

Nakoda AV Club

Report to Community

The Club is a collective of storytellers

Anyone who identifies as a Îethka, or a storyteller, could join

To join, just ask to be part of our FB Group and make a post about your storytelling practice

Your only obligation as a member is carry yourself in a "good way" in your life according to Îethka teachings - whatever that means to you

No one gets paid to be a member, sometimes we get grants to do projects, if you work on the project, you get paid

We don't have regular meetings, just project meetings so if there is something that the "Club" is doing it'll be posted on the FB and anyone can join

If you have concerns about the Club or how it's run, post in the FB we're open to learning ways to do better

If you want to do a project with the Club (using it's name) just post in the FB group or have conversations with other members and then share

We care about relationships and doing things right

"right" means in a Îethka way

We're still learning what a Îethka way is

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2025 Summary

- As usual we presented on the dog documentary to the University of Calgary Vet Medicine students. This year we did the presentation in the Spring, and it was at the Foothills Medical Campus
- The Whyte Reconciliation documentary Terhpi Thâkthâja: Stoney Nakoda, Catharine Whyte and her Museum has been screening at festivals as well as conferences, it was at ACAD locally, and around the Bow Valley and beyond
- The museum working group took Terhpi Thâthâja on the road. It went to an exhibit they hosted in Mînh Thnî, some conferences locally, and to Germany!
- Members of the Museum Working Group went to visit Stoney Nakoda Belongings at Glenbow and the Royal Alberta Museum again, but also to Europe where they went to Germany and Amsterdam. They have been connecting belongings with family members
- Also the Museum Working Group got a name: Woyuha Hnebi Bathûtabi and hosted an exhibit in Mînh Thnî where Chey and Giona painted a bison robe that was partially funded by the Calgary Foundation. Group members are exploring ways to care about this work of art that might teach us more about collective ownership

- Aiden curated a selection of animations for the Calgary Animated Objects Society festival, he killed it on stage at the festival in the Q&A
- The Calgary Zoo offered members of the Club free passes for Indigenous people's day, and folks went in family groups or with other Club members. It was a nice break from the hustle of always trying to program for that day.
- Giona's film on pow wow drumming was celebrated at festivals, and won awards, it screened locally at the Marda Loop Justice Film Festival.
- Stoney Health Services ran out of welcome baby packages and they asked us about how to fund the project to make more. We donated all our supply of books and any extra materials we had from the first packages and they are working on ways to make more.
- We continued making funeral memory slide shows, which we started probably in 2021 or so, but Amanda keeps forgetting to put it on here. We learned that doing this saves families about \$800 which is what is charged when the funeral companies do it.

