



ONTARIO NATIVE
WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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ONTARIO NATIVE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION HOSTS 39TH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ONTARIO – The Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) proudly hosted its 39th Annual General Assembly in Sudbury, Ontario October 15th-17th, 2010. Entitled "Celebrating Our Traditions in Unity", over 100 delegates from 80 local chapters across Ontario came together to celebrate ONWA's history and its achievements over the last year.

The AGA highlighted successes over the last year through an Annual General Meeting; election of a new Board of Directors; awards ceremony recognizing individual and local membership achievements; and a showcase of a number of local Aboriginal Artisans.

ONWA emerged from its Annual Assembly with a renewed commitment to focus on initiatives for ending violence against Aboriginal women. These include justice, education, housing, health and wellness, child advocacy, teen pregnancy and elder abuse.

"This year's AGA was an incredible success," says Dawn Harvard, ONWA President. "It was as if everyone came together to create a unified vision for the future of the organization. We have a long and difficult path ahead. We will continue to work to improve the health and well being of our women. We have many strong, creative women and allies to help us on this journey."

The AGA brought many together to celebrate ONWA's history and achievements. All returned to their home communities to work in unity to meet this year's resolutions.

The Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) is a not for profit organization that empowers and supports Aboriginal women and their families in the province of Ontario.

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