

March 18, 2024

Now't Si'am e ne schaleche Si'am ~ (*Hello my respected friends/relatives*),

We cordially invite your participation in the 4th Annual Gathering of the Eagles, May 19-27, 2024. Our week-long canoe journey will paddle through the San Juan Islands with potlatch-style gatherings of food, arts and cultural exchanges -- returning to the mainland on Friday, May 24, 2024. This is a celebration of our intergenerational, intertribal, cultural heritage, sharing and educating with our extended family around the world.

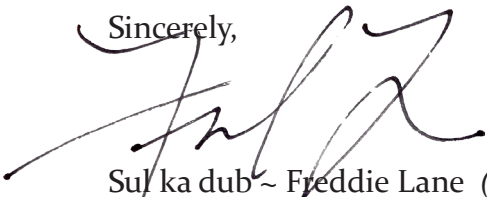
Our gatherings will host islanders, tribes and First Nations from across North America, including the interfaith community of the Pacific Northwest along with special guests from South Africa, Australia, Egypt and Navajo Nation. This is a canoe encampment for all of our participants on the paddle -- all of our friends at each stop are diligently planning for canoes arriving throughout each island and village.

This year our journey includes a 'Coast Salish Day at Whatcom Creek' on Saturday, May 25, 2024 (*in old-town Bellingham*). It's quite exciting to coordinate an arts and culture event that bridges our Lummi and Whatcom County communities together in a good way. This is a coordinated effort of grassroots organizers, with tribal, port, city and county officials working together -- so we hope you consider our invitation to join the Gathering of the Eagles 2024.

The Gathering of the Eagles is a spiritual journey with *Healing, Hope, Honor, Happiness and Hospitality*. Our 2024 motto is: Celebrating Intergenerational Cultural Heritage. Let us all come together to share and care as neighbors of the Salish Sea. Your generous donation or sponsorship is welcome and greatly appreciate on behalf of our organizing committee. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at: (360) 391-7560.

Hy shqe Si'am e ne schaleche Si'am. ❖

Sincerely,



Sul ka dub ~ Freddie Lane (*Lummi*)
Co-Founder & Director

cc: Executive Committee: Esther Yazzie-Lewis, Beth Brownfield, Deb Cruz, Douglas Mackey, Stephanie Buffum, Kai Sanburn, David & Geri Turnoy, Jan Sanburn

 Gathering of the Eagles