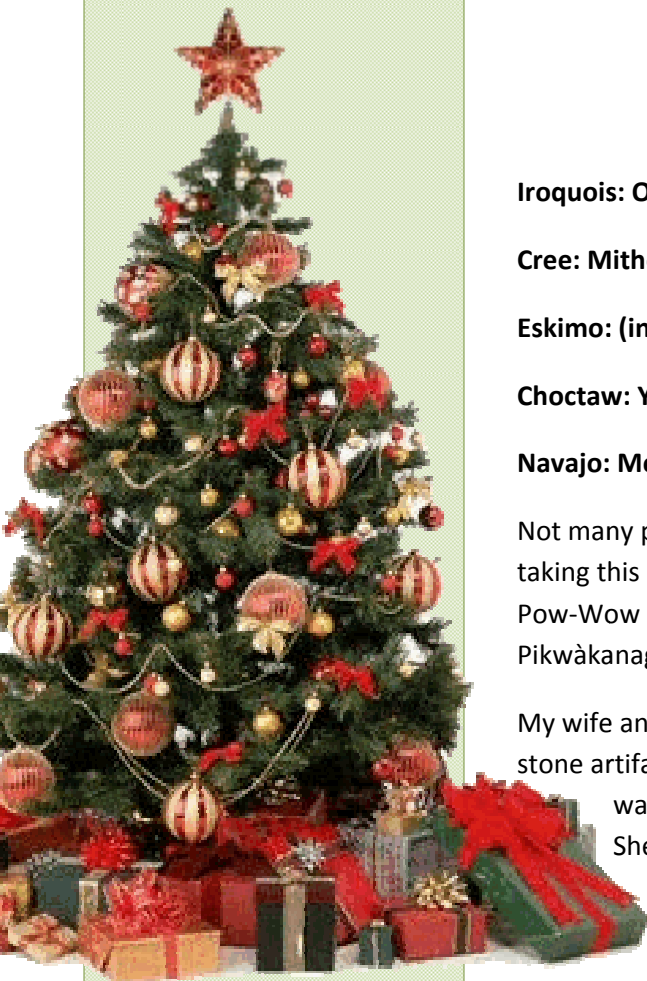


# Feathers In The Wind

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# Merry Christmas Joyeux Noel



**Iroquois:** Ojenyunyat Sungwiyadeson honungradon nagwutut. Ojenyunyat osrasay

**Cree:** Mitho Makosi Kesikansi

**Eskimo:** (inupik) Jutdlime pivdluarit ukiortame pivdluaritlo!

**Choctaw:** Yukpa, Nitak Hollo Chito

**Navajo:** Merry Keshmish

Not many people have the time to read our newsletter at this time of year so we are taking this opportunity to give you a pictorial issue. The photos are from the 2009 Pow-Wow at the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation. Most locals refer to Pikwàkanagàn simply as Golden Lake, as it was once known.

My wife and I took our granddaughters to the Pow-Wow and there was a large table of stone artifacts. While I was talking to the archaeologist, my youngest granddaughter was busy picking up stones from the ground and adding them to the display! She thought she was helping. Not the best way to make new friends.



The Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation is a proud and progressive Algonquin community. Pikwàkanagàn is located on the beautiful shores of the Bonnechere River and Golden Lake, just off of Highway 60. They are in the beautiful Ottawa Valley, 1 1/2 hours west of Ottawa and 1 1/2 hours south of Algonquin Park.

Visit their website at

<http://www.algonquinsopikwakanagan.com>





Pikwàkanagàn is pronounced as Pick-wok-nah-gone and means "beautiful hilly country covered in evergreens".

On September 17, 1873, the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn received Crown Patent to a total of 1561 acres and became the Golden Lake First Nation. The community is now known as the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn with a registered membership of over 1,800.







The Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn hold an annual Pow-Wow and the photos are from the 2009 event.



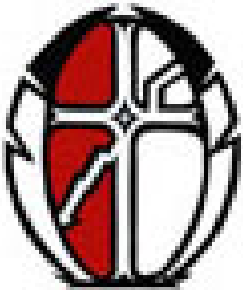


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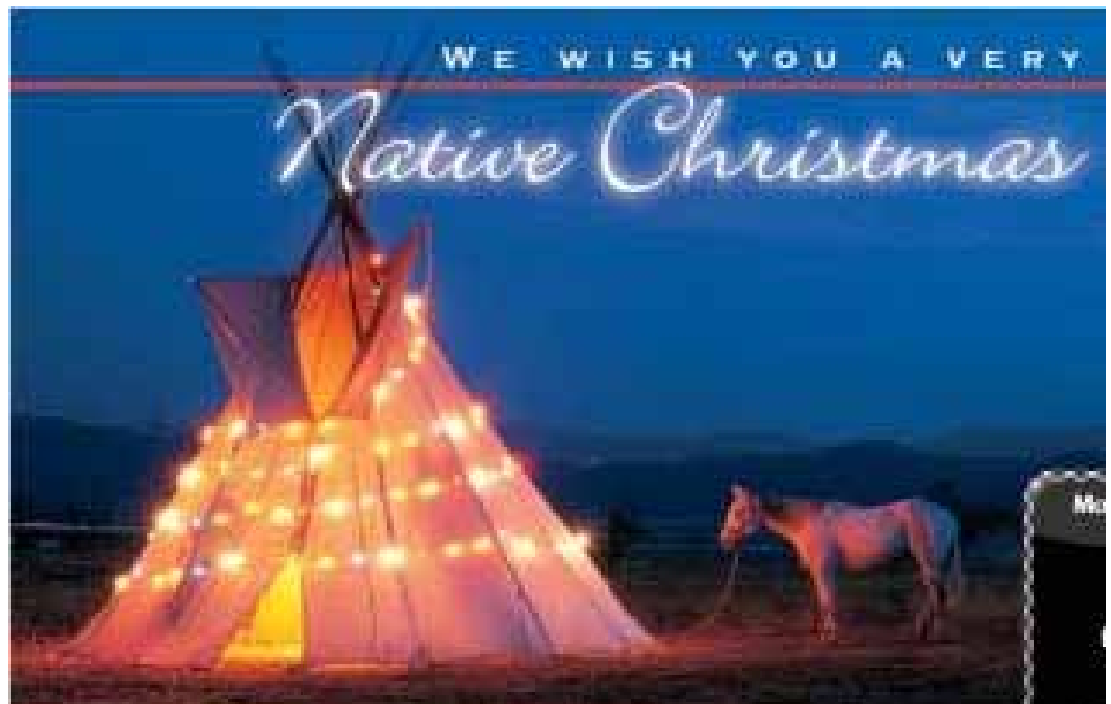
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## *To all our members and volunteers, Thank You!*

The OMFRC has grown dramatically in the past year, largely as a result of all the wonderful referrals our members have given us. These referrals included their family members as well as other Métis in their social network. Your continued support in other areas has also contributed to our success. Dozens of volunteers work from their homes giving generously of their time to do family research, writing for the newsletter, answering the phones and performing many other types of research. We have dozens of ongoing projects and volunteers are helping with all of them.

We are also grateful to those who have shared their family history. This has enabled us to continually add to our database and as a result we have been able to help literally thousands of others find their heritage.

Volunteers are the foundations of our organization. Without you we couldn't begin to accomplish what we do on a daily basis.



## **New Submissions!**

We are always looking for new interesting submissions to add to upcoming issues of the OMFRC Newsletter. If you have something you would like to add to the newsletter please call or email us! We'd be happy to consider it for an upcoming issue.