Daswëndio:go'

ASLP is working on a new fundraiser, a gift card raffle. The donated cards will be put together and you will get a chance to win the prize! Be on the lookout for flyers and more information.

An open sewing group is in the works! People will be able to bring their projects down and work to complete them. There may be potential group projects and potluck dishes will be welcomed! Be on the lookout for finalized dates and times.

Frank is busy getting the maple tapping supplies and gear ready for tapping in a few weeks. We are hoping to make a few more maple products this season in addition to syrup.

Please feel free to contact the Onöndowa:ga’ Gawë:nö’ Nadö:diyeö:je’ koh Department if you have any comments or questions at (716) 532-8162. We will be happy to assist you in anyway we can.

Gawë:nö’ lesson: Wahda’ - Maple

It's almost time to hang the pails for Maple tapping. Here are a few short and simple phrases to use while you are making your maple syrup.

1. Wahda’
2. Osheda’
3. Déödiöda’is
4. Hënöhge:ota’
5. Hadiyäno:ta’
6. Ganö’ja’
7. Ganö’dzokas
8. Ganö’ji:h
9. Agyö:gwëh
10. Onyaës
11. Éjonyaëhse:k
12. O’ga:sde’t
13. Ga:dë:s
14. O’gadëshe’t

In Ganyo’ö:ka’
1. Maple
2. Syrup
3. They'll tap the tree (they’ll make a hole in the tree)
4. They tap the tree
5. They’re tapping the trees
6. Pail
7. The pail is leaking
8. I’ve collected it
9. Pail full
10. It boils
11. It will keep boiling
12. I boiled it down
13. It’s thick
14. It got thick
Teen Craft Club

Mondays
6pm - 8pm
Sully Huff Heritage Center

Free and open to all teens. Club will work on projects in collaboration with members of the Native Roots Artists Guild and the SNI Cattaraugus Language Dept.

For more info, call: 716-532-8161

Conversational Seneca Class

Thursdays
6:30pm - 8pm
Rm #1118, Allegany Language Dept., 25 Center St., Salamanca

Taught by Jano's

Video & Audio Conferencing now available

For more info, call: 716-945-1790

Snowsnake Tourney

Feb. 24th & 25th
9am
Kayanase, 993 Highway #54, Ohsweken

Come out and enjoy this traditional Haudenosaunee Winter Game!

For more info, call: 519-770-0013

Bee Keeping Presentation

Feb. 20th
Blue Room, Lionel R. John Health Center, Salamanca

Presented by Ira Jones as part of the Allegany Traditional Medicine & Healing Group

Light refreshments will be available

For more info, call: Rosalind at 716-945-5894 x 3359

Winter Fun Week

Feb. 20th - 23rd
Seneca Art & Culture Center at Ganondagan, 7000 Country Road 41, Victor, NY

Various hands on activities and games throughout the week including daily make and take crafts.

$6 adult & $3 kid admission rates

For more info: call 585-924-5848

Native American Winter Games

Feb. 24th
Seneca Art & Culture Center at Ganondagan, 7000 Country Road 41, Victor, NY

Snowsnake, dog sled demo, storytelling, social dancing and snow boat races.

$10 family admission rates.

For more info: call 585-924-588
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<td>Feb. 22nd</td>
<td>6pm - 8pm</td>
<td>NACS, 1005 Grant St., Buffalo,</td>
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<td><strong>Iroquois Song &amp; Dance</strong></td>
<td>Every 2nd &amp; 4th Thursday</td>
<td>5pm - 8pm</td>
<td>Buffalo Native Resource Center, 533 Amherst St., Buffalo</td>
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<td><strong>Seneca Language Class</strong></td>
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<td>Feb. 7th</td>
<td>6pm - 8pm</td>
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<td>Only 10 spots available, reservations required. Class taught by Aëdza:'niyo. To sign up, call: 716-532-3341</td>
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<td><strong>Beading Circle</strong></td>
<td>Feb. 8th &amp; 22nd</td>
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<td>44 Seneca St., TV Room</td>
<td>Stop by for an evening of laughs with friends new and old. Bring your projects down. A dish to pass is always welcomed!</td>
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<td><strong>Dinner, Basket Raffle &amp; Cake walk</strong></td>
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<td>To benefit the Great Law of Peace recital to be hosted in Tuscarora later this year. Dinner at 3pm, Basket raffle til 6pm, Cake walk til 9pm. For more info, call: Anita at 716-940-2547</td>
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Teen Craft Club update

The Teen Craft Club has been steadily making, completing and moving on to new projects since it’s inception this past fall. The group has made moccasins, painted mini canvases, beaded floral medallions and painted Christmas ornaments.

They have moved on to a new project, caribou tufting! It’s a bit of a messy project since each tuft consists of a bunch of caribou hair cut from the hide, which is then tied to the material and then cut & trimmed to the desired shape. The group is making valentine hearts for their mothers.

Pictured below, Tehya is trimming the caribou hair down from the wild muppet mound to the more recognizable petal shape of a flower. This is the messy part of the process. Don’t do this without a lint roller or tape to pick up the trimmed hair. Pictured below Tehya, are pieces of the dyed and undyed caribou hide pieces. The hide itself is white. Small pieces were cut and then dyed in rit dye of various colors to give the shades necessary to make the projects.

Also shown are some examples of the caribou tufting projects in the various stages of completion as well as an example of the floral beaded medallion necklace.

Once the hearts are complete with the tufts all shaped and the words beaded, each will be backed with a matching calico. The hearts will then be edged with some complementary colored beads.

So far all the projects are looking good!
Here is a curious story about a time when trees could talk...

There was an era when Spring ruled throughout the year. Winter was jealous of this. He met with his friends and decided to take control from Spring. With the help of his friends Frost and Whirlwind, he fought and sent Spring & his friends south.

Winter was almost happy. But what Winter hated most, was the rustling of the green leaves on the trees. The green plumage told of a time when Spring would once again rule the land. He decided to have Frost turn the leaves brilliant colors. He would then have Whirlwind scream and whip the leaves from the branches of the trees.

The trees heard the plan and decided not to listen. Pine was the most vocal of all. There were a group of trees who called a meeting of all their kind. Red Pine, Red Cedar, Cypress, Juniper, Hemlock, Spruce and Balsam attended the meeting. Together they decided they would not falter under all of Winters demands. They looked around to see if any others would stand with them. The only tree to step up was Oak.

Oak said “I am not of your kind. I have broad leaves, but I am a friend of Spring and Sun. I will stand on the hill and defy Winters blasts. I will rattle my leaves in his face. I promise to hold my leaves, come what may. I shall hold them, brown and tattered they may be, until new buds appear.”

Autumn came and at the first demand of Frost, Oak’s leaves turned scarlet. Pine’s group refused to obey. When Whirlwind brought rain and cold, many leaves fell from the other trees but still none of Pine’s group faltered.

Frost shouted for the leaves to fall but Oak only rattled his leaves. Frost took out his anger on all the remaining green trees. Frost chilled the air. He chilled the ground. He chilled the water. He chilled the trunks of the trees until they resounded to the strokes of his war club when he struck them!

The trees called out “We are brave! We are strong! Frost shall not blight the promise of Spring’s return!”

Round and round went the moon. It grew full and waned five times before Spring conquered Winter and sent him and his friends back to the North. The warmth of Sun returned and brought back the glow of growth to the earth. Sun warmed Oak and rustling his leaves, he prepared his new buds.

Since that time, Pine and all of its kind, hold forth the promise of spring’s return and their greenery are the despair of Winter & his friends.

Departments Collaborate

By Ari Logan

Over the past four weeks these ladies from Employment and training department completed a skirt as part of their cultural component. It has been a joy to work with these individuals. I look forward to working with them in the future.

(Left to right: Jackie John, Kellie Maybee, Vikki Bennett & Lauryn Williams)
**Gakö:ni:h Ganö’ja’ - Ogo:wä’ (acorn) Muffins**

By Hank Shaw*

**Ingredients:**
- 1 1/3 cup buttermilk
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/3 cup melted butter or nut oil (walnut, hazelnut, pecan)
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract (opt.)
- 1/2 cup wheat bran
- 1/2 cup acorn flour
- 1 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup acorn grits or minced chestnuts, pecans or walnuts
- 1/4 cup fresh or frozen berries (lingonberries, blueberries, etc.)
- 2 tbsp. caster or maple sugar (opt.)

**Utensils:**
- Measuring cups & spoons
- Mixing bowls
- Whisk
- Rubber spatula
- Muffin tin
- Cooling Rack

**Directions:**
1. Preheat the oven to 425°F. Grease a muffin tin with butter or something similar.

2. Whisk together the buttermilk, egg, oil, brown sugar and vanilla extract in a bowl. Whisk together the wheat bran, acorn flour, all purpose-flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a large bowl.

3. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ones and add the acorn grits and berries. Stir to combine. You want a thick, sticky batter. Add a little buttermilk if it’s too tight, one tablespoon at a time.

4. Fill the muffin tin with the batter evenly, then sprinkle the maple sugar over them as a topping. Bake for 15 to 18 minutes, until a toothpick comes out cleanly when poked into a muffin. Remove from the oven and let sit for 10 minutes before turning out onto a cooling rack.

These will keep in a closed container from about five days.

Editor’s note: I’m always on the look out for acorn recipes. In one of the versions of the creation story, the woman who is to become known as Skywoman, makes acorn mush for the man she is to marry. That was really the first time I had ever heard of anyone using acorns as food. Since then I have been more aware of potential wild edibles and recipes that use our traditional foods.

*Recipe & picture from: https://honestfood.net/acorn-muffins-recipe/

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**Make your own Valentine Pops!**

Make the traditional Rice Krispy treat mixture: 3 tablespoons butter, 40 large marshmallows, 6 cups rice krispies. You will also need: melting chocolate & lollipop sticks.

1. Melt butter in large saucepan. Stir in marshmallows and heat until melted, add in rice krispies. Wet or oil hands and press mixture into heart shapes. Place hearts on wax paper. Insert a cookie stick into the heart. Slightly re-shape heart if needed.

2. Melt white chocolate or almond bark in shallow dish. Dip top of heart in the melted chocolate. It can also be spooned on the heart and smoothed with the back of the spoon. Before the chocolate hardens, sprinkle with decorations.

3. Once coating is completely hard, cover with a clear plastic bag (I trimmed the length) and tie with a ribbon.

Picture & activity from: https://www.skiptomylou.org

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