



# GARNEAU TREE CEREMONY



**Date: September 15th, 2017**

**Time: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Location: 111 street and 90 avenue**

- Opening and closing prayers by **Métis elders**
- Fiddling by **Brianna Lizotte**
- Reflections and stories by: MNA President **Audrey Poitras**, UofA Deputy Provost **Wendy Rodgers**, Dean **Chris Andersen** (UofA Faculty of Native Studies), Garneau descendants **David Garneau** (artist and professor) & **Duane Zaraska** (Minister of Culture, MNA), and representative **Frances Cruden** from the adjacent Garneau neighbourhood.

On the grounds of the University of Alberta stands an historic tree: a 140-year-old Manitoba Maple planted by prominent Métis figure Laurent Garneau and his wife Eleanor, shortly after their move to Edmonton in 1874.

An important mark of Métis heritage in Edmonton, this historic tree has sadly reached the end of its life cycle. In collaboration with the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA), the Rupertsland Centre for Métis Research (RCMR), the University of Alberta, Garneau descendants, and community members, a commemorative event to celebrate Laurent and Eleanor Garneau's legacy and the history of the neighbourhood named in his honour has been planned.

A ceremony is to be held at the site of the Garneau Tree, followed by a Métis Kitchen Party, organized by Creative Conciliations, at the Main Gym in Van Vliet Centre (north of the Butterdome).

*Free parking will be available in the North HUB Parking Lot (Lot N) at the University of Alberta for those attending the ceremony.*