

Homecoming 2025: The Lenape Speak

2nd annual conference focusing
on Lenape culture

Friday, Nov. 7 &
Saturday, Nov. 8



Pocono Campus
Northampton Community College
2411 Route 715, Tannersville, PA

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SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Session Descriptions & Times (C - G)

Conversational Lenape for Beginners, Unami Dialect - *Interactive Workshop*

Offered: Friday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm and 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Workshop capacity: 30

Participants will learn beginner words and phrases in the Unami dialect of the Lenape Language and practice speaking in circles and in conversation. *Recommended only for newcomers and beginners in the Unami Dialect of the Lenape Language; may be below the level of intermediate and advanced speakers.*

Eastern Woodlands Bead Embroidery - *Interactive Workshop*

Offered: Friday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Workshop capacity: 20

Participants will learn and practice the basic technique of Eastern Woodlands Bead Embroidery: one- and two-needle flat stitch and basic design. All materials provided; no experience necessary.

Fire Drill Craft with Bow Drill - *Interactive Workshop*

Offered: Saturday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Workshop capacity: 20

Participants will learn how to construct a traditional bow drill, construct their own, and see a demonstration of starting a fire with a bow drill. All materials provided; no experience necessary.

Free Roam Exhibit *Enduring Presence 2025: Art of the Fourth Crow* with Artists - *Interactive Workshop*

Offered: Friday from 3:30 - 5:30 pm and Saturday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Workshop capacity: 30

Participants may examine the new exhibit, *Enduring Presence 2025: Art of the Fourth Crow*, at their leisure, and converse one-on-one with some of the contributing artists.

Gender in Lenape Culture - *Panel Discussion*

Offered: Friday from 10:30 - 11:30 am and Saturday from 9:15 - 10:15 am

Capacity: no limit

Panelists will discuss gender roles in Lenape culture, including the prominence of women, traditional and contemporary perspectives of "Two-Spirits," and M.M.I.W. (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women) advocacy.

Session Descriptions & Times (G - L)

Guided Curation & Discussion of Exhibit, *Enduring Presence 2025: Art of the Fourth Crow* - Interactive Workshop

Offered: Friday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Workshop capacity: 30

Participants will receive a guided tour and curation of the new exhibit, *Enduring Presence 2025: Art of the Fourth Crow*, by the curator and some of the contributing artists.

Intro to Loom Beading - Interactive Workshop

Offered: Friday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Friday from 3:30 - 5:30 pm, Saturday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Workshop capacity: 20

Participants will learn and practice the basic techniques required to warp and weave on a beading loom. All materials provided; no experience necessary.

Lenape Children's Games for Parents and Educators - Interactive Workshop

Offered: Friday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Friday from 3:30 - 5:30 pm, Saturday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Workshop capacity: 30

Participants will learn how to make and play various traditional Lenape games. Recommended for youth and parents or educators of youth, but all are welcome!

Lenape Drumming & Dancing - Interactive Workshop

Offered: Friday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm, 3:30 - 5:30 pm, Saturday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Workshop capacity: 30

Participants will learn the history and culture of Lenape drumming and dancing, and will have the opportunity to participate in social dances.

Lenape Ethnobotany - Panel Discussion

Offered: Friday from 10:30 - 11:30 am and Saturday from 10:30 - 11:30 am

Capacity: no limit

Panelists will discuss traditional Lenape horticulture practices and the medicinal, ceremonial, and food uses of various traditionally and currently used plants.

Session Descriptions & Times (L - M)

Lenape Food Custom & Sovereignty - Panel Discussion

Offered: Friday from 10:30 - 11:30 am

Capacity: no limit

Panelists will discuss the history and present of Lenape food practices, including the physical and cultural damage done by the colonial diet and current initiatives to farm food and provide for Lenape people.

Lenape Hand Drum & Flute - Interactive Workshop

Offered: Friday from 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Workshop capacity: 30

Participants will learn about the role of the hand-drum and flute in Lenape culture, and will practice the rudiments of how to play both instruments. Individual instruments provided.

Lenape Language in Conversation and Song, Unami Dialect - Interactive Workshop

Offered: Friday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Workshop capacity: 30

Participants will learn some basic Lenape language in the Unami dialect, use it to converse with each other, and learn about the language as used in traditional song and ceremony. Singing along is invited and encouraged, but not required!

Lenape Language Revitalization - Panel Discussion

Offered: Friday from 9:15 - 10:15 am and Saturday from 9:15 - 10:15 am

Capacity: no limit

Panelists will discuss the history and current state of the extremely endangered Lenape language, including current revitalization efforts.

Music in Lenape Culture: Drum and Flute - Panel Discussion

Offered: Friday from 10:30 - 11:30 am and Saturday from 9:15 - 10:15 am

Capacity: no limit

Panelists will discuss the history, symbolism, and role of the drum and flute in Lenape culture, and will offer examples of songs.

