



## **Living Breath of wəłəbʔaltxʷ Indigenous Foods Symposium postponed due to Coronavirus**

Dear all,

After thoughtful consideration and closely monitoring the COVID-19 crisis, our committee has decided to postpone the Living Breath of wəłəbʔaltxʷ Indigenous Foods and Ecological Knowledge Symposium that was to be held on May 1 & 2, 2020 at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Our Symposium will be rescheduled, and in the meantime, we will carefully move forward with planning and monitoring the current situation as we determine new dates. Once we have new dates, we will post an announcement to our website and social media. For confirmed presenters, we plan to follow up with each of you to ask if you are still available to present.

In regard to tickets, all purchased tickets will be honored at the rescheduled Symposium. If you want a refund, you will receive directions in a separate email from Brown Bag and our Committee.

These are extraordinary and challenging times that bring a heightened sense of concern. But we embrace Hope and call on our Ancestors for strength and protection during this time of uncertainty. Let's all keep our spirits strong as we move towards healing.

We raise our hands to the courageous and selfless healthcare workers who have put their lives on the line to keep everyone safe. Our hearts, prayers, and love go out to those who have directly been impacted by this global pandemic.

We care about your health and the wellbeing of our Indigenous communities. Stay healthy, take care of your Elders, your children, your families, and yourselves. We are in this together, we will get through this together, and together we will heal.

Thank you for your patience and support as we make this decision one step at a time.

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*Approved by LB committee via Zoom on 3/19/20*