

# 2008 Mother Earth Water Walk

Connecting, Respecting and Protecting our Great Lakes



May 6th  
Noon - 4:30 pm

DISCOVERY WORLD  
at Pier Wisconsin

We invite you to join others from the Milwaukee community, including students and their teachers from the Indian Community School and Spotted Eagle High School, to welcome Mrs. Josephine Mandamin to Milwaukee. Mrs. Mandamin is an Ojibwe Quay from the Wikwemikong unceded Indian Reserve on Manitoulin Island in Lake Huron. As the lead Water Walk Grandmother, Mrs. Mandamin and her fellow Mother Earth Water Walkers are raising awareness about the importance of protecting our sacred water for future generations.

To demonstrate dedication to protecting our waters, Mrs. Mandamin organized walks around the perimeters of the Great Lakes each year from 2003-2007. In 2008, she and her companion Water Walkers will complete the circumnavigation of the entire Great Lakes. Josephine Mandamin and the other Water Walkers will arrive in Milwaukee Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and will spend the afternoon with us at Discovery World. She will speak about protecting our water from an indigenous perspective and perform a traditional water ceremony before continuing on the journey north.

## Agenda

### Noon

Check in

### 12:30 P.M.

Opening Circle: Indian Community School student film and performance of a traditional water song.

### 1:00-2:00 P.M.

Mrs. Josephine Mandamin talk and water ceremony.

### 2:00-2:30 P.M.

Send off of the Water Walkers.

### 2:30- 3:30 P.M.

Reflection Circle: What it means to claim ownership and accept responsibility for the water.

### 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Closing Circle: Share information, ideas and identify "Next Steps."



\* This event is free and open to the public.

\*\* Entrance fees apply if desiring to see the entire museum.