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The "Sully"

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SNI Cattaraugus Territory



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programming updates

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 28th** – After School
Language
Program Info night
& application, 5pm
- Oct. 9th** – AFSL Program
application
deadline, 4:30pm
- Oct. 19th** – AFSL Program
starts

Updates from the Sully:

As we gear up for the change in the seasons, our staff is busy preparing for the upcoming After School Language Program. We will have an information night where we will be handing out the application. We will have a question and answer session about the application process and expectations for each After School group. We want our the community, especially the families of the children attending our programming to have the best idea of what to expect both from our staff, our programs and what is expected from them as we move forward during the 2026-2027 school year.

Classes offered at the Sully

By Samantha Jacobs

I am always on the lookout for events and classes to have here at the Sully. I would need to know what the class would be making, supply cost or cost of kits, proposed class times and dates or number of sessions needed to successfully complete the project. I would also need to know if there was a suggested age limit and max class size. I would also need a photo of the project for advertising purposes.

Anyone interested in hosting or

Inside this issue of the Gai:wanöhge' you will find flyers and updates about the offerings here at the Sully.

teaching a class here at the Sully should send a class proposal and project photo to Samantha.Jacobs@sni.org. I look forward to hearing from our talented community!

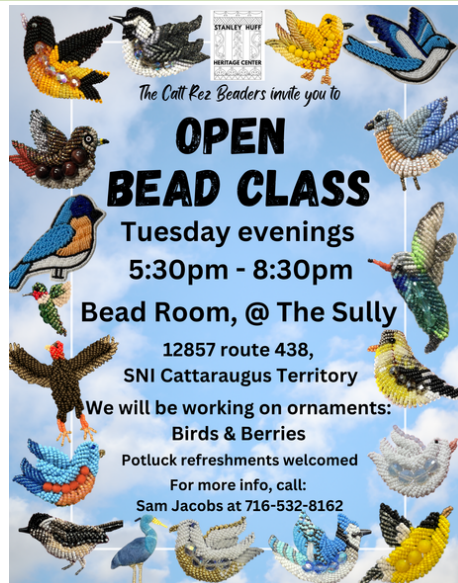
Photos from leather tooling class with Cliff Redeye



Upcoming events at the Sully



Open Tufting Sessions
Oct. 1st, Nov. 12th & Dec. 3rd
6pm - 8pm
Bead Room @ the Sully
 12857 Route 438, SNI Cattaraugus Territory
 Facilitated by Samantha Jacobs
 Bring your tufting projects to work on
 Potluck snacks welcomed
 For more info, call:
 Sam Jacobs at 716-532-8162



The Catt Rez Beaders invite you to
OPEN BEAD CLASS
 Tuesday evenings
 5:30pm - 8:30pm
 Bead Room, @ The Sully
 12857 route 438,
 SNI Cattaraugus Territory
 We will be working on ornaments:
 Birds & Berries
 Potluck refreshments welcomed
 For more info, call:
 Sam Jacobs at 716-532-8162



Pincushion Basket Class
 With Penny Minner
October 5th
5pm - 9pm
Stanley Huff Heritage Center
 12857 Route 438, SNI Cattaraugus Territory
 Free class, all supplies provided
 Small Class Size (10)
 To register, call: 716-945-5426



Artist 101
 workshop series
OCT 21ST
6PM - 7:30PM
STANLEY HUFF HERITAGE CENTER
 12857 ROUTE 438, SNI CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY
 Learn the ins and outs of taking that leap
 from art hobby to full time Artist
 This session will cover: Wholesale v. Retail sales,
 Taxes: Self-employment, expenses & payments
 FOR MORE INFO, CALL:
 SAM JACOBS 716-532-8162



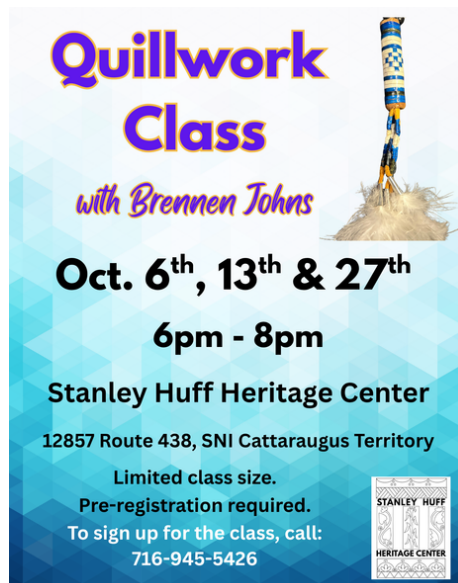
Artist 101
 workshop series
NOV. 16TH
6PM - 7:30PM
STANLEY HUFF HERITAGE CENTER
 12857 ROUTE 438,
 SNI CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY
 This session will cover:
 Class - Pricing, Proposals
 & Supplies
 FOR MORE INFO, CALL:
 SAM JACOBS 716-532-8162



Artist 101
 workshop series
DEC. 14TH
6PM - 7:30PM
STANLEY HUFF HERITAGE CENTER
 12857 ROUTE 438,
 SNI CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY
 This session will cover:
 Applications for
 Juried Art shows
 FOR MORE INFO, CALL:
 SAM JACOBS 716-532-8162



TRUNK OR TREAT
Oct. 29th
5:30pm - 6:30pm
Stanely Huff Heritage Center
 12857 Route 438, SNI Cattaraugus Territory
 Open to the Community
 Free Family Event
 Let us know you're setting up, call: 716-945-5426



Quillwork Class
 with Brennen Johns
Oct. 6th, 13th & 27th
6pm - 8pm
Stanley Huff Heritage Center
 12857 Route 438, SNI Cattaraugus Territory
 Limited class size.
 Pre-registration required.
 To sign up for the class, call:
 716-945-5426



Hunting 101 Series
 Focus: Safety, Gear & Track ID
Oct. 17th
9am - 12noon
Stanley Huff Heritage Center
 12857 Route 438, SNI Cattaraugus Territory
 For Moms with children (6+)
 interested in hunting & new hunters
 Dress for the weather
 Open to the Community
 To register, call: 716-945-5426

Summer Language Program Wrap Up: Grades 5-7 Group

By Marcus Waterman

Nya:wëh sgë:nö'!

The Sully Huff Heritage Center had another fun and meaningful summer program. Six weeks really does go by fast when you're having fun. We had a good group of 15 students entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. We had a busy summer. We took trips to the creek and even harvested some clay for our pottery class. Cami Jones set up a creek day with us and a group of kids from Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center which was led by Derice Whitcomb and Ashley Miller. The day was spent harvesting clay, playing in the creek and roasting hot dogs. A big Nya:wëh to the Salamanca group for getting pizza and wings also! Cami taught the kids how to mold pots and fire them. She also spent some time with the kids in the garden and helped them make salsa. Nya:wëh Cami!

We played some of our traditional games often and even made some of our own equipment. Our group would get together with the education program's group to play long ball. Watching the kids compete in our traditional games is always one of my favorite things about summer. Nya:wëh to the education program group for your participation!

We are fortunate to have so many talented people on our staff. Marissa Corwin and Karlene Familo taught our students how to braid corn husk and showed them what they could make with corn husk. Darice Sampson showed the kids how to use a sewing machine, and they made cell phone holders. I would like to express our gratitude to Marissa, Karlene and Darice for sharing their gifts with our students.

Nya:wëh!

Every Tuesday our three Summer groups would get together for a social. Travis Stafford and his ceremonial group would take charge and teach the kids how the dances go and some history about each dance. Our students really appreciated Travis' explanations and the singers for their help. Nya:wëh! Our boys really stepped up this year as well. As a group we learned a short speech to announce the songs and who would be singing and every one of our boys stood up and announced this year! Swaja:göh!

The group did really well learning more words to open and close each day with ganö:nyök, as well as give thanks to the creator with adowë' and towisas songs. I'm really proud of this group and I am confident that they will continue learning our language and traditional ways to be able to carry on in the future. The whole building really comes together to show the kids why they should be proud of their culture and heritage. O'tgwanö:nyö:'. Da:h ne'hoh.

Photos: 5-7 Group enjoying their summer



After School Language Program 2026–2027: 5th–7th Grade Group

By Marcus Waterman

From the teachers of the Stanley "Sully" Huff Heritage Center After School Program group 5–7:

We are actively preparing for the 2026–2027 After School program. First of all, every class will begin with Ganö:nyök. Being thankful for everything the Creator has provided for us is an important part of our culture. We intend to focus on a different topic each month.

Each week we will have a noun day and verb day which relates to the topic. We will practice conjugating the verb into me, you, he and she forms. Our goal is to expose the students to as much Seneca language as we can while they are in our classroom. Students who attend classes regularly and year after year will see significant progress.

When we select our 15 students, we will select students that have been in our programs previously and show interest in our language and culture. Every year I truly wish we could accept every applicant. That is the hardest part of this job. We also take into consideration the interest and

dedication of the parents/guadians of our students. We hope they share our enthusiasm about our traditional ways and encourage their children to try their best.

One day each week will be dedicated to a discussion of our ceremonial procedures and history of our people. The last day of the week will be a game/video day. We will have a game activity to play and/or we will make a video showcasing what the students are learning. Engaging the students in gainful activities will help their retention of the topics as well as motivate them to come to class. We want the students to have fun while they learn. Our students will be encouraged to use what they learn. This can be the hardest part about learning a language, having the confidence to use it in everyday situations. We will try to instill this confidence in our students. We look forward to another successful year of After School at the Stanley "Sully" Huff Heritage Center.

Upcoming Pottery Classes with Cami Jones

Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center (OCC): 11am – 2pm, AOA Pottery: 10am – 12pm, Advanced Open Pottery @ the Sully: 5pm – 7pm, Beginner Open Pottery @ the Sully: 5pm – 7pm

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 @ OCC	3
4	5 AOA Pottery	6 Advanced Open Pottery	7 Beginner's Pottery	8	9	10
11	12	13 Advanced Open Pottery	14 Beginner's Pottery	15 AOA Pottery	16 @ OCC	17
18	19 AOA Pottery	20 Advanced Open Pottery	21 Beginner's Pottery	22 AOA Pottery	23	24
25	26	27 Advanced Open Pottery	28 Beginner's Pottery	29	30 @ OCC	31



ADVANCED Open Pottery Studio
WITH CAMI

Tuesday Nights 5–7pm
Stanley "Sully" Huff Heritage Center Pottery Studio

5–10 CLASSES OR MONTHS/YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

Text (716) 331-7784 with any questions

Open Pottery Studio for BEGINNERS
WITH CAMI



Wenesdays 5–7pm

Stanley "Sully" Huff Heritage Center Pottery Studio

(716) 331-7784 with questions

0-5 classes of experience

Summer Language Program Wrap Up: Grades 3-5

By Brittany Maybee

During the summer, our classroom and curriculum included clean water, outdoor safety, crick walks and much more! We collaborated with SNI Conservation with topics such as fishing, archery, trapping, safety, and plant/animal identification. The students enjoyed learning about animal identification using the furs of the common animals within our area. One highlight was that the children were able to trap a large raccoon on the first night. It was good to see their pride. The raccoon was then released to a different part of the woods.

Each morning, our students participated with a portion of the Ganö:nyök. Our classroom also joined the older group in the singing of adowë' and wënö:towisa:s (moon songs). A social dance was held each week with all the groups and that was enjoyable for us all. A favorite summer activity was our fast walks to the creek. The children loved enjoying the cool water on hot days and collecting crayfish, which were then given to Conservation for the Blandings turtles. We spent as much time as we could being outdoors. The children really enjoyed the mud kitchen and the lookout platform. The boys played lacrosse during free time unless a group game was suggested by friends.

We appreciate the help from a few of our Stanley Huff staff, Ganödagai', Darice and Marissa. Ganödagai' was very helpful on our nature walks. He shared knowledge of plant/medicine/tree identification. The children enjoyed tasting samples of the gum of white pine, the smells of sassafras leaves, the taste of wild raspberries and certain flowers such as the red clover. Our students learned a new form of dance with Darice and they didn't realize they were exercising. Darice also instructed the children on making a wampum bracelet/band. They used a bias weave pattern using leather, sinew and imitation wampum beads. The bands turned out very nice! In our creative arts lessons, Marissa instructed the children on making their own corn husk dolls. We loved how they turned out! Our appreciation also goes out to our cook and the bus drivers this year. Each person made a difference.

This year, the students enjoyed trips to the Chatauqua Fair, Aquarium, bowling, Explore & More, Evangola State Park and the Erie Zoo. Of course, the last trip to Darien Lake is always a good ending to our summer. Having the opportunity to not only teach, but to learn from the children is always a great experience! We all look forward to next years Summer Program 2027!



Summer Program 3-5 enjoying fishing, making cordage, the makerspace & our Conservation staff visits.

Summer Language Program Wrap Up: 1-2 Group

By Kachine Lay

The summer group for grades 1 and 2 had 10 children with three teachers facilitating. Teachers were Megan Kennedy (turtle clan), Jonathan Gill (hawk clan) and Kachine Lay (hawk clan). We facilitated land based learning, which focuses on spiritual and cultural connections to our land and our people.

Our days were mostly spent outside in the woods and in the garden. We did nature focused crafts to foster creativity and enhance our relationship with the outdoors while weaving in our language and culture. Our group learned Ganö:nyök elements and our cultural songs to give thanks. We focused on every day seneca language.

Our group enjoyed field trips to the Erie Zoo, Regal Movies, Explore & More, Aber's Acres and Darien Lake. We all enjoyed having the kids while seeing and hearing them use language, sing our songs and use our culture ways. We hope to continue this journey with all our children to better our ögwe'ö:weh identity in our upcoming After School Language Program and future summer programming.

Photos: 1-2 Group enjoying our summer programming



MakerSpace Programming

The Sully is now offering a fun family fabric printing class in the MakerSpace with Marissa Corwin Manitowabi. The family program is open to the community but limited to 12 people per session. Each session will focus on a different type of fabric printing.

You are encouraged to bring your own fabric or shirts to paint on, however we will have some white bandannas available to use. We look forward to seeing the creativity the community comes up with in these classes!

Text RSVP to 718-986-7658 to register

FABRIC PRINTING CLASS

**MakerSpace @ the Sully
Stanley Huff Heritage Center**

**12857 Route 438,
SNI Cattaraugus Territory
5:00 - 7:00 PM**

WED, OCT. 7TH

block printing: make your own stamps to print on fabric

WED, OCT. 14TH

use stencils for fabric printing

WED, OCT. 21ST

recycled printing: use your old juice containers and found objects to make fabric prints

WED, OCT. 28TH

screen printing: learn how to make a screen to make prints



Upcoming activities for the Turtle Island Women group

By Samantha Jacobs

The Turtle Island Women, NE Chapter of NAIWA have been busy fundraising and organizing upcoming community programming. The community sharing circle is a space where groups, organizations and individuals can come

together to bring awareness to issue affecting our communities. Out of these sessions we have created a space to share resources, through the Co-Op night market. If you have any items to barter or exchange, sign up for a space via email: info@turtleislandwomen.org



Artist 101 Workshop Series

By Samantha Jacobs

I just attended the 17th Annual Haudenosaunee Beadwork Conference, hosted in Kahnawake. We have so many talented people in our communities. As the Culture Learning Coordinator for the Stanley Huff Heritage Center, I'm always on the lookout for people to come in and host classes here at the Sully. Sometimes I ask and people aren't sure if they are ready to teach. That may mean, they've never shared their art with others in a formal

"Classroom" setting or they may not have the extra tools and supplies necessary to host a class. I want to help prepare people to take that jump

from hobby to professional artist. Each workshop is a stand alone session.

Stop down to the next Artist 101 workshop on October 21st or sign up for the Google Classroom, QR code below.



Inaugural Cohort: Summer Youth Traditional Arts Program

By Samantha Jacobs

The first ever Summer Youth Traditional Arts Program ran from June 29th through August 7th here at the Stanley "Sully" Huff Heritage Center. The original vision for this program was supposed to happen the summer of 2020, we all know how that went. I was glad to finally see this program come to life.

Mavi Montour, Calie Hudson and Timothy Williams were the participants in the first cohort. Each participant applied, interviewed, accepted, and then worked hard over the six weeks of the program. The intense hands-on learning via projects & field trips were designed to give the participants a crash course in Haudenosaunee Material culture. I'm proud of Mavi, Timmy & Calie for all they accomplished and learned over the summer!

The group went on some great field trips where we were able to see the historic objects that were made by our relatives and ancestors. We listened to master artists share their journeys while succeeding in their careers. We saw how Haudenosaunee Art is displayed in public and private spaces. We

went to Ganondagan, Pete Jemisons' studio, Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center, Tuscarora Field day, Faye Lone's new Longhaus of Lone, the Salamanca Antique Mall, Buffalo History Museums' Resource Center, Corning Museum of Glass, Woodland Cultural Centre, the Brant twins' Sapling & Flint, and Elizabeth Doxtators' Everything Cornhusk.

The crew started off with the hardest project first – Quilled tube necklaces, taught by the Sully's own Brennen Johns. He started our program off while I was traveling from my own classes in London. Nya:wëh Bren for being an awesome Co-teacher! The rest of the time was jammed packed with projects. The crew made center seam moccasins, ribbon skirts, breech cloth, bias weave necklaces, glass wampum bracelets, cordage, traditional dyed fabric, finger weaving, twined bags, tufted medallions, pit fired traditional clay pots & pipes, beaded pipe bags, water drums and horn rattles.

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Photos: Working with Master Artists & field trips enjoyed by the Summer Youth Traditional Arts Program



Inaugural Cohort: Summer Youth – Traditional Arts Program cont.

(cont. from page 8) Over the six weeks, the three Summer Youth Traditional Arts Program artists were guided by Brennen Johns, Samantha Jacobs and several guests artists including: Karlene Familo, Marissa Corwin Manitowabi, Cami Jones, Pete Jones, Syd John, Cliff Redeye, Penny Minner, Darice Sampson, Travis Stafford, Adrian John, Alexis Stevens, Marilyn Isaacs, Jojo Printup, Ansley Jemison, Pete Jemison, Cole Rueben, Mary Jacobs, Jare Cardinal, Al Dowdy, Johanna Crouse, Kari Karstin, Faye Lone and Elizabeth Doxtator.

This program wouldn't have been possible without the amazing community of Artists & Knowledge Holders willing to share and teach others. We:so' Nya:wëh!



I asked Mavi, Timmy & Calie to stand next to the piece they were most proud of and these were their chosen works.



Artwork created by Mavi, Timmy & Calie during the Summer Youth Traditional Arts Program 2026