Session Descriptions & Times (N - P)

Nature Walk and Scavenger Hunt - *Interactive Workshop*

Offered: Friday from 3:30 - 5:30 pm and Saturday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Workshop capacity: 30

Participants will be led on a guided tour of the beautiful nature of the campus, and will learn about the traditional and contemporary uses of some of the plants they encounter. Participants will also engage in a scavenger hunt to test their learning concerning Lenape language and custom in regards to nature.

Orange Shirt Pin Crafting - *Interactive Workshop*

Offered: Friday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Workshop capacity: 20

Participants will learn and practice using one needle flat stitch, creating an Orange Shirt pin - a symbol of the "Every Child Matters" movement. All materials provided; no experience necessary.

Peyote Stitch Beadwork - *Interactive Workshop*

Offered: Friday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Workshop capacity: 20

Participants will learn the history and beginner-level craft of Peyote Stitch, a common and beloved Native American beading technique. All materials provided; no experience necessary.

Pine Needle Basketry - *Interactive Workshop*

Offered: Friday from 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Workshop capacity: 20

Participants will learn and practice the basic construction technique to make a traditional pine needle basket. All materials provided; no experience necessary.

Porcupine Quillwork on Birchbark - *Interactive Workshop*

Offered: Saturday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Workshop capacity: 20

Participants will learn and practice the traditional technique of inserting porcupine quills into birchbark to create a design that can be attached to items such as the lid of a small craft box. All materials provided; no experience necessary.

Session Descriptions & Times (R - S)

Relationships between Organizations and Indigenous Communities - Interactive Workshop

Offered: Saturday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Workshop capacity: 30

Participants will engage in roundtable discussions with NCC leadership behind the Homecoming conference, to workshop strategies for being an organizational ally and learn the approaches NCC has taken to build a relationship with the Lenape that is driven by justice, equity, and inclusion. Recommended for members of organizations that have a history of, or interest in, collaborating with the Lenape people.

Religion & Spirituality in Lenape Communities - Panel Discussion

Offered: Friday from 9:15 - 10:15 am and Saturday from 10:30 - 11:30 am

Capacity: no limit

Panelists will discuss religion and spirituality as it exists among Lenape people and culture, including pre-colonial custom and contemporary religious diversity.

Screening and Q&A: *Keepers of the Way* - Panel Discussion

Offered: Friday from 9:15 - 10:15 am and Saturday from 10:30 - 11:30 am

Capacity: no limit

Attendees will watch the award-winning short film *Keepers of the Way* (about 20 minutes), which documents the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania's 2019 *Walking Purchase Healing Journey*, a two-day trek up the path of the infamous "Walking Purchase" to educate the public about the historical travesty and heal some of the lingering pain that surrounds it. Afterwards, the audience will be invited to engage in Q&A with the filmmaker and members of the LNPA (about 30 minutes).

Screening and Q&A: *Nisheneit Ahas: Art Cancelling Erasure* - Interactive Workshop

Offered: Friday from 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Workshop capacity: 30

Participants will watch an exclusive screening of *Nisheneit Ahas: Art Cancelling Erasure* (about 100 minutes), which captures a panel discussion with the filmmaker, artists, and Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania members involved with the *Desolation* project - a multimodal artistic journey addressing the period of colonial genocide of the Lenape people. The *Desolation* project encompasses a documentary, graphic novel, and the 8' x 24' mural displayed in the *Enduring Presence 2025: Art of the Fourth Crow* exhibit. Following the screening, participants will engage in a small-group discussion/Q&A with the filmmaker and members of the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania (about 15 minutes).

Session Descriptions & Times (S)

Screening and Q&A: *River of Human Beings: The Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania's Rising Nation*

River Journey - Interactive Workshop

Offered: Saturday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Workshop capacity: 30

Participants will watch an exclusive screening of the documentary *River of Human Beings: The Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania's Rising Nation River Journey* (about 90 minutes) and participate in a small group discussion/Q&A with the filmmakers and the River Journey Coordinator (about 25 minutes). The *Rising Nation River Journey* is a 3–4-week event, held every four years, in which the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania invites the public to kayak/canoe the length of the Lenape Sipu ("Delaware River") and/or to sign the Treaty of Renewed Friendship, a commitment to Indigenous advocacy and environmental stewardship.

Storytelling - Panel Discussion

Offered: Friday from 9:15 - 10:15 am, Saturday from 9:15 - 10:15 am, Saturday from 10:30 - 11:30 am

Capacity: no limit

Attendees will be treated to oral stories told by Lenape storytellers. Each session will be different, though there may be some overlap.

During the extended lunch and dinner periods, Lenape speakers will be staffing tables at which attendees can ask questions, see crafting demonstrations, and purchase educational materials, craftwork, advocacy items, and more.

Some tables will accept credit cards, but it is recommended that you bring cash or a debit card (A.T.M. on site) if you might be interested in purchasing items from the tables.