



■ A girl's-sized dress represents the harm done to the youngest of females.

▼ Red ribbons tied around White Pines with reconstructed longhouses in the background at Crawford Lake.



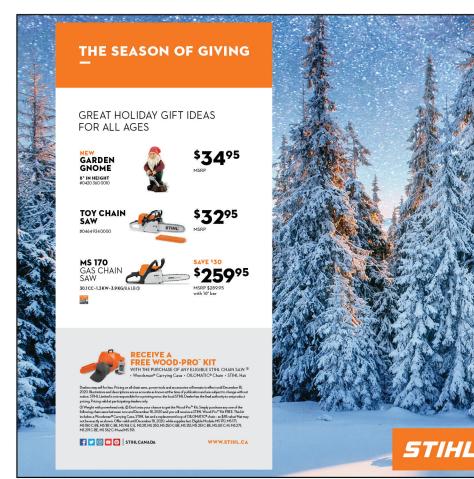
"We had many consultations with our grandmothers, spiritual healers, elders and knowledge holders who told us that hanging the red dresses brings the spirits of the women back," says Sherry Saevil, an Indigenous educator with Halton Catholic District School Board, who helped organize an installation at Crawford Lake near Milton.

Instead of hanging red dresses, they invited visitors to tie red cloth around a White Pine, a symbol of peace, and take a moment of silence. This installation was held from Oct. 4 to Nov. 25, 2020.

"It is important for the general public to know about the colonial violence against our women," adds Sherry, "and to stand in solidarity to end this violence. Why do Indigenous women and girls go missing on a daily basis without police intervention and public outcry to demand that this must stop?"

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▲ Red dresses flutter in "The Promenade of Pain" installation in Burlington's Spencer Smith Park.