

Public input needed on development of Haudenosaunee heritage center



Gregg Tripoli (left), [executive director](#) of the Onondaga [Historical Association](#), returns a wampum belt that has been in the association's possession back to Tadodaho Sid Hill, Jake Edwards, a member of the council of chiefs, and Tony Gonyea, faithkeeper, of the Onondaga Nation, during a June 2012 news conference at the museum. The historical association plans to open a Haudenosaunee Heritage Center on Onondaga Lake Parkway (Photo by Peter Chen / The Post-Standard, 2012 file photo)

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Liverpool, NY -- The Onondaga Historical Association is seeking community input for the development of the Haudenosaunee [heritage center](#) on Onondaga Lake Parkway.

Skä·noñh -- Great Law of Peace Center will be housed in the facility formerly known as Sainte Marie Among the Iroquois. Gregg Tripoli, executive director of the historical association, announced plans for the cultural center in November 2012.

The historical center will hold a series of public meetings to gain input from the community. The first meeting will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Onondaga Nation Arena, which is located at 4000 Route 11 on the Onondaga Nation.

Meetings will also be held from 7 to 9 p.m. May 7 at the Skä·noñh Center, 6680 Onondaga Lake Parkway, Liverpool and from 7 to 9 p.m. May 13 at the Onondaga Nation Arena.

For more information or to attend the meeting, contact Dan Connors at 428-1864, ext. 319 or at daniel.connors@cnyhistory.org.

The Onondaga Historical Association has also created **an online survey**.

An educational collaborative has been formed to create the content for the **new facility** and includes representatives from the historical association, the Onondaga Nation, other Haudenosaunee nations, [Syracuse University](#), the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, LeMoyne College, [Onondaga Community College](#) and Empire State College.

Onondaga Historical Association was awarded a \$50,000 grant in 2013 from the [New York](#) State Council on the Arts under the Regional Economic Development Council for Phase II planning of the Skä·noñh Center. Phase III construction is slated for 2015.

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