

Stories that Nourish: Minnesota Anishinaabe Wild Rice Narratives [Abstract]

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Anishinaabe *manoomin* (wild rice) narratives maintain core aspects of Anishinaabe identity and epistemology, constituting Anishinaabe *gikendaasowin* (knowledge). Ranging from *aadizokaanag* to more contemporary *dilbaajimowinan*, these narratives describe the close historical, spiritual, ecological, and material relationships between Anishinaabe communities and *manoomin* and demonstrate the importance to Anishinaabe self-determination of maintaining such connection. *Manoomin* feeds the people, and stories by Jim Northrup, Heid Erdrich, Linda LaGarde Grover, Gerald Vizenor, and Winona LaDuke, among others, propagate *manoomin gikendaasowin*, which supports Anishinaabe food sovereignty activism that seeks to protect and maintain *manoomin* and provide the nourishment that helps Anishinaabe communities to thrive.

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