

The Virginia Indian Heritage Program



*A Partnership between the VFH and the
Eight State-Recognized Tribes of Virginia*



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Program Exhibits

The Program sponsors two exhibits that travel throughout Virginia and that are available for loan to Virginia museums and galleries. For more information, please contact the VIHP.

“Beyond Jamestown: Virginia Indians Past and Present” focuses on Virginia Indian history through thousands of years. It features a replicated longhouse and dugout, a one-room Indian school, and the work of nine contemporary Virginia Indian artists. Interpretive panels, historic photographs, and quotes from contemporary tribal members allow visitors to experience Virginia Indian cultures in context.

“Family Portraits: Virginian Indians at the Turn of the 20th Century” is a collection of more than 30 photographs of Virginia Indian tribal members, taken between 1895 and 1935 by such notable figures as anthropologists James Mooney and Frank Speck.



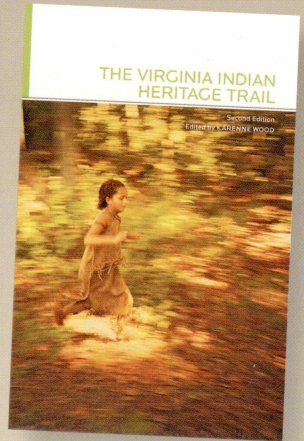
Parkey Major (Mattaponi), c. 1900, West Point, VA. Photo by James Mooney. Smithsonian Institution.

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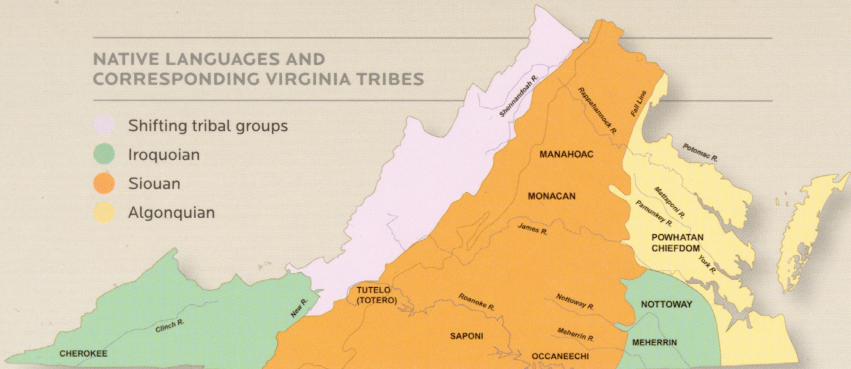
The Virginia Indian Heritage Trail is a landmark publication, created by members of the Virginia tribes. It reflects Virginia Indian perspectives on history and how that history is interpreted.

Now in its 2nd edition, *The Virginia Indian Heritage Trail* is the best general introduction to Virginia Indian history and cultures available. It appeals to a broad audience, from scholars to school children.

The volume contains information on more than two dozen tribal and interpretive sites, chosen for historical accuracy and cultural sensitivity. It also includes an overview of the history of Virginia Indians and of each of the eight state-recognized tribes; historic and contemporary photographs; lists of Virginia Indian resources and suggested readings; a guide to “Writing and Thinking about Virginia Indians” developed by the Virginia Council on Indians; a calendar of tribal powwows, heritage festivals, and other public events taking place around the state; and a *Foreword* by Chief Kenneth Adams of the Upper Mattaponi Tribe. The book won a *Scenic Virginia* award in 2007 and has been recognized as a seminal publication throughout the state.



This book is free to the public at Virginia Welcome Centers and from the VFH (with a modest shipping charge). For more information and to order copies, visit the VIHP website, www.virginiafoundation.org/VIHP.





LEFT: Chief Paul and Nanny Miles (Pamunkey), circa 1935, courtesy of Warren Cook.

BELOW: Powhatan Red Cloud-Owen (Chickahominy/Mohawk) Photo by Jane Haley/ UVA Public Affairs.



Other Activities and Resources

“**Beyond Jamestown**” **Teachers’ Institutes**, held in varying regions annually, are advertised in March to Virginia teachers via the VIHP website. For updates, check our website at www.virginiafoundation.org/VIHP.

