

Haudenosaunee / Iroquois Creation Story

Generations ago, Haudenosaunee legend tells us, that Sky Woman fell through a hole in the Sky World and tumbled downward toward the earth that was covered in water. As she fell, the birds came up to hold her and bring her gently to the earth. As she and the birds fell downward, the Great Sea Turtle rose from the seas and spread his legs outward. The animals came up from the ocean bringing mud from the ocean floor, placing it on the Great Sea Turtle.

By the time Sky Woman landed on the Great Turtle's back, an island had formed...Turtle Island.

From that island came North America and the world of the First Peoples of this land.

Turtle Island News, Canada's national native weekly newspaper tells the stories of the First Peoples of Turtle Island.

TURTLE ISLAND NEWS is Canada's only national native weekly newspaper, published every week at the Grand River Territory of the Six Nations in southern Ontario. It is a politically independent newspaper that is wholly owned and operated by Aboriginal People.

Turtle Island News is the concept of publisher Lynda Powless who has almost 30 years of experience working in mainstream media from the CBC to national newspapers. In 1994 Lynda decided to apply those skills and experience in her home community of Six Nations by launching a weekly newspaper in the basement of her home.

That newspaper has grown to a circulation of 10,000 weekly and is now Canada's most respected national native weekly newspaper with a growing national and international readership.

Lynda herself, is one of Canada's most celebrated native journalists. With numerous journalism awards from her more than 30 years working for daily newspapers across Ontario and New York, the CBC, and other mainstream media.

Lynda is one of the most experienced native journalists in Canada. She is also the proud recipient of the Native American Journalists Association's Lifetime Achievement Award for journalism.

From our meagre beginnings in the basement of her home, Turtle Island News has grown into a publications company publishing several magazines, Aboriginal Business, Fore Golf, Aboriginal Tourism, Powwow Guide, books and other media.

The business has grown and it has won Lynda a number of national Business Awards:

She was named to the Top 100 Most Powerful Women In Canada in November 2006.

Lynda is also an RBC Entrepreneur of the Year Award winner in the Trailblazer Category for 2005. She was one of five women chosen from across Canada.

Lynda lives in her home community of Six Nations of the Grand River, just outside of Hamilton, Ontario.

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