



NATIONAL CENTER FOR GREAT LAKES NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE, INC.
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Personal Gourd Rattle Class

Portland, Indiana, May 10, 2008. Internationally-known, award-winning gourd artist Carolyn Rushton from Glenwood, Indiana will teach a personal gourd rattle class from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 12 in the Community Room of the Jay County Public Library, 315 North Ship Street, Portland, Indiana.

Carolyn is the only gourd artist to win Best in Show in three states in the same year. Her work is published in eight gourd books. Her gourds are on every continent of the world, except Antarctica.

Class participants will learn how to remove the seeds from the gourd, replacing them with more melodic seeds, clean and then decorate their rattle with wood burned designs, paint, feathers, and leather of their choice. Students will be able to take home their completed gourd rattle at the end of the class session. Class size is limited to 8 participants. Deadline for registration is July 3, 2008. Lunch is on your own or bring a sack lunch.

The class fee of \$47 includes instruction and all materials for completion of the gourd rattle. If you have questions, please contact Kay Neumayr (NCGLNAC Cultural Arts Classes Chair) at 765-426-3022 or kay.neumayr@ncglnac.com.

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

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