



Discover Abenaki Heritage through a Beading Workshop at Strawberry Banke Museum

Portsmouth, NH - Strawberry Banke announced an Abenaki Heritage Beading Workshop, scheduled to take place at the Museum on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 1-3 PM. This event explores the artistry and cultural significance of Abenaki beadwork, offering participants an opportunity to connect with Indigenous traditions. The workshop costs \$50 for nonmembers and \$40 for members. Preregistration is required via StrawberyBanke.org/adult-education.

Led by Anne Jennison, who is listed on the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts Traditional Artists Roster as a traditional Native American storyteller and craftsperson, participants create a beaded medallion or earrings on birch bark to take home. With her guidance, participants learn about the significance of beadwork in Abenaki culture, explore traditional patterns and techniques, and create a unique piece of wearable art to take home.

The Abenaki Heritage Beading Workshop is offered as a part of the Museum's Abenaki Heritage Initiative, which is designed to enrich the stories of Native people in the Seacoast region as told at the Museum. Through educational programs, workshops, and partnerships with Indigenous communities, the Museum seeks to foster a greater understanding and appreciation of Abenaki culture. During April, which is New Hampshire Archeology Month, this workshop is a unique opportunity to learn more about the artistic traditions of peoples whose regional history and material culture dates over 12,000 years.

“We are thrilled to host this Beading Workshop as part of our Abenaki Heritage Initiative,” said Linnea Grim, President and CEO, Thomas W. Haas Endowed Chair. “It’s an opportunity for our community to come together, learn from Anne Jennison’s expertise, and celebrate the enduring legacy of the Abenaki people.”

The Abenaki Heritage Beading Workshop is made possible with support from The Roger R. and Theresa S. Thompson Endowment Fund.

For more information and to register, visit StrawberyBanke.org.

About Strawberry Banke Museum:

Strawbery Banke Museum, in the heart of downtown Portsmouth, NH, is a 10-acre history museum interpreting over 300 years of history, from Indigenous history to the present day, through historical houses on their original foundations, heirloom gardens, traditional crafts, and costumed roleplayers who share the stories of the families who lived in the authentic waterfront neighborhood of Puddle Dock. The Museum welcomes visitors, members, schoolchildren, and volunteers for daily programs, exhibits, skating, and signature special events throughout the year. Strawberry Banke Museum is funded in part by grants from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation; the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts & National Endowment for the Arts; the Institute of Museum and Library Services; the National Endowment for the Humanities: Democracy Demands Wisdom; the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program. For more information and a complete calendar of events, please visit StrawberyBanke.org