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Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County's Antiracism Group Presents a Free Two-Part Series: "The Narragansett Nation."

South County, RI - The Antiracism Group of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County announces a compelling two-part lecture series titled "The Narragansett Nation," which will be offered free of charge to the public, thanks to generous funding from the Hurdis Fund for Social Justice. The sessions aim to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of Indigenous peoples, particularly the Narragansett Nation, whose traditional homelands encompass Rhode Island.

The first session of the series, titled "Traditions and Lifeways: An Overview of the Narragansett Nation," will be presented by Chrystal Mars Baker, a Narragansett Citizen and Education Manager at Tomaquag Museum. This session will take place on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 7 PM in the UUCSC Sanctuary located at 27 North Road at Lily Pads, Peace Dale, RI 02879. Seating is limited to 100, and registration is required.

Participants will have the opportunity to explore and learn about traditional seasonal practices, land management, ceremony, and community life of the Narragansett people, past and present. This session aims to provide a cultural perspective on the rich heritage of the Narragansett Nation, inviting attendees to reflect on the question: "Do you know whose land you occupy today?"

The second session, "Survivance of the Narragansett in Rhode Island," will be presented by Silvermoon LaRose, another Narragansett Citizen and Assistant Director of Tomaquag Museum. This presentation will be held on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 7 PM, also in the UUCSC Sanctuary.

Through Silvermoon LaRose's presentation, participants will explore the history and continuance of the Narragansett Nation in Rhode Island, providing a political overview from pre-colonial times to the present. The focus will be on the resilience and survivance of the first peoples of this state, highlighting the ongoing struggles and triumphs of the Narragansett community.

"We believe that understanding and honoring Indigenous histories and perspectives are crucial steps in the fight against racism and the journey toward reconciliation and justice," said Penny Hall, a leader of the Antiracism Group and organizer of the series. "These sessions offer a unique opportunity for our community to engage with and learn from Indigenous voices, contributing to a more inclusive and equitable society for all."

Join us as we come together to dismantle racism and honor the heritage of Indigenous peoples. Register at <https://uusouthcountyri.org>

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