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New exhibition *Daphne Boyer: Otipemisiwak* celebrates three generations of Métis women

Dunlop Art Gallery is proud to announce the opening of the new exhibition *Otipemisiwak*, a Michif term meaning “people who live by their own rules.” The exhibition celebrates the lives and material cultures of three women: the artist’s great-grandmother, grandmother, and mother. Featured artworks use a digital-beading technique the artist invented called ‘Berries to Beads.’ The technique mirrors traditional Métis beading; it is both a meticulous and technically demanding art form. The exhibition runs July 3 - September 10, 2021 at Dunlop Art Gallery (Central Library).

Daphne Boyer is a renowned visual artist and plant scientist, born and raised in Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan, and now living in Victoria, B.C. Her iterative practice combines plant material, high-resolution digital tools and women’s traditional handwork to create art that celebrates her family’s Métis heritage and honours plants as the basis of life on earth.

“It is our pleasure to offer this homecoming for Daphne,” says Tomas Jonsson, Curator of Moving Image and Performance at the Dunlop Art Gallery, “to celebrate her familial, biological and cultural connections to this place, and to share her stories.”

On July 6, Daphne Boyer will be joined by Métis - Saulteaux - Polish visual artist Dayna Danger as they discuss their respective practices. On July 13, Daphne Boyer will create a Berries to Beads artwork in response to poets Timaj Garad and Peace Akintade (2021 Saskatchewan Youth Poet Laureate) as they perform their poetry. Both programs can be viewed on Dunlop Art Gallery’s YouTube page.

Earlier this year Regina Public Library and Dunlop Art Gallery installed two murals by Boyer, which are connected to the *Otipemisiwak* exhibition. *For My Relations*, which celebrates the life of Boyer’s late mother Anita, is currently on display at Central Library. Located at Sherwood Village Branch is *For Clémence*, which honours her maternal grandmother. These murals will be on display at Central Library and Sherwood Village Branch until April 15, 2022.

More information on Daphne Boyer at daphneboyer.com
Learn more about Dunlop Art Gallery at <https://www.reginalibrary.ca/dunlopartgallery>

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