



# NCGLNAC Newsletter

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## NCGLNAC Summer Classes

The annual NCGLNAC summer classes were held August 6 through 10 at the Women's Building of the Jay County Fairgrounds in Portland. Attendance was smaller than in years past, but those participating learned a great deal about the Great Lakes Native Americans and how they lived.

First session adult classes were Introduction to Raised Beading by Chris Cook (filling in quite capably for Susan Show Willi who had eye surgery that week), Steel Patch Knives and Sheaths by Ron Kennedy, and River Cane Sifter Basket by Robin McBride Scott. Second session adult classes were Gourd Drums by Carolyn Rushton, Introduction to Floral Beading by Robert Kalthoff, and Deer Leg Knife Sheaths by Boni Bent Nelson. The Culture class learned about the pre-contact Adena and Hopewell cultures on Monday, and took a field trip led by Susan Gray to Greenville, Ohio on Thursday and a field trip led by Miami Vice-Chief John Dunnagan to Seven Pillars, the Miami Schoolhouse and Cemetery, the Godfrey Cemetery and the Slocum Cemetery.

Children's classes were busy all days learning beading from Linda Andrews on Monday, making bandolier bags on Tuesday taught by Linda Andrews, making dance shawls taught by Paula Butcher on Wednesday, about several different per-historic and historic Native cultures on Thursday and working with gourds with Linda Andrews on Friday. The

enthusiasm of the children is contagious and we are so happy to have them at the classes, because they are the future of the Native culture. Thank you tradition bearers for sharing your knowledge with every one.

Doyle Blooding prepared delicious and healthy meals every day for lunch and dinner. Thank you, Doyle.



Ron Kennedy's Patch Knife Class

*Photo by Kent Horine*

## Jinny Esten Walks On

It is with great sadness that we let everyone know that Virginia "Jinny" Esten of Indianapolis walked on Monday, August 27 at the age of 87. Most NCGLNAC friends and members will remember Jinny from the early years up until about 3 or 4 years ago when her deteriorating health kept her closer to home. Jinny's quick wit, sharp mind, generosity and kindness endeared her to everyone that was fortunate enough to know her. She was a life-long educator and learner who continued to attend college course even into her 70's. She

## NCGLNAC Events Calendar

All Events are Held in Portland Unless  
Otherwise Noted.

- October 6 & 7 – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Jay Heritage Festival
- October 27 & 28 – NCGLNAC Fall Friendship Fire
- October 27 – All Ages Cultural Arts Class
- October 27 – Lecture about Great Lakes Native Peoples
- November 10 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual NCGLNAC Benefit Bead, Jewelry and Art Sale – Mike and Evelyn Crouch at Tippecanoe Arts Federation, Lafayette
- November 10 – Cultural Arts Class – Beadwork by Katrina Mitten at Tippecanoe Arts Federation, Lafayette
- March 16 & 17, 2013 – 12<sup>th</sup> Spring Cultural Arts Classes
- March 16 – Lecture about Great Lakes Native Peoples
- April 20 – Academic Conference “*Current Research in Great Lakes Native American Culture*”
- May 18 – Plant Identification Class at NCGLNAC land by Dani Tippmann
- June 8 & 9 – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering
- August 3, 4 & 5 – 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Cultural Arts Classes
- October 26 & 27 – Fall Friendship Fire
- October 26 One Day Class for ages 8 and up
- October 26 – Lecture about Great Lakes Native Peoples
- November 9 – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual NCGLNAC Benefit Bead, Jewelry and Art Sale – Mike and Evelyn Crouch, Tippecanoe Arts Federation, Lafayette
- November 9 – One-Day Class in Lafayette

graduated magna cum laude from Butler University and earned her master’s at the University of Michigan. A biologist and ornithologist, she explored six continents to study birds, flora and fauna. As a military historian she enjoyed engaging in war games with the miniature military figures from her extensive collection. Jinny held NCGLNAC dear to her heart and asked memorial donations be made to NCGLNAC or the Indiana Audubon Society. Donations to NCGLNAC may be sent to P O Box 1063, Portland, IN 47371. A special Memorial will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. October 7, on her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday, at Jinny’s house at 5475 North Capital Avenue in Indianapolis.



Jinny at 2004 Fall Friendship Fire

### Fall Friendship Fire

This year’s Fall Friendship Fire will be held at the Women’s Building of the Jay County Fairgrounds October 27 and 28. The complete flyer and information are included as page 7 of this Newsletter.

The weekend includes some trail work, a class for ages 8 and up and a lecture about Great Lakes Native American peoples. Doyle Blooding will be cooking the Saturday evening meal so the participants can enjoy a delicious meal before listening to the 7 p.m. lecture.



