



# AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

## THIRD ANNUAL AMERICAN INDIAN FESTIVAL

### NOVEMBER 18, 2000 \* 10 AM - 6 P.M.

\* 101 Monroe Street \* County Executive Office Building \* 1 Block West of 355 at Montgomery Avenue \*  
Website: <http://www2.ihs.gov/heritage>

- November is annually proclaimed by the President of the United States as American Indian Heritage Month
- The American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Heritage Committee, an inter-agency coordinating committee, located at the Indian Health Service in Rockville, Maryland, annually plans American Indian Heritage awareness activities throughout the month. These activities are FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC and are accessible through the Heritage Committee website: <http://www2.ihs.gov/heritage>
- The American Indian Festival is an event co-sponsored by the AI/AN Committee, the City of Rockville, the Office of the County Executive, the Montgomery County Library System and the American Indian Society of Washington, D. C. The American Indian Festival is FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Activities of the American Indian Festival will include:
- An American Indian Video Film Festival on various American Indian Issues will be shown throughout the day.
- A history display of the WWII Navajo Code Talkers and how they thwarted the enemy with their language.
- American Indian Exhibitors demonstrating their various skills in beadwork, ribbonwork, shawlmaking, pottery, quilting, etc.
- American Indian Speakers on: Traditional Healing, Genealogy: Finding Your American Indian Roots, Maryland Indian Commission and other topics.
- American Indian Vendors with regalia, beadwork, silverwork, pottery, paintings, featherwork, jewelry, etc.
- American Indian Foods - Pawnee Corn Soup and Fry Bread, Lakota Wojape, Irquois Corn Soup and Scones, and Indian Tacos.
- American Indian "Mini-Pow Wow", 1-5 p.m., with dancers representing many tribal nations: Crow, Sioux, Caddo, Pawnee, Kiowa, Seneca, Chippewa, Cherokee, Mandan-Hidatsa, Wichita, etc., including exhibition dancing. Miss Indian World will be our Head Lady Dancer.
- American Indian "Traditional Regalia Styles" Show of various distinctive and distinguishing tribal regalia dancers wear representing their tribes will be held during the "Mini-Pow Wow".
- American Indian Exhibits will be in the Lobby and Art Galleries: Black and white, and Sepia photography by Stephen Gambaro; bronze work of Retha Gambaro, Sculptor; Indian Dance Regalia and Turtle Mountain Star Quilt Display.

#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY LIBRARY DISPLAYS:

- Concurrent in November with the activities on the American Indian Heritage Month Calendar, the AI/AN Committee is co-sponsoring with the Montgomery County Library System American Indian Art and Artifact displays in nine (9) County libraries: Silver Spring, Twinbrook, Aspen Hill, Gaithersburg, Germantown, Fairland, Rockville, Chevy Chase, and Olney.

**DIRECTIONS:**

- From the Beltway take I-270 to Exit 6, East, on Montgomery Avenue/Rockville Town Center; go about 1 mile to Monroe Street and turn left; the County Executive Office Building is 101 Monroe Street, immediately on the left. Parking is available in the basement of the building and in nearby parking facilities within walking distance of the event.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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