Available from the Virginia Indian Heritage Program:

- VFH Radio’s “**Encounters**” program includes five 3-minute shows in which Virginia tribal leaders discuss topics such as cultural preservation, environmental responsibility, and education in Virginia.
- VFH Radio’s “**What Pocahontas Saw**” is a *With Good Reason* program featuring a discussion between authors Helen Rountree and Camilla Townsend on the life and legend of Pocahontas.
- ***Beyond Jamestown: Virginia Indians Past and Present*** is an activity guidebook for children, published in partnership with James Madison University’s Art Collection.
- Two audio programs, from the Virginia Festival of the Book, are available. One, entitled “**How! and Other Approaches to American Indians,**” addresses common Native stereotypes through a discussion between Gabrielle Tayac (Piscataway), historian at the National Museum of the American Indian, and Karenne Wood (Monacan), Virginia Indian Heritage Program Director. The other addresses **the legend and realities of the life of Pocahontas** and features Chief Stephen Adkins (Chickahominy), with noted authors Helen Rountree, Camilla Townsend, and Paula Gunn Allen (Laguna Pueblo). Contact the VIHP for information.



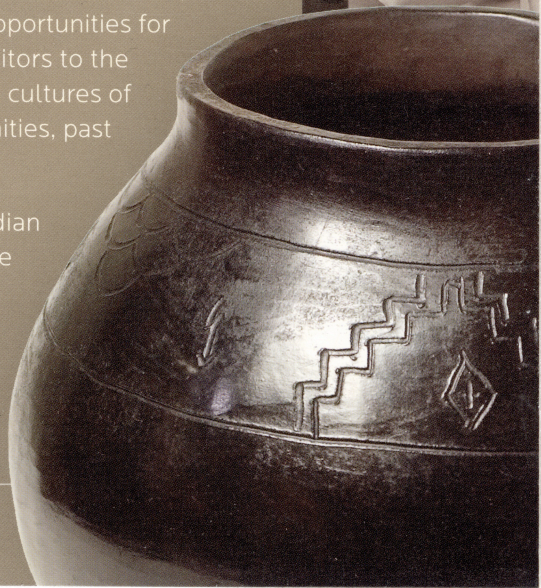
Photo courtesy of the Sappony Tribe.



About the Program

The Virginia Indian Heritage Program is helping to redress centuries of historical omission, exclusion, and misrepresentation. It creates opportunities for Virginians of all ages, as well as visitors to the state, to learn about the history and cultures of Virginia Indian people and communities, past and present.

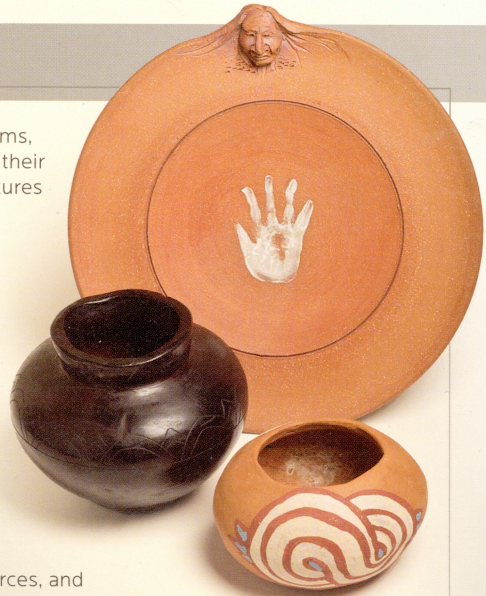
The Program interprets Virginia Indian history and cultures in ways that are accurate, culturally sensitive, and broadly accessible. Its benefits touch every citizen of Virginia, especially teachers, students, and the tribes themselves.



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Program Components

- Grants to Virginia organizations—tribes, museums, and other nonprofit organizations—to enhance their interpretation of Virginia Indian history and cultures
- Conferences, public programs, and other events focusing on Virginia Indian history and contemporary life
- Publications and educational resources on Virginia Indian history and cultures for general audiences
- *The Virginia Indian Heritage Trail* guidebook and related projects
- Exhibits and interpretive programs on Virginia Indian history and contemporary tribal communities
- Summer Teachers' Institutes, curriculum resources, and other learning opportunities for teachers and museum staff
- An online calendar of Virginia Indian public events
- Collaborative programs and partnerships
- Program website that provides news on recent developments and links to educational audio programs and other resources: www.virginiafoundation.org/VIHP



The Virginia Indian Heritage Program is the only program working statewide to educate Virginians and visitors about Native peoples. The Program is not supported by an endowment but by grants and donations. We need your help to keep this Program going: any contribution, large or small, will help us to continue our work. Please consider donating today, or contact us for more information.

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