

Richmond County Historical Society

"Those who don't remember their ancestors don't deserve to be remembered"

November, 2019 Newsletter

November is Native American Month. In partnership with Arts Richmond, the Historical Society will meet on Thursday, Nov. 7 at 6 p. m. at the Leath Memorial Library to host Native American Storytelling by Daphne Strickland. Children will be welcomed for this event.

There was no October meeting. The annual Historical Society Christmas drop-in at the Leak-Wall house will be held on Sunday, Dec. 1st from 3-5 p.m.

Daphne Locklear Strickland is a Native American of the Lumbee/Tuscarora tribe. She was born in Robeson County and has lived in the Greensboro area with her husband Daniel for 56 years. They have four children and six grandchildren. She graduated Guilford College in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in Justice and Policy and Women's Studies with a concentration in African-American studies.

She has the distinction of being the first Native American to serve on the Greensboro Commission of the Status of Women, the Ad Hoc committee of Greensboro's first Human relations Commission and the first Board of the Legal Aid Foundation. From 2001-2004 she served as a 10-10-10 Missionary for the General Board of Global Ministries. In 1993 she received the Christian Woman of Excellence award through the U. S. Southern Baptist Convention. In 2012 she received the Drum Major For Service award and the National Community Service award from President Barack Obama. She is the first and only Native woman to help found the Guilford Native American Association in 1975.

For decades she has kept the fires of her people burning by educating others about her Native American culture through hundreds of hours of public speaking and storytelling to civic groups, churches, teachers, parents, students and school administrators. In addition to Native American stories and legends, she also tells stories of African-American history. One of her most cherished experiences has been serving on the Native American Comprehensive Plan committee with other Native people developing a writers group for Native people of all ages, male and female. Native people are encouraged to write and tell their own stories and educate their circles as well.