October 27 is Make a Difference Day and plans are to do as much work as possible on the trail, utilizing the Jay County inmates, local Venture Scouts as well as Fall Friendship Fire participants who desire to help upgrade the trail as much as possible, weather permitting.

Carolyn Rushton will teach a class on making gourd rattles for ages 8 and up, starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 27 and ending around 4 p.m. The lecture Saturday evening will be by Odel Chalifoux, who will discuss the the Great Lakes Native Peoples.



Beautiful Dance Shawls made in Paula Butcher's class  
2012 Summer Classes

*Photo by Kent Horine*

## 2013 Summer Classes

At the meeting of NCGLNAC members during this year's Summer Classes it was decided to change the format for next year's summer classes. We cannot continue to offer a full week of classes at the current participation. The Indiana Arts Commission and other grant funds are very limited. Each class needs a minimum of five participants and even then we do not meet expenses. Our hope is this is just a temporary problem related to the economy.

So, beginning in 2013 the summer classes will begin on Saturday August 3 at 9 a.m., continue all day Sunday August 4, and until noon on Monday August 5 for 2 ½ days of classes. There will be only one session, but we may be able to offer as many as 7 or 8 classes.

## Credit Card Event Registrations and Purchases

Thanks to the marvelous new technology of Intuit and smart phones, NCGLNAC can now accept payment of class and event registrations and shirt, book and other gift shop purchases by American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa. Over the years we have had many requests for credit cards at registration for events and classes, but until now the annual cost was prohibitive for something we could use only for 4 to 6 events a year. Intuit charges only a small fee at use with no monthly or other fees.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual NCGLNAC Benefit Bead, Jewelry and Art Sale

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual NCGLNAC Benefit Bead, Jewelry and Art Sale will be at the Tippecanoe Arts Federation, 638 North Street in Lafayette, Indiana on November 10 sponsored by Mike and Evelyn Crouch of Painted Desert Indian Arts of Seymour, Indiana. This is our single largest fund-raising event for the year. The Crouches bring an absolutely incredible selection of beads, jewelry and art. Please plan to attend and get much of your Christmas shopping done early. Complete information on the sale is included as an insert in this Newsletter.

At the same time and place as the Benefit Sale Katrina Mitten, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, will teach a beadwork class from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The class flyer is included as page 7 of this Newsletter. *This activity is made possible in part by the Region 5 Partner the Community Foundation of Randolph County, the Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.*





Miami Schoolhouse near Peru ~ Culture Class Field Trip  
*Photo by Kent Horine*

## Indiana Arts Commission Grant

NCGLNAC has been notified that our grant application for funding for our cultural arts classes held from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 has been successful. The award for this grant period was \$1,721. The awards ceremony will be held in Union City, Indiana, November 8. The grant funds will help pay for facility rent, promotion, honorariums and travel funds for the artists.



## NCGLNAC Newsletter

As NCGLNAC continues to grow, our newsletter mailing list does the same. We are now mailing out over 350 copies of the quarterly Newsletter. Because of the cost of printing and postage, we are asking anyone that is receiving a mailed copy of the Newsletter but could receive the PDF version via email to please contact Kay Neumayr at 765-426-3022 or [kay.neumayr@ncglnac.com](mailto:kay.neumayr@ncglnac.com). We understand that some would rather receive a printed copy even though they could receive the Newsletter by email. But, if it doesn't make any difference to you, to help on costs, please contact Kay to receive future Newsletters in your email inbox—remember, the PDF is in full color.

## Visit Native Wisconsin

Wisconsin is home to more Native American tribes than any other state east of the Mississippi River. Eleven tribes share their land, culture, art and tradition. Some examples include the Red Cliff Chippewa's new Frog Bay National Park, the first tribal park ever to open to the public. The Menominee Nation is famous for maintaining one of the most sustainable forests in the world. The Oneida Nation operates herds of grass-fed beef and buffalo, free-range chickens, an orchard, and organic gardens to make locally-grown foods available. The Bad River Band of Superior Chippewa maintains the largest remaining coastal wild rice marsh in the Great Lakes.

Several tribes offer accommodations in beautiful hotels, dining, golf, gaming, and casinos for everyone's entertainment.

~Submitted by NCGLNAC member Gina Boltz

## NCGLNAC Annual Fund

NCGLNAC has not had an Annual Fund campaign since 2010. Beginning this month we will be initiating a 2-year Annual Campaign that will be completed in December 2013. Our goal for this Annual Campaign is \$10,000. The campaign will help NCGLNAC with our yearly operating expenses: ongoing adult and youth programs, art and culture classes, scholarships for classes, our participation at numerous educational events, the lecture series, printing and postage expenses, the Academic Conference, hiking trail maintenance, upgrades and signage, and educational outreach.

Please help us by giving what you can, no gift is too small or too large, to support our programs and our mission of preserving and educating Native American and non-Native American adults and children in the culture, history and traditions of the Great Lakes Native Americans. Our mission needs our support!

## Kenneth Ruhlander Passes

Sadly, we need to report that Kenneth Ruhlander passed on to the spirit world Wednesday morning, September 12. Ken and Pat (NCGLNAC Board Member) celebrated their 52nd anniversary earlier this year. Kenny had been in declining health and was a resident of the Indiana Veterans Home in West Lafayette. He was a Marine. Service for Kenny will be Saturday, September 15 at 4 p.m. with visitation 2 hours before. The family has requested donations in his memory be to NCGLNAC or the Boy Scouts.



Kenny and Pat Ruhlander 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Photo by Linda Andrews

## NCGLNAC On the Move

Through the end of the year, NCGLNAC members will be busy at various events all over Indiana. Sue Templin, Susie Dunham, Kent Horine and Joe Gutshall will be at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Jay Heritage Festival in Portland October 6 and 7. Sue Templin will make a presentation to the Muncie Kiwanis Club at October 24 and also will be at the CrownPoint Assisted Living, with help from Kent Horine. Linda Andrews, Pat Ruhlander and others will take care of the Native American Day at Indiana State Museum on Friday and Saturday, November 2 and 3.

## NCGLNAC Membership Registration

*I wish to become a member of the National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture, Inc. (NCGLNAC) to support the preservation and sharing of Great Lakes Native American culture through my gifts and membership activities.*

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *Please send the NCGLNAC quarterly newsletter by email*

### NCGLNAC Membership Year is the Membership Anniversary

#### Annual Membership Categories

Student (Full time to age 25)	\$15
Individual (1 adult)	\$25
Family (2 adults & children to 18 yrs.)	\$40
Grandparent (2 adults & grandchildren to 18 yrs.)	\$50

Please list all names

Otter Circle	\$100 - \$249
Beaver Circle	\$250 - \$499
Crane Circle	\$500 - \$999
Wolf Circle	\$1,000 - \$2,499

Those interested in becoming patron members of NCGLNAC at other levels by making special donations are invited to contact Susie Dunham, at [susie.dunham@ncglnac.com](mailto:susie.dunham@ncglnac.com) for more information.

Please send completed form and dues to:

**Susie Dunham, NCGLNAC Treasurer**  
301 South Mulberry  
Farmland, IN 47340

**Membership Benefits Include: Quarterly NCGLNAC Newsletter, timely NCGLNAC information, members discounts to NCGLNAC cultural arts classes.**

**Dues can be paid by American Express, Discover, Master Card or Visa. Please list card number, name on card, and expiration date.**

**2012 NCGLNAC FALL FRIENDSHIP FIRE  
OCTOBER 27 & 28, 2012  
Women's Building, Jay County Fairgrounds  
Portland, Indiana**

Several activities and events are planned for the 2012 NCGLNAC Fall Friendship Fire Celebration, October 27 and 28. Activities will be held at the Women's Building of the Jay County Fairgrounds (Morton and Votaw Streets) and at the NCGLNAC site. Please join NCGLNAC members and friends for a relaxing weekend of learning traditional Native ways, keeping the fire, finishing previous class projects, taking a new class to learn making gourd rattles, reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. Please advise Linda Andrews at 765-427-9324 if you are willing to be a fire keeper.

Highlights for the weekend include hiking and building bridges on the NCGLNAC trail, keeping the fire, completing unfinished projects from earlier cultural arts classes, dinner Saturday evening prepared by Doyle Blooding, roundtable discussions and community with other participants around the fire. The Saturday evening lecture is by Odel Chalifoux talking about the Great Lakes Native people. Carolyn Rushton will teach a class making gourd rattles from 10 to 4 Saturday, October 27 for ages 8 and up. An additional charge of \$25 covers all expenses for that class. Some scholarships are available. Contact Linda Andrews at 765-427-9324.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, October 27, followed by opening circle at 9. The gourd class begins at 10. Saturday's lunch is on your own and the Saturday evening feast will be at 6 p.m. Closing circle will be 12 noon Sunday. The registration fee of \$25 per person for NCGLNAC members and \$30 for non-members includes all activities and the Saturday evening meal. The gourd rattle class is an additional \$25.

Camping is available at the Fairgrounds for \$15 per night (electricity) or primitive for \$10 per night. RV dump station and water fill is available. Please include the camping fee with your registration. Portland's Hoosier Inn (260-726-7113) has rooms for \$50 for one bed and \$55 for 2 beds per night plus tax. For reservations at Super 8 in Portland see [www.super8.com](http://www.super8.com). Both offer a free continental breakfast. Portland's Holiday Inn Express (260-726-6688) has rooms for \$85 per night plus tax and includes a free hot breakfast, exercise room and swimming pool. You must request the NCGLNAC group rate.

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**PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM TO  
SUSIE DUNHAM, TREASURER, 301 SOUTH MULBERRY STREET, FARMLAND, IN 47340  
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NCGLNAC, INC.  
Registrations should be received by October 20**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee per Person (\$25 member/\$30 non-member)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Camping Fee (\$15 electric or \$10 primitive per night)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Gourd Rattle Class by Carolyn Rushton (\$25)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL REGISTRATION ENCLOSED      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*NCGLNAC can accept American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa payments. Please list credit card information and sign on the back of this form, including card number, name on card, and expiration date.*

**Questions? Contact Linda Andrews at 765-427-9324 or [linda.andrews@ncglnac.com](mailto:linda.andrews@ncglnac.com)**



**NATIONAL CENTER FOR GREAT LAKES NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE, INC.**

**Presents**

**Native American Beadwork Class**

**November 10, 2012 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Tippecanoe Arts Federation, 638 North Street, Lafayette, Indiana**

Katrina Mitten, of Huntington, Indiana, will teach a class on beading a Whimsey Bird to ages 12 and up on November 10 at the Tippecanoe Arts Federation, 638 North Street in Lafayette, Indiana. The class begins at 10 and ends at 4 with a one hour break for lunch. Katrina is a member of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma and is a direct descendant of Chief Little Turtle’s sister Tacumwah and also of Chiefs Richardville and Lafontaine. Katrina has also been involved with numerous films about Native Americans. She is nationally-known for her beautiful traditional beaded objects, which she has displayed at many venues, including the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, Santa Fe Indian Market and Angel Mounds. She has been honored with an Eiteljorg Indian Market Purchase Award.

In this class Katrina will teach participants her own beading techniques as they make and complete at least one Whimsey Bird from wool and size 11 beads. This will include learning edge beading and embroidery. Class is limited to age 12 and up. The class fee of \$35 includes instruction and all materials. Lunch is on your own or you may bring a sack lunch. Participants should be pre-registered before November 3. For more information please contact Kay Neumayr at 765-426-3022 or [kay.neumayr@ncglnac.com](mailto:kay.neumayr@ncglnac.com).

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**NATIVE AMERICAN BEADING CLASS REGISTRATION FORM**

**Mail to Kay Neumayr, 4950 North 750 East, Attica, IN 47918**

**Make Checks Payable to NCGLNAC, Inc.**

**To Be Received by Deadline of November 3, 2012**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee enclosed (\$35 per class participant) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Registration Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*NCGLNAC can accept American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa payments. Please list credit card information and sign on the back of this form, including card number, name on card, and expiration date.*





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## About NCGLNAC

The National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture, Inc. was formed as a not-for-profit 501(c)3 educational organization. The Center is composed of Native and non-Native members whose mission is to continue and preserve traditional Great Lakes Native American art, history and culture by helping pass those traditions on to Native People and by educating the general public about the importance of Great Lakes Native peoples, their art, history and culture.

The Center has no political agenda. Our focus is on education. We have seen far too many of our treasured elders and tradition bearers begin their Spirit Journey without knowing who would carry on in their place. Additionally, we know too many Native people who are displaced from their tribal land-base and separated from their traditional tribal cultures.

Over the past 16 years, the Center's tribal elders, tradition bearers and members have been presenting

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at workshops, symposia, university classrooms, conferences, powwows, elementary schools, libraries and other cultural and educational events. We look forward to helping Native peoples, urban cultural centers, universities, public and private elementary and secondary schools, and the general public raise their awareness and understanding of the cultural heritage and history of Great Lakes Native peoples in an inviting, comfortable place with a friendly learning environment.

NCGLNAC now owns nearly 30 acres (generously donated by the Jay County Fair Board) of beautiful, wooded land, complete with grassland, pond and wetlands, located just north of the Jay County Fairgrounds in Portland. The first ethno-botanical hiking trail is nearing completion and was opened to the public in 2008.

If you would like to know more about NCGLNAC or receive membership information, please log on to our website at <http://www.ncglnac.org> or contact us at P.O. Box 1063, Portland, IN 47371.