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NCGLNAC Lecture Series – Session 3

Portland, Indiana – October 22, 2008. Learn about Great Lakes Native American culture and history by attending the last lecture of the 2008 three-part series sponsored by National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture, Inc. (NCGLNAC) and hosted by the Jay County Historical Society. The lecture is Saturday, November 1, begins at 5 p.m. and is free and open to the public. The Jay County Historical Society Museum is located at 903 East Main Street in Portland.

Robin McBride Scott, Cherokee descent, will discuss the fur trade era and its impact on the material culture of the Great Lakes Native peoples. The fur trade brought more than guns, pots and knives to the Native Peoples of the Great Lakes region. It brought with it new materials, ideas, styles and ways of thinking that were not found in traditional culture. This lecture will discuss the traditional arts of Great Lakes Native peoples and how the advent of the Fur Trade affected the development of styles, designs, and materials used in the material culture and the ways of viewing the world around them. Mrs. Scott is a nationally-recognized artist and lecturer. In addition, her research into river cane basketry has resulted in her being chosen by the Smithsonian Museum in their 40th Annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, DC. The Festival featured *Carriers of Culture: Living Native Basket Traditions*. The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian honored Mrs. Scott again by naming her one of 6 visiting artists selected to participate in their 2008 Native Arts Program. This lecture coincides with the NCGLNAC Fall Friendship Fire celebration November 1 and 2.

Please plan to join us for this very informative lecture and learn more about local Native American and Great Lakes tribal history and culture. For more information contact Kay Neumayr at 765-426-3022 or kay.neumayr@ncglnac.com.

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