



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

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 15 years, the Center's tribal elders, tradition bearers and members have been presenting at workshops, symposia, university classrooms, conferences, powwows, elementary and middle schools, libraries and other cultural and educational events. We look forward to helping Native peoples and the general public, urban cultural centers, universities, public and private elementary and secondary schools, and Elderhostel 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.

2008 NCGLNAC events include:

- **April 5 – Lecture Series Session 1.** Sara Wagar, tribal elder and former principal chief of the Piqua Shawnee tribe will discuss the impact of the ever-advancing white invasion of the Shawnee homeland during the latter half of the 1700s on the Shawnee people and their way of life. 5 p.m. Jay Historical Society. Free and open to the public.
- **April 5 & 6 – Spring Cultural Arts Classes.** Four classes will be offered, including a field trip to ancient area mounds and enclosures, birch bark baskets, porcupine quill work, and men's ribbon shirts. Women's Building, Jay County Fairgrounds. \$75 (\$50 NCGLNAC members). All classes are open to anyone over the age of 12.
- **April 19 – Academic Conference.** *Current Research in Great Lakes Native American Culture.* Six nationally-known and respected speakers will present their research on topics relevant to Great Lakes Native Peoples. \$30 includes lunch, students \$20. John Jay Center for Learning, Portland. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Teachers, students, educators, historians, and general public welcome and encouraged to attend.
- **May 17 – Children's Class.** Native Americans found everything necessary for life in the world around them. Dani Tippmann, Miami, will teach children some of the secrets of Miami and everyday life skills. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ages 6 and up welcome. \$10 per person. Jay County Public Library.
- **May 17 – Lecture Series Session 2.** John Dunnagan, Miami Vice-Chief and tribal historian, will discuss Miami tribal history and the struggles of the Miami people in Indiana, their homeland. 5 p.m. Jay Historical Society. Free and open to the public.

- **June 7 & 8 – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of Great Lakes Nations Pow Wow.** Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Grounds. Celebration of Great Lakes Native American Culture with drums, singers, dancers, Native American foods, vendors, blanket traders, pre-1840 living history camp. Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Grand Entries at 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 12 noon Sunday. \$4 per person, maximum \$15 per car, children under 12 free. Free parking. Public encouraged to join in celebration. *This event is made possible, in part, by Arts Place, Inc., the Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.*
- **August 4 – Native American Concert. Location: Bearcreek Farms, Bryant.** Award-winning Cherokee recording artist Michael Jacobs will perform an incredible blend of Native American and American “roots” music, a mixture of pop, rock, folk and the Native American flute. Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$10 for students. Contact Bearcreek Farms at 260-997-6822. [www.sacrednation.com](http://www.sacrednation.com)
- **August 4 – 8 – Summer Cultural Arts Classes.** Week-long workshops will teach beadwork, sterling silversmithing, personal gourd rattles, antler and bone carving, cedar boxes, women’s traditional dance and traditional living skills. Other classes are not finalized. \$95 (\$70 NCGLNAC members) for each 2 ½ day class. All classes are open to anyone over the age of 12. Women’s Building, Jay County Fairgrounds.
- **August 4 – 8 – Children’s Cultural Arts Classes.** Week-long workshop for children ages 6 and up. Children will learn about Great Lakes Native American peoples that lived in the Jay county area in the past, and still live in Jay County today. Different teacher each day featuring crafts, art work, games, storytelling and folklore. \$15 per day includes lunch. All classes open to anyone 6 and up. Women’s Building, Jay County Fairgrounds.
- **September 13 – Cultural Arts Class.** Nita Norcross will teach beaded, porcupine quill drop earrings seen so often at pow wows. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Class is open to anyone over the age of 12. \$25 per person includes all materials. Jay Public Library.
- **November 1 – Lecture Series Session 3.** Robin McBride Scott will discuss the fur trade era and its impact on the material culture of the Great Lakes native peoples. Jay Historical Society. 5 p.m. Free and open to the public.
- **November 1 & 2 – Fall Friendship Fire.** A gathering of members and friends for education, fellowship, site tours, a small craft project and lectures. Anyone over the age of 12 is welcome to attend. \$30 per person includes Saturday evening dinner. Women’s Building, Jay County Fairgrounds.

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.

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.

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