



NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2023



**Art by Caitlin Newago,
Bad River Ojibwe Mixed Media Artist**

Caitlin Newago is a mother, artist, and tribal member of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. Founded in 2016, Caitlin Newago started Bizaanide'ewin at only 21 years old. An artist from birth, she has dabbled in many mediums throughout her life. Learning this craft at only 8 years old, she is also a beader, and incorporates that knowledge into her work. Currently, she is focusing on modernizing traditional Ojibwe designs in digital art. She also uses wiigwaas (birchbark) and porcupine quills as a way to reconnect with her Anishinaabe culture and learn more of her traditions. She hopes to share this knowledge and is actively searching for opportunities to do so. Creating these pieces and reconnecting with her passion for art has been a vital part of her healing journey. She hopes she can promote this healing and connect with and uplift other survivors in the process. Bizaanide'ewin is an Ojibwe word, meaning peace of heart. This word very clearly illustrates the purpose and mission of Caitlin's work. The intergenerational trauma within Native communities is ravaging the traditional ways of life. In her own journey, she is addressing these traumas and working to break the cycle-leading to peace of heart not only within herself, but those around her and impacted by her work. Caitlin is growing primarily via online presences on numerous social media platforms, but also is becoming more involved in community events.

To see schedules of events, please visit
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