

NATIVE HEALING AND MENTAL HEALTH WITH COYOTE MARIE HUNTER-RIPPER

FRIDAY, MAY $15^{\text{TH}} \sim 12 - 1$ PM

Marie Hunter-Ripper, a Traditional Practitioner, combines the strengths of her lineages of Cherokee, Choctaw and Scottish cultures, offering Sessions, Treatments, and Clearings of the unseen and intangible energy forces we live with on a daily basis. Marie offers workshops, retreats and classes covering a wide array of rituals and ceremonies. A non-denominational minister, she also officiates for weddings, Sacred Unions and Memorials.

In the United States, she serves with C.O.R.R. (Committee on Race and Religion.) working with the Pacific Northwest, Alaska and International Methodists groups for a formal apology to Indigenous people for subjugating, oppression and violence. She has worked locally with victims of domestic violence and many community-minded organizations. With local Native leaders, she taught fourth graders in Lincoln City with a Choctaw Unity Dance and a presentation "What does an Indian look like?"



Marie has volunteered in foreign countries to empower indigenous women who are socio-economically disadvantaged. She was part of the 13 Indigenous International Grandmothers' Council gathering in Gisborne, New Zealand with the Maori Tribe. Marie traveled to Bangkok, Thailand to support antigovernment protests. She visited Lahore, Pakistan to accept a Letter of Invitation from the U. S. Embassy in Pakistan on Peace and Cultural Exchange, and performed Water Blessings and ceremonies across the countryside, accompanying her daughter, who was performing in Peace through Music Concerts across Pakistan. She has been to Guatemala, working with widows, orphanages and women's self-sustaining economic co-ops through Volunteers In Mission. She took part in a Cultural /ceremony exchange with a Mayan Shaman with the "One Love" international tour. Along with guest speakers Agnes Baker-Pilgrim, Flavio Santi, and Takashi Tanimori, Marie presented at the Peace and Forgiveness Conference.

Her practice, NW-Wo-Ti Compass (pronounced New Wo Tee, which means "Medicine" in the Cherokee language), is located at 250 Oak St. Suite 4 in Ashland, Oregon.

When she is not traveling, her nest is in Southern Oregon.

This talk is part of an ongoing series of informational presentations, primarily designed for therapists, that are hosted at the Community Counseling Center from Noon to 1PM periodically on Mondays and Fridays. Bring your lunch, come learn about **Native Healing** and connect with your colleagues.

Space is limited; please contact Sharon Bolles at sebolles@gmail.com or 541-840-5922 to reserve yours. We will be asking for donations (\$5-10) to support the three-fold mission of the Center; to provide low fee counseling to the community, train counseling interns, and contribute to the professional development of valley mental health professionals.