

'Native Voices,' a celebration of Native American artists, at the NACC



Pictured is a Haudenosaunee matriarch. (Image courtesy of the NACC)

The Niagara Arts and Cultural Center will host the opening of a new art exhibit celebrating Native American cultures, "Native Voices," from noon until 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17.

This exhibit features traditional and contemporary art works created by Native American artists from around the region. The public is invited to view the exhibit – which spans two galleries – and meet the artists. "Native Voices" closes at noon Nov. 21 with an awards ceremony during the first Native American Cultural Festival.

Exhibiting artists include: Jay Carrier, Julie Bissell, Allan Jamieson Sr., Mary A. Clause, Barry Powless, Edwin R. Printup Jr., Mary Jacobs and William Logan, and Tina Mt. Pleasant. Organizers said these participants are "displaying artwork connecting both traditional and contemporary Native American art forms."

In addition to artwork in the Townsend Gallery, a special exhibit featuring the Neto Hatinakwe Onkwehowe collection, curated by Jamieson, is on display in the NACC Garden Gallery.

This exhibit was made possible through a partnership with Native American Community Services, and is made possible with the help of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Gov. Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature.

"Native Voices" and other historical and cultural exhibits are free and open to the public from noon to 5 p.m. daily. Donations are appreciated.

The NACC is located at 1201 Pine Ave., Niagara Falls. Guests can enter via the red door on Portage Road. More information can be found online at www.thenacc.org or by calling the NACC at 282-7530.

Ransomville Library used book sale

The Friends of the Ransomville Library will hold a used book sale next weekend at 3733 Ransomville Road.

Featuring a choice of books, DVDs, videos and CDs, the sale will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday (plus bag sale from 3-4 p.m.).

Donations of books, videos, CDs and DVDs in good condition are gratefully accepted for the sale. For more information, call 791-4073.

Cannabis law forum

E. Anne Basile, president of the Wilson Lions, announced the club will sponsor a cannabis law forum and discussion at 6:45 p.m. Monday at the Victorianburg Wine Estate, 4402 E. Lake Road.

Featured speaker will be William "Tony" Evans, retired with 31 years of service with the Niagara County Sheriff's Office, assigned to the narcotics unit and criminal intelligence. Other guest panelists include Wilson Town Clerk Diane Muscoreil and Village of Wilson Clerk Carey O'Connor.

Seating is limited. For more information, contact Basile at SpelloftheYukon@aol.com or call 830-4151.

Veterans Day BBQ

First District Niagara County Legislator Irene Myers invites residents to check out the fourth annual Veteran's Day Chiavetta's chicken barbecue from noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at O. Leo Curtiss American Legion Post 830, 2589 Youngstown Lockport Road in Ransomville.

Held annually to benefit Ransomville American Legion Post 830 and Youngstown VFW Post 313, the event is supported by the business community and Town of Porter. It will again feature Chiavetta's chicken dinners as well as a basket raffle.

"The money that we raise from that barbecue benefits both posts," Myers said. "Know a vet, bring a vet!"

She noted Keith Lucas of Ki-Po Chevrolet in Ransomville is once again coordinating basket donations for the raffle.

"With that, you will get a \$10 gift certificate that you can use (for purchases). If you take three baskets, you get three certificates. He's been really



generous this year," Meyers said. Ki-Po is covering the dinner cost for attending veterans, while Hardison's Funeral Home is handling ticket printing and assisting the post's ladies auxiliary as hosts.

Tickets are priced at \$12 pre-sale at area businesses, or \$14 at the door.

In the photo, Myers is shown with Ki-Po officials and post members in announcing the donation drop-off. (Submitted photo).

HAL explores 'Ambush at Devil's Hole'

The Historical Association of Lewiston's next program, "Ambush at Devil's Hole: Massacre or Job Action," will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, at the Lutheran Church of the Messiah Fellowship Hall, 915 Oneida St. Stephen Cocca is the guest speaker.

HAL said, "Job actions, labor disputes and strikes are nothing new in Western New York. With our long industrial history and strong association with being a 'blue-collar town,' we have taken pride in our working-class roots and built strong bonds with the many iconic companies and organizations over the last 150 years. While it is true that most of these labor-management relationships

were born after the industrial explosion experienced in Western New York in the late 1800s and early 1900s, an incident that took place on the escarpment above Lewiston over 250 years ago may very well have been the first such action on the Niagara Frontier."

Based upon research gathered during an Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) program at Niagara University in 2011 and published in the Western New York Heritage Magazine in the winter of 2012, the so-called "Massacre at Devil's Hole," as Cocca suggests in his program, may not have been intended as a military action but, instead, conceived as a job action. A peaceful demonstration by the Seneca Nation intended to press management (the British) for sustained employment and secure positions.

Cocca is a retired Gowanda Central School Middle School teacher who taught social studies and English language arts. He is a graduate of St. Bonaventure University, and he and his wife, Vicki, live in Olean.

This community event is free and open to all, and refreshments will be served. Due to the pandemic, anybody not vaccinated must wear an appropriate face mask.

Hand sanitizer will be available.

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