

# CAPE ANN Museum

***For Indigenous Heritage Day, SmokeSygnals comes to Museum in effort to tell full story of Gloucester's history***

*Thursday, Sept. 24 from 12 noon to 4 p.m.*



*Wampanoag curatorial firm, SmokeSygnals, to visit Gloucester.*

GLOUCESTER, MASS. (September 2022) – To tell the full history of the land that is now called Gloucester, the Cape Ann Museum and the Wampanoag curatorial firm SmokeSygnals are hosting [Indigenous Heritage Day](#) at Cape Ann Museum Green on Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. The afternoon festivities will celebrate the culture and traditions of the original stewards of the area, featuring interactive song, dance, and activities from the Massachusetts, Nipmuc, and Wampanoag Tribes.

“We have paid particular attention to emphasizing and showcasing the Indigenous culture and traditions here on Cape Ann,” said Oliver Barker, Director of Cape Ann Museum. “The Museum is honored to be able to host these important events that we hope begin broader conversations.”

The day's events will include speakers and a performance by the Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers, who invite the public to participate in traditional dance, music, and history of the Eastern Woodlands Tribes. Families will also have an opportunity to participate in a craft station for a hands-on experience of the Indigenous culture.

This summer, Darius Coombs (Mashpee) restored two fishing weights from the Cape Ann Museum's indigenous artifact collection. He created a fishing net with the artifacts, using the same methods and materials that his ancestors used hundreds of years ago. The artifacts will be presented during the event and will be on display at the Cape Ann Museum's Downtown Campus in the Maritime & Fisheries Galleries, complementing an expanded display of artifacts from April 2022 and upcoming initiatives to continue to share the Native story of the area.

Indigenous Heritage Day is part of a series of events presented by the Cape Ann Museum this year to celebrate the many different facets of the Cape Ann Community, including Gloucester's So Salty in January, the Gloucester Juneteenth Festival in June, and Brazilian Independence Day in August. Over 1,800 people have attended the festivals so far this year to learn about and celebrate these important aspects of cultural heritage on Cape Ann.

All parking will be at O'Maley Middle School with a shuttle bus running between locations. On-site parking is reserved for those with accessibility requirements. The event is free and open to the public.

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*The Cape Ann Museum, founded in 1875, exists to preserve and celebrate the history and culture of the area and to keep it relevant to today's audiences. Spanning 44,000 square feet, the Museum is one of the major cultural institutions on Boston's North Shore welcoming more than 25,000 local, national, and international visitors each year to its exhibitions and programs. In addition to fine art, the Museum's collections include decorative art, textiles, artifacts from the maritime and granite industries, three historic homes, a Library & Archives and a sculpture park in the heart of downtown Gloucester. In Summer 2021, the Museum opened the 12,000 square foot Janet & William Ellery James Center at the [Cape Ann Museum Green](#). The campus also includes three historic buildings – the White-Ellery House (1710), the recently acquired Babson-Alling House (c.1740), and an adjacent Barn (c. 1740), all located on the site at the intersection of Washington and Poplar Streets in Gloucester.*

*The Cape Ann Museum is located at 27 Pleasant Street in Gloucester and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$15.00 adults, \$12.00 Cape Ann residents, seniors, and students. Youth (18 and under) and Museum members are free. Cape Ann residents can visit for free on the second Saturday of each month. For more information please call (978)283-0455 x110 or visit [www.capeannmuseum.org](http://www.capeannmuseum.org).*

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