

HONOR THY MOTHER: The Untold Story of Aboriginal Women and Their Indipino Children

Gina Corpuz is founder of the Indipino Community of Bainbridge Island and Vicinity, a non-profit, is Executive Producer of the extraordinary new documentary film called, "Honor Thy Mother: The Untold Story of Aboriginal Women and their Indipino Children." It chronicles the experiences of 36 Aboriginal women from Canada, Washington State and Alaska who migrated to Bainbridge Island to work on Japanese American owned strawberry farms, fell in love in the berry fields and married Filipino immigrant farm workers. This unique intermarriage created a vibrant "Indipino" community. The film reveals a powerful interview of Gwen Harry, Squamish Nation elder, who survived a Canadian Indian Residential School and Bainbridge Island Indipinos, now elders, oral interviews who share their traumatic assimilation and mixed-race experiences woven in with historic photographs and rare film footage.

Gina, daughter of Squamish Nation member Evelyn Williams, who survived the Indian Residential School experience and a Filipino farmer on Bainbridge Island, stated that "the purpose of producing Honor Thy Mother is to educate people both in and outside the community". She hopes people can start to care about other communities that have suffered from racism and other injustices after watching the film.

Gina would like to make the film widely available to educators and students free of charge for use in the classroom or school assemblies. It is an excellent film, and a very timely topic with the current revelations about the abuses suffered by aboriginal children in Canadian and U.S. Indian boarding schools. I suggested to Gina that your organization may be able to help with the free distribution of the film to teachers, and perhaps have Gina present the film at your next conference.

A short trailer of the film can be found on the Stourwater website:

<http://stourwater.com/films/honor-thy-mother/trailer/>

and I've also cc:ed Gina's contact information. Please feel free to contact Gina @206-412-3175 (or me) if you have questions.

Thank you for your support.

Warmest regards,
Karen Matsumoto