

Walking With Our Sisters will be in Sault Ste Marie May 5th—May 18th, 2014 in the Shingwauk Auditorium at Algoma University!



What is Walking With Our Sisters?

Walking With Our Sisters is a massive commemorative art installation comprised of 1,600+ moccasin vamps (tops) created and donated by hundreds of caring and concerned individuals to draw attention to missing and murdered Indigenous women. The large collaborative art piece exists as a floor installation made up of beaded vamps arranged in a winding path formation on fabric and includes cedar boughs. Viewers remove their shoes to walk on a path of cloth alongside the vamps.

Each pair of vamps (or “uppers” as they are also called) represents one missing or murdered Indigenous woman. The unfinished moccasins represent the unfinished lives of the women whose lives were cut short. Together the installation represents all these women; paying respect to their lives and existence on this earth. They are not forgotten. They are sisters, mothers, aunties, daughters, cousins, grandmothers, wives and partners. They have been cared for, they have been loved, they are missing and they are not forgotten.

Volunteers Are Needed For:

Exhibit Installation volunteers (April 30th to May 4th).

- Flexible times– volunteers are needed 9am to 9pm
- Helping to prepare the Shingwauk Auditorium for WWOS and the installation of the vamps in the space.

Exhibit Helpers (May 5th to May 18th).

- Greeting and welcoming visitors to WWOS.
- Keeping visitor and sale numbers using simple charts.
- Monday-Friday from 10am-4pm, additional hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm-9pm, Saturday and Sunday 11am-4pm

Exhibit Take Down (May 19th to 22nd)

- Helping de-install the exhibit and packing the vamps to travel to the next community.
- Flexible hours, you can sign up for a couple of hours or full days.

Volunteer orientation will be held Wednesday April 23rd from 1-3pm and 7-9pm at Algoma University, room number to be announced. ALL volunteers should plan to attend one of the orientation sessions.



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How to Sign Up

Add your name to a sign up sheet during a Community conversation OR contact the volunteer coordinators Joanne Robertson and Cheryl Suggashie
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