



## Celebrating Native Americans Today

October 13, 2018  
Noon to 5 p.m.

Sandy Spring Friends School (Yarnall Hall)  
16923 Norwood Road  
Sandy Spring, MD 20860

**FOR ALL AGES**

*Film Festival*

*Dancing, Drumming*

*Food*

*Art Exhibit*

*Craft Vendors*

*Speakers*

*Piscataway Mobile Museum*

*American Indian Society (Learning from the Elders)*

*Tribal Leaders*

An opportunity to Learn

Sponsored by the Baltimore Yearly Meeting  
Indian Affairs Committee

*Suggested Donation \$2. Person, \$5. Family*

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**A FESTIVAL OF INFORMATION, DANCE, FOOD and more.** For all ages. A family venue. Informative for adults. **The purpose is to raise awareness** of indigenous peoples who once were the sole residents of this land. 220,000 people in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania are Native Americans – 1% of the population. There are 11 recognized tribes in Virginia (7 are federally recognized), and 3 state recognized tribes in Maryland.

### Activities

- 12 Noon **Opening**
- 12 pm & 4 pm **Dancing, Drumming** featuring the American Indian Society of DC.
- 1 pm & 3 pm **The Piscataway Mobile Museum** - interactive activities for all ages, including music, hand drum, dance, and cultural interpretation by tribal members from the Cedarville Band.
- 2 pm **Presentation of Tribal Leaders** and discussion topics, e.g. significance of federal recognition.
- 12-5 pm **Vendors Tables** – hand made and other items exhibiting beautiful diversity of Native cultures.
- 12-5 pm **Native American Artifacts** displayed/explained; **Art work:** C Cuts the Rope, others on display.
- 12-5 pm **Food available for purchase** – traditional and delicious, provided by Native American groups.
- 12-5 pm **Documentary films:** 1) *100 Years: Fight for Justice*, 2) *Mankiller*, 3) *In Light of Reverence*.
- 12-5 pm **Information tables** - Native American organizations; Poster display, other information.
- 12-5 pm Activities for Children, including a **Native artisan** who will demonstrate beading.

### Information Sessions

- 12:30 pm **Dynamic Native American Landscape:** Smithsonian cartographer looks at 200 years of changes
- 1:15 pm **Native Americans and Legislation:** FCNL Representative of Native American Advocacy Program.
- 2:15 pm **Tribal Leaders Discuss Topics of Interest** – sovereignty & federal recognition, and other topics.
- 3:00 pm **Living as Native Americans in Today's Society** – Discussion of individual and group challenges.
- 3:30 pm **Native Americans and the Environment** – Standing Rock (Pipeline), Bears Ears Nat'l monument.
- 4:00 pm **Youth and Mascots** – Students look at sports use of Indian names, mascots and “costumes.”

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**Indian Affairs Committee** was formed in 1795 by the Baltimore Yearly Meeting out of concern for “the difficulties and distress” of Native peoples. Some early Quaker families lived with tribes for several years at a time. Quakers lobbied Congress for Indian concerns and worked to prevent relocation of 6 Iroquois tribes farther west in early 1800s. A delegation of Quakers convinced President Ulysses Grant to replace corrupt Indian agents with religious persons of integrity, and for several years served as government Indian agents. Unable to embrace government actions sometime later they resigned.

**Cedarville Band of Piscataway Conoy Tribe** The Piscataway Indian Nation was once the most populous and powerful Nation in the Chesapeake Bay region. The tribal government of the Cedarville Band, recognized by the state of Maryland, operates the Piscataway Mobile Museum to teach their culture and traditions.

**BACKGROUND: American Indian Society of Washington DC (AISDC)** Established by a group of young American Indian professionals in 1966, the AISDC works to preserve Indian Culture through teaching, customs and Arts. It celebrates the culture of indigenous nations and promotes the well-being of American Indian communities.

**BACKGROUND: Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)** Founded in 1943 by members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) to advance peace, justice, opportunity, and environmental stewardship. The nonpartisan group lobbies on Capitol Hill and works with others to live the values of integrity, simplicity and peace.

**SPONSORS** We are grateful for the generous support of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting for this event. We are also grateful for the support of Sandy Spring Friends School.

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