ómoks organizing committee is reaching out to individuals, organizations and families throughout B.C. particularly those for whom this might resonate personally. We are extending this invitation so that all are aware that they are welcome to participate in whatever ways they may feel comfortable doing so. For families who wish to participate please contact Ramona Johnson at I-Hos Gallery sales@ihosgallery.com or call 250-339-7702.

This memorial is run solely by volunteers. WWOS is non-political and non-partisan.

If you'd like more information on Walking With Our Sisters, please visit the website at www.walkingwithoursisters.ca Please also join our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/WWOSComoxValley>

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

WWOS K'ómoks welcomes and honours families of missing and murdered women who may wish to attend. All cultures are respected and welcomed. We are working with Tsow-Tun Le Lum, Comox Valley Transition Society, and Kwakiutl District Council Health to develop supports for family members at the memorial.

If you would like to stage an educational event or community conversation related to WWOS in your own community or organization, please let us know so we can support your event through our Facebook page Walking with Our Sisters Comox Valley. See the attached guidelines.

Schedule of the Memorial Installation

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					July 31 Opening ceremony @1p.m. Hours 1-8 pm	August 1 Hours 1- 8 pm
August 2 Hours 1- 8 pm	August 3 CLOSED	August 4 Hours 10am - 4 pm	August 5 Hours 1 - 8 pm	August 6 Hours 10am - 4 pm	August 7 Hours 1 -8 pm	August 8 Hours 1 -8 pm
August 9 Hours 1 -8 pm	August 10 CLOSED	August 11 Hours 10am - 4 pm	August 12 Hours 1 - 8 pm	August 13 Hours 10am - 4 pm	August 14 Hours 1-8 pm	August 15 th Closing Ceremony 10am-1pm

For those who are coming from out of town: the Comox Valley is a tourist destination, so information on hotels, motels and campgrounds are available on www.discovercomoxvalley.com/explore/vancouver-island. During the weekend of the opening ceremony there will be two large tourist events so we recommend booking a space well in advance.

At the moment, WWOS K'ómoks, is the only scheduled location for the installation in B.C., so we are inviting communities and families across Vancouver Island and B.C. to attend the memorial. As well communities are invited to initiate public education in their own community to raise awareness.