

# P'HWULHP (GARRY OAK) MEADOWS: UNDERSTANDING A LIVING CULTURAL LANDSCAPE

Weds. April 12, 2023  
from 1:00pm - 2:30pm

## SPEAKER



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Uy' skweyul siiem nu sye'yu tl'i-i-im tsun 'o' ts'iiyulhna'mut, 'u tun'a 'uy' skweyul

Maiya Modeste thuna sne

Sulatiye' s-hwulmuhw'a'lh' sne

Tun'ni' tsun 'ult' kwa'mutsun

Brianna Thorne snes lhuna t-en

Chris Modeste snes kwthuna m-en

Sulsilu Deb I' Ron George

I silu Diane Modeste I silu'elh Wes Modeste

Huy tseep q'a siiem huy tseep q'a

Good day, my honoured friends and family, I am very thankful for this day

my name is Maiya Modeste

my traditional name is sulatiye'

I come from the village of Quamichan

My mom is Brianna Thorne,

and my dad is Chris Modeste.

My grandparents on my mother's side are Deb George (nee Nash) and Ron George

and on my father's side my grandma is Diane Modeste (nee Seymour) and late Wes

Modeste

Thank you with the utmost gratitude

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I work for Stqee'ye' Learning society, a non-profit, indigenous led organization that focuses on land restoration and education guided by traditional teachings and indigenous ways of knowing and being. My role within the society is P'hwulhp (Garry Oak) Restoration coordinator and I have had the privilege of stewarding these heavily degraded ecosystems for the past year and have recently been granted funding for my project until 2026. My goal for my project is to have the ability and capacity to teach indigenous youth about our native food gardens but to also teach them how to prepare, harvest, preserve and serve our traditional foods, such as camas, with the hope and priority of feeding elder's traditional meals. Garry Oak ecosystems are the most biodiverse of all ecosystems in Canada and Quw'utsun people have relied on these ecosystems since time immemorial yet there are only 5% left in near natural condition, making them my utmost priority for restoration.

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