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INVITATION**

**Painting created to make sure that  
murdered & missing Aboriginal women are  
*Not Forgotten*  
Artist and the president of Native Women's  
Association in Curve Lake for afternoon  
cheque and painting presentation**

The president of the Native Women's Association (NWA) **Dr. Dawn Lavell-Harvard** and renowned artist **Maxine Noel** will be taking part in a fine art and cheque presentation at the **Whetung Ojibwa Centre, Curve Lake First Nation** on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm. Maxine Noel's painting – *Not Forgotten* – has been used to raise both money and awareness for the *Sister in Spirit* (SIS) Initiative.



The *Sister in Spirit Initiative*, led by Aboriginal women, is committed to educating and ensuring effective access to justice for families of missing Aboriginal women. This is being done through police training awareness of police and being a resources to deal with reports of all missing aboriginal women without discrimination. SIS research has proved that there are more than 582 missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls in Canada.

**Maxine Noel**, a Residential School survivor is a member of the Sioux Nation, and has been donating all royalties earned from sales of her work *Not Forgotten* to the *Sister in Spirit*. She painted *Not Forgotten* to remember and honour the spirits and presence of the missing and the dead.

**Whetung Ojibwa Centre**, Canada's largest First Nation owned gallery has been selling Noel's *Not Forgotten* Art and *Not Forgotten* Limited Edition Prints. The proceeds from their sales and fund raising activity is being given to Dr. Dawn Lavell-Harvard at a public ceremony inside the Whetung gallery.

**Dawn Lavell Harvard, Ph.D.**, was elected President of the **Native Women's Association of Canada** last year. She is a member of the **Wikwemikong First Nation**, the first Aboriginal Trudeau Scholar, and has worked to advance the rights of Aboriginal women as the President of the Ontario Native Women's Association for 11 years. The Native Women's Association of Canada has a collective goal to enhance, promote, and foster the social, economic, cultural and political well-being of First Nations and Métis women within First Nation, Métis and Canadian societies. It was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1974.

## About the Whetung Ojibwa Centre

Whetung Ojibwa Centre offers a spectacular collection of Native crafts as well as Fine Art, Jewelry, Moccasins, Leather Work, Sculptures and much more from Curve Lake First Nation and across Canada. It is easily accessible from east or west via Highways 401 (to 115) or 7. From Peterborough, take Water Street North to the Buckhorn Road and exit onto the Curve Lake Road. Drive on the road until it ends – the large log cabin is on the left (look for the totem poles).

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The media is welcome to attend/cover this important presentation in Curve Lake. Please RRSP to:

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Pictured above - Maxine Noel's painting – *Not Forgotten* - 22"x30" gouache and ink  
high resolution TIFF available contact Rachel Whetung or Stephen Weir